



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor John (C.) Jeyes
Councillor Helen A. Kormendy
Councillor Doreen E. Lambert
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor W. Alfred Trill

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press

EXCUSED: Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeyes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Sgt. Kat Thain, NCO i/c, Ashcroft RCMP Detachment – Quarterly Update

Sgt. Thain provided Council with information on the number of files and types of cases the detachment has handled from July – September 2017. She advised that the number of files is on track with previous years but considers the cases to be more serious and therefore take longer to process. She advised that the number of collisions over \$1,000 tend to be accidents in parking lots, the number of drug offences has increased but the members are being more pro-active, there are a large number of abandoned 9-1-1 calls but most of them are pocket dials of people travelling through. She discussed the challenges with Mental Health issues and seeking help for people who fall in this category. Sgt. Thain advised that there will be changes when cannabis becomes legal however no one has seen the new laws and therefore it is impossible to predict what the impact on the policing force will be. There is lots of dialogue taking place within the RCMP so that they are ready when the new laws are passed. Council thanked Sgt. Thain for the informative report.

2.2. Ms. Berni Easson and Kerry McLean-Small, Interior Health – Update on local hospital operations

Ms. Easson and Ms. McLean-Small provided information on the impact the recent wildfires had on area of Interior Health (IH). 19 Interior Health sites were closed or evacuated during the wildfires and all of them fell within Ms. Easson's jurisdiction. Council was advised that IH has the largest population of seniors within the Province and the focus is on home care in order to free up hospital beds. Other statistics that were provided include surgical wait time goals were met with no more than 5% waiting more than 40 weeks, this goal has been dropped to 26 weeks. There are 31 IH communities with Community Paramedics and this program is expected to expand. IH has a Healthy Living Coordinator, Jenny Green, who

oversees a number of partnerships to provide a range of services. Council thanked the ladies for their presentation and service during this past summer.

2.3. Ms. Elsy LePage, Quality Control Manager & Dave Rhodes, Local Foreman, Interior Roads – Semi Annual Update, Winger Preparedness Program

Ms. LePage introduced Mr. Rhodes and outlined his responsibilities at the local office. Council was advised that Interior Roads are ready for winter with their crews scheduled for 24/7 coverage. They have most of the winter equipment ready and they have some sand on hand. Council was advised that Interior Roads will be using salt and a salt brine for anti-icing purposes. The brine is able to melt snow that is on the roads as well as keep snow from accumulating. It was a difficult summer for the contractor and they are only now completing some of their regular summer tasks such as shouldering and ditching. When comments/complaints are received regarding signage the situation is investigated and a report is submitted to the Ministry. If they agree then the signage will be modified. Council thanked them for the informative presentation.

2.4. Ms. Andrea Walker, CIB Chairperson – Presentation of 2017 Certificate and Update on CIB Symposium

Ms. Walker provided a summary of the Committee's activities this past year as well as the impact the Elephant Hill fire had on the judges' visit. The judges saw the community pull together and work through all of the different challenges. Ms. Walker attended the annual symposium in Ottawa and advised that the Village was awarded a Heritage Conservation Award. In addition, the Village scored the highest with improvements noted in every category. She advised that the committee would be meeting with staff to discuss the one remaining area of Heritage Place Park, the water wheel and pond, and establish a work program. She presented Mayor Jeyes with the Heritage Award. Council thanked her and her committee for their continued service to the community.

3. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

"That the Committee of the Whole Meeting terminate at 7:07 pm.

Carried.

John C. (Jack) Jeyes, Mayor

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Of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Meeting of Council held Monday, October 23, 2017.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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