



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1. Mr. Lief Douglass & Cole Hickson, Thompson Rivers University
Students Union**
- Presentation on TRU's funding formula
(PowerPoint provided separately)

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- 2.2. Mr. Dylan Houlihan & Ms. Alison Rustand, Urban Systems Ltd.**
- Overview of "OCP In A Week"

- 2.3. Other items as time permits**

3. TERMINATION

Council

From: Campaigns Coordinator <campaigns@trusu.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:37 PM
To: council@ashcroftbc.ca
Subject: Presentation Request
Attachments: Ashcroft.pdf; Untitled attachment 00137.htm; Ashcroft1.pdf; Untitled attachment 00140.htm

Dear staff and Council members,

My name is Leif Douglass, Campaigns Coordinator for the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union (TRUSU). TRUSU represents over 10,000 students in Kamloops and provides advocacy, services, and entertainment to our membership. More specifically, my role as Campaigns Coordinator is to organize campaigns at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels on education based issues that affect our members and their families.

This fall the TRU Students' Union is reaching out to organizations across the Kamloops region to request a time to share a short presentation on the challenges that TRU is facing with provincial government underfunding and to talk about the impact that this has across our region and on organizations like yours.

To give you a little bit of background on the issue, over the last five years Thompson Rivers University has been underfunded by approximately \$80 million compared to the average university/college in BC. This ongoing underfunding has a big impact on the broader Kamloops community and on students and their families. We would love to be able to share those impacts with your group.

Would the Ashcroft Council be willing to receive a ten minute presentation on this issue? I've attached below the presentation request form along with a letter outlining the letter of support that we are requesting.

For more information on TRU underfunding see our website at trusu.ca/fund-the-future. Let me know if you have any questions.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Leif Douglass

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The Village of Ashcroft
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Re: TRU Funding Re-evaluation

Dear honourable members of the Ashcroft Council,

We are writing you to request a letter of support for the 'Fund the Future' initiative that calls on the provincial government to re-evaluate the Thompson Rivers University funding formula.

Since TRU became a university in 2005 it has expanded significantly in the number of students it serves as well in as its importance to the broader region. But the level of government funding that TRU receives per student has eroded at the same time, moving TRU to rank 20th out of 25 post-secondary institutions in BC in per student funding. This means that in the last five years alone TRU has been underfunded by more than \$80 million compared to the average post-secondary education institution in BC.

Despite this level of underfunding TRU is the 4th largest employer in the Kamloops region and contributes an estimated \$355 million to the regional economy and \$655 million to the provincial economy with only \$64 million in government funding. With appropriate government funding that reflects TRU's expanding role in the province this economic impact could be much higher.

As a result, the TRU Students' Union is requesting a letter of support from the Ashcroft Council to support a full re-evaluation of the Thompson Rivers University funding formula.

Sincerely,

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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

In order to appear before Council as a delegation, please take the time to complete this form. It will help you in providing Council and staff with an overview of your presentation and the key points you wish to bring to their attention. We ask that you keep your presentation to a MAXIMUM of ten (10) minutes so that there will be a reasonable amount of time for Council to address any questions that may arise. Delegations are generally scheduled for Committee of the Whole meetings that are held on the 4th Monday of the month, however exceptions are reviewed on a case by case basis.

1. Name of Organization or Group (if applicable): Thompson Rivers University Students Union
2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: Leif Douglass - Campaigns Coordinator, Cole Hickson - VP External
3. The topic of your presentation: TRU has been underfunded by \$80 million in the last 5 years. This impacts the entire region. We are trying to fix this.
4. What are you seeking from Council as a result of your delegation's presentation? (i.e. funding, a letter of support, a change in a bylaw or policy, to provide information only):
A letter of support for TRU's Funding Formula to be re-evaluated.

5. If you or your group are seeking some form of financial assistance, please explain why you feel that the Village should be funding your request:
N/A

6. If seeking financial assistance please attach a budget for your project and expected sources of revenue.
7. If you require a power-point projector or other presentation tool, please advise staff in advance. Paper copies of your presentation should be brought as back up in case of system failure.
8. If you have additional printed materials that you would like Council to read as support for your presentation, please have 7 copies delivered to the office NO LATER THAN the Thursday morning prior to your date of presentation. This will ensure that all Council members receive your materials prior to the meeting and can be better informed as to the background of your presentation.
9. Date requested to make presentation: Nov. 27
Alternate date (if necessary): Dec. 11
10. You should not expect a decision from Council the same night as your presentation unless it is a time sensitive item.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare yourself and Council members for your presentation. This form and attachments can be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to Council@ashcroftbc.ca