



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

Please be advised that the HUB Online Network will record and broadcast or live stream today’s Council meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

*“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”*

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.*

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 28, 2022 <b>M/S</b> <i>THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-3
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**3. DELEGATIONS**

3.1	Daniel Collett and Marina Papais – Mosaic Maintenance Proposal	P. 9
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**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

*All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.*

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	CAO Memo and Bylaw No. 857, 2022 – Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw, 2022 <b>M/S</b> <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 857, 2022 be given first, second and third reading.</i>	P. 10-11
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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert - Report	P. 28

**12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

*Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1*



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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**



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 5:30 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Barbara Roden  
Councillor, Jonah Anstett  
Councillor, Jessica Clement  
Councillor, Nadine Davenport  
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

**EXCUSED:** N/A

CAO, Daniela Dyck  
CFO, Yogi Bhalla  
DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1  
Public – 1

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor, Jonah Anstett called the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday, November 28, 2022, to order at 5:35 pm.

*“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”*

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**M/S Roden / Lambert**

*THAT, the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday November 28, 2022, be adopted as presented.*

**3. MINUTES**

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

4.1	Daniel Collett and Marina Papais – Mosaic Art Maintenance Plan proposal – Due to a schedule misunderstanding the delegation missed the meeting and will be rescheduled	
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**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1	Council moved forward with the discussion of the proposed Mosaic Maintenance Plan in the absence of the delegation noting the following:	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous concerns regarding who owns and is responsible for art on public property</li> <li>• Falls outside of the Public Art Policy as installation was prior to its development</li> <li>• VOA employees have concerns of accessing art on private property</li> <li>• There are approx. 8 pieces on public property</li> <li>• Maintenance plan is recommended for all art on public property</li> <li>• Proposal to maintain art limited to public property</li> <li>• Council supports the idea of mosaics on public property being maintained and funded by the Village</li> <li>• Cost concerns raised – ensure repairs are for art on public property only</li> <li>• Consider artists providing scope of the repair with cost estimate prior to project commencing</li> <li>• Council favours the idea of the senior's centre with senior involvement if the Seniors are agreeable</li> <li>• Other option - Could the HUB be an alternate location if the seniors do not have available space and VOA cover the rental?</li> <li>• Is there opportunity for partnering with the school? - The first mosaics did have school involvement and are on display at SD 74</li> <li>• Would be wonderful to bridge the gap and bring youth together with the seniors to restore the art.</li> <li>• Q&amp;A (at the Chairs discretion)</li> <li>• Q - Japanese side of Harmony bell – has some cracks can it be repaired on site, or does it need to be taken down?</li> <li>• Concerns noted about employees damaging the artwork during take down, can these be repaired in place during warmer weather?</li> <li>• Is there better glue or facing technology available today to protect the art?</li> <li>• Tourism booth – visitors love the mosaics</li> <li>• Can we do something supplementally now.... Concern about moving mosaics and not cause further damage.</li> <li>• Invite Marina and Daniel back to December or January meeting to discuss the proposal.</li> </ul>	
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**6. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

	NONE	
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**7. STAFF REPORTS**

	NONE	
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**8. CLOSED MEETING**

*Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1*



	NONE	
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**9. TERMINATION**

Motion to rise and report to the Regular meeting of Council – N/A

**Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 5:57 pm.**

Certified to be a true copy of the Minutes  
for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of  
Council held Monday November 28, 2022.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Jonah Anstett,  
Deputy Mayor



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**REGULAR MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT  
6:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor, Barbara Roden  
 Councillor, Jonah Anstett  
 Councillor, Jessica Clement  
 Councillor, Nadine Davenport  
 Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck  
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla  
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1  
 Public – 1

**EXCUSED:** N/A

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 28, 2022, to order at 6:02 pm.

*“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”*

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S Clement / Anstett**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 28, 2022, be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-264

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 <b>M/S Anstett / Clement</b> <i>That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-265
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 <b>M/S Davenport / Lambert</b> <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-266



**3. DELEGATIONS**

3.1	None	
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**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

*All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.*

*No Questions from the public*

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	None	
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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	CAO Report – BC Rural Health Network <b>M/S Clement / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the Village of Ashcroft to be a member of the BC Rural Health Network at an annual fee of \$50.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-266
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.2	CAO Report – Legacy Park – End of Season Report Comment in regards Camp Host and park Appreciation re: staff covering for camp host	
6.3	CAO Report – Museum – End of Season Report Appreciation for Kathy Paulos’ assistance and Peter’s enthusiasm to learn	
6.4	CFO Report – Financial Presentation CFO Bhalla provided a brief overview the Village finance department operations noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Charter requires municipalities to have a balanced budget</li> <li>• Budget process must provide opportunity for community feedback</li> <li>• The Village financials are audited every year and statement is provided for public review</li> <li>• Required to have a clean audit</li> <li>• New finance committee established last Council meeting</li> <li>• Terms of Reference provided to Council</li> <li>• Council will be given a review of the village’s financial situation at least quarterly each year</li> <li>• Risk management is becoming a focus for financial management</li> <li>• New standards for auditors – risk requirements are being added – Audit costs are anticipated to increase</li> <li>• Auditors can request finance committee meeting at any time throughout the year</li> <li>• Discussed roles and responsibilities</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed fund accounting (general operating, water, sewer and reserve accounts)</li> <li>Asset breakdown restricted vs. unrestricted</li> <li>Assets valued at \$65.31 Million</li> </ul> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest paid for reserve accounts (inflationary environment)</li> <li>Audit – new risk assessment requirement             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAS 315 revised</li> <li>PS 3280 Asset retirement obligation standard</li> </ul> </li> <li>Macro environment inflation, recession, high interest rates and supply chain issues</li> </ul> <p>Revenue breakdown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property Tax 1.5M</li> <li>Frontage 165K</li> <li>Utilities – garbage fees have increased we receive 115K cost is near 200K</li> <li>Water bill 540K (500K operational – 40K capital)</li> <li>Sewer bill 450K (40K0 operational – 50K capital)</li> <li>Gas Tax – goes directly to capital usually 120K</li> </ul> <p>General Operating Fund revenues 2.5M+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax – 1.5 m</li> <li>Small Com Grant 435K / year unrestricted</li> <li>Logan Lake HVC – 230K</li> <li>CC Landfill – 100K this year</li> <li>Sales of Service – 150K</li> <li>Garbage – 115K</li> <li>Own Revenues – 75K (interest/facility rentals)</li> <li>Carbon reporting 50K/year for 3 years</li> <li>NDIT – 50K ++</li> </ul> <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependant mostly on grant funding</li> <li>Focus on balancing projects to operations and staff training re: new infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>CFO Bhalla advised Council this was a brief overview to help the new Council better understand the Village finances and how revenues are generated, noting we will be moving towards the budget process soon.</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked CFO Bhalla for his comprehensive presentation and open the floor for Council questions and comments.</p>	
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**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	Invitation to the Ashcroft Library Grand Re-Opening <b>M/S Roden / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council and Staff attend the Library Grand Re-opening on December 7, 2022, between 1:00 – 6:00 pm.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-267
7.2	Jessica Clement, Literacy Outreach Coordinator – Proclaim Family Literacy Week January 23, 2022, and request donation of the Drylands Arena for a free family skate January 27, 2023 Councillor Clement recused herself as in a conflict of interest at 6:47 returning at 6:50.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-268



	<b>M/S Anstett /Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council proclaims January 23 - 27, 2023, as Literacy Week and that the arena time be donated as requested.</i>	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.3	Jackie Tegart, MLA – Congratulations to new Council	
7.4	TNRD – Inaugural Board Meeting Press Release – TNRD Board Elects All-Female Board Chair & Vice Chair for the First Time Congratulation to Mayor Roden and Mayor Smith election	
7.5	Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) – Fall Highlights – New Chair	
7.6	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Board Bulletin	
7.7	Interior Health – There’s still time to get your influenza vaccine	
7.8	Interior Health – New care model connects people across region to opioid use disorder treatment	

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	
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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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**10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS**

10.1	COTW - Maintenance Proposal for Ashcroft Mosaics	
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**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

**12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

*Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1*

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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 28, 2022, at 6:52 pm.

Certified to be a true copy of the Minutes  
for the Regular Meeting of Council held  
Monday November 28, 2022.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

October 26th, 2022

Maintenance Proposal for Ashcroft Mosaics  
Presented By: Marina Papais and Daniel Collett

*It has now been nine years since the first mosaic was installed in Ashcroft. Marina and I have been making some small repairs to a few of the earlier pieces and see that it is time to put in place a maintenance program.*

*Our proposal to the Village is that we would be happy to make the necessary repairs, labour free, with help from the Village for material costs, and with moving and re-installing the pieces as needs be.*

*We would like to see a maintenance amount of \$2000 set aside each year for this work. Receipts for materials would be submitted for reimbursement totalling not more than the amount set aside. Any amount not used could roll over to the next year.*

*We are also asking for a small space or part of a space in town to do the work, thereby creating an opportunity for volunteers to help with the repairs. Perhaps a corner of the Senior centre is a possibility.*

*Over the years we have discovered better, more durable products for constructing and weather-proofing the mosaics. We anticipate that each repair will further increase the longevity of the art pieces, keeping them in good shape for many years or generations to come.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marina and Daniel 778-201-2887*

**STAFF MEMO TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING**

**DATE:** December 12, 2022  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administration Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 857, 2022**

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**Purpose**

To request first, second and third reading of the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Bylaw No. 857, 2022.

**Recommendation**

*THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 857, 2022 be given first, second and third reading.*

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Discussion**

During the working group review of the fire department constitution, establishing bylaw and remuneration, it was decided that an increase in call out and practice remuneration for all fire department members be included in the new bylaw; and that Officer stipends remain the same with the addition of an annual Lieutenant stipend of \$254.00.

The Officer Stipends were not included in Schedule B of Bylaw No. 848, 2022; therefor an amendment bylaw is required to include the stipends.

The omission was discovered when the invoice for the officer stipends was received. Without a bylaw provision to remunerate, the Village is unable to proceed with payment until the amendment bylaw is adopted by Council.

**Respectfully Submitted**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administration Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 857

A bylaw to amend the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Bylaw

WHEREAS to amend the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Bylaw No. 848, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Bylaw No. 848, 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

a. Schedule B - Remuneration:

Addition of item 6. Annual Officer Stipends

"6. Annual Officer Stipends will be paid each year in December upon receipt of invoice from AFR as follows:

- Fire Chief .....\$ 2032.00
Deputy Fire Chief(s).....\$ 1016.00
Captain(s).....\$ 508.00
Lieutenant(s).....\$ 254.00
L.A.F.C.....\$ 1016.00
Commercial Building Inspections.....\$ 1000.00

2. If any section, subsection sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the part that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

3. This Bylaw may be cited as "Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 857, 2022".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF , 2022

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF , 2022

READ A THIRD TIME THIS DAY OF , 2022

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 2022

Certified to be a true and correct copy of Fire Department Amendment Bylaw No. 857, 2022 as adopted by Council.

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden, Mayor

**STAFF MEMO TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING**

**DATE:** December 12, 2022  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Election Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Destruction of Election Materials**

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**Purpose**

To provide Council with a memo documenting the destruction of election materials.

**Recommendation**

*For Information*

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Discussion**

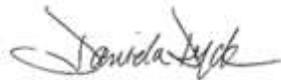
As per Section 160.8 (a-e) as soon as practicable 56 days after the declaration of election results, the Chief Election Officer is to destroy and document the destruction of election materials.

On Monday, December 12, 2022 I placed the following election materials that had been used as part of the 2022 General Local Election into the secure shredding bin:

1. All used ballots
2. All ballot stubs
3. All unused ballots
4. All pages of the voting book
5. All solemn declarations and sworn statements collected during the course of the election proceedings.

The nomination papers and oaths of office were not destroyed and have been maintained on file.

**Respectfully Submitted**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Election Officer



To mayor and council,

We at home hardware would like to put on a BBQ event. Were hoping to make this an annual event.

“Homes BBQ cookoff”

We would like to block the street off from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and use the millennium park as well.

Were hoping for July 15<sup>th</sup>

The event would have community members register and bring their BBQs downtown and grill either a beef or chicken of their choice which we would hold a taste testing contest with judges. We will also be holding an apple pie contest. We would have a live band which we are hoping would be able to use the gazebo.

Were hoping to bring a fun event downtown that our community can look forward to every year. We don't have all the details quite worked out yet but are hoping to have your approval, and that will get us started.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours

Steve and Willow Anderson

Ashcroft Home Building Centre

1-250-453-2281



THE HONOURABLE MOBINA JAFFER, K.C.  
SENATOR – BRITISH COLUMBIA



SENATE | SÉNAT  
CANADA

L'HONORABLE MOBINA JAFFER, C.R.  
SÉNATRICE – COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE



October 18, 2022

Her Worship Barbara Roden  
Mayor of the Village of Ashcroft  
PO Box 129  
Ashcroft BC V0K 1A0

Dear Madam Mayor,

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on your successful campaign in the 2022 election.

As a BC Senator, I look forward to working with you to serve British Columbians.

Best wishes for your success as you prepare to take up the responsibilities and challenges of your high office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mobina".

The Honourable Mobina S.B. Jaffer, K.C.  
Senator for British Columbia



# Village of Cache Creek

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Mayor Roden  
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*Barbara*

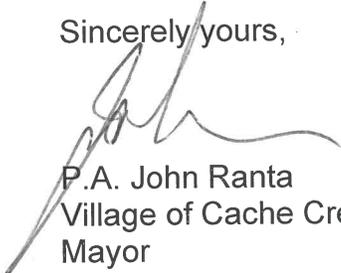
Dear Ms. Roden,

Please accept, on behalf of Cache Creek Council and the community, our most sincere congratulations on your recent election as Chair for the TNRD.

We wish you the very best of success and look forward to working with you for the mutual benefit of our respective communities.

Again, congratulations, Barbara!

Sincerely yours,

  
P.A. John Ranta  
Village of Cache Creek  
Mayor





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November 23, 2022

Her Worship Barbara Roden  
Village of Ashcroft  
P.O. Box 129  
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Dear Mayor Roden,

On behalf of Teck Highland Valley Copper, I would like to congratulate you on your successful re-election as Mayor Village of Ashcroft. We congratulate all those who were elected as Councillors, and welcome those that are newly elected Councillors for their first term.

As background, Teck Highland Valley Copper Operations (HVC) employs around 50 people from Ashcroft. In February 2022, our operation was confirmed as the first Canadian mine site to be awarded the Copper Mark verification for its responsible mining practices. HVC's current life of mine is until 2028, and we are proposing the Highland Valley Copper 2040 Project (HVC 2040) to extend the life of the operation to at least 2040, through an extension of the existing site infrastructure. Our Community Investment Program has supported multiple charitable organizations in the Ashcroft area.

We look forward to continuing to have meaningful dialogue with the Village of Ashcroft to identify social, economic, and environmental priorities. If you have any questions about Teck or our operation, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Congratulations once again on your successful re-election.

Kind Regards,

Matt Parrilla  
General Manager  
Teck Highland Valley Copper  
E: [matt.parrilla@teck.com](mailto:matt.parrilla@teck.com)



Cc:

Carly Bielecki - Manager, Community & Indigenous Affairs, HVC  
Jacqui Schneider - Sr. Community Affairs Officer, Community & Indigenous Affairs, HVC



## PRESS RELEASE

### Ashcroft Library Upgrades Bring Improved Experience and New-to-BC Service

**Ashcroft, BC – December 7, 2022** – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is delighted to announce the completion of renovations to the Ashcroft Library. These improvements will have a significant impact on the patron experience, and will inform future new-build and renovation projects.

The Ashcroft Library now includes a:

#### Service Extender

- The Service Extender is a first-of-its-kind program in B.C.; this program was introduced in northern European libraries and two eastern Canadian library systems
- The program allows patrons to visit the library beyond regularly-staffed hours, doubling the opportunity for library visits from the current 26 hours to 52 hours per week
- Patrons can check out items, use Wi-Fi and public computers, use study spaces and hold meetings
- Technology has been developed in-house by TNRL staff and IT staff
- The program is currently undergoing testing in advance of being fully implemented at the Ashcroft Library

#### Fresh Design

- An additional 325 square feet of public space
- Improved layout and design in the library, with an emphasis on collections merchandising
- Designs that are inspired by the unique Thompson-Nicola Regional District geography
- Natural tones, textures and style, and introducing **Natural Pod**, a line of sustainably-made B.C. children's furniture to inspire learning
- High-quality children's interactive installations, made possible with the support of **Interior Savings**
- Bar seating which includes a bright, dynamic and spacious area for patrons to study, work, read or play
- Emphasis of showcasing community art on a rotating basis
- A refreshed community meeting room space, updated with more suitable furniture

The TNRL held a formal grand opening and ribbon cutting at the Ashcroft Library on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

“We’re excited to now have an improved Ashcroft Library to serve residents and support rural sustainability. Ashcroft is the perfect community to launch the Service Extender innovation,” said TNRL Chief Librarian Judy Moore. “Our plan is to introduce this service at our rural libraries across the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.”

“When the construction of a new Ashcroft Library was announced in 1974, the TNRD board noted ‘the importance of the library developing into a lively cultural and educational centre in the community,’” said Board Chair Barbara Roden. “Over the last nearly 50 years, the Ashcroft Library has been at the heart of the community, and these renovations, upgrades, and new features such as the Service Extender ensure that it will continue in that role for many years to come.”

For more information about the Ashcroft Library, please visit [www.tnrl.ca/ashcroft-library](http://www.tnrl.ca/ashcroft-library), or visit the library in person.

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**Media Contact:**

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Thompson-Nicola Regional Library  
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## Photo Gallery: Boston Flats Eco-Depot Grand Opening

Information, News, Press Release / November 28, 2022

On November 21, 2022, a formal grand opening was held for the Boston Flats Eco-Depot.

The event included an opening prayer, remarks and drumming from Chief Frank Antoine of the Bonaparte First Nation, followed by remarks from Board Chair, Barbara Roden, and from General Manager of Operations, Jamie Vieira. Afterwards, Chair Roden cut the ribbon to officially open the new Eco-Depot, and guests were given a detailed tour of the facility and property.

The new Boston Flats Eco-Depot, located at 1180 Campbell Hill Drive East, opened to the public on November 15, 2022, and it replaces the former Cache Creek Transfer Station. The new site provides significantly improved solid waste and recycling service in the area, and will serve approximately 3,600 residents including the Village of Ashcroft, Village of Cache Creek, Ashcroft Indian Band, Bonaparte Indian Band, Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band and residents of Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country).

For more background on the new Boston Flats Eco-Depot, please see the TNRD's news release issued on November 1, 2022, by [clicking here](#). Find information anytime about TNRD Eco-Depots and Transfer Stations, including hours, locations and accepted materials, by visiting: [www.tnrd.ca/depot-services](http://www.tnrd.ca/depot-services).

View the gallery below to find photos from the Boston Flats Eco-Depot grand opening event.





**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART**

**December 12, 2022**

TNRD

- The Current: TNRD Board Highlights of November 24, 2022

November					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsi	Comments	Time line	Status
	<b>2022 MOTIONS</b>				
R-2022-266	THAT, Council approves the Village of Ashcroft to be a member of the BC Rural Health Network at an annual fee of \$50.	CAO/CFO	The Village submit payment to become a member of BCRHN		Complete
R-2022-268	THAT, Council proclaims January 23 - 27, 2023, as Literacy Week and that the arena time be donated as requested.	EA	Proclamation to be done		complete



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM – Working Group**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – 9:30 am**

**In Attendance:**

Margaret Moreira, EDT  
Daniela Dyck, CAO  
Councillor Clement  
Councillor Davenport  
Linsie Lachapelle- Manager, Community Futures

**Excused:**

N/A

The Economic Development and Tourism Working Group meeting began at 9:33a.m.

Welcome and introduction of new members into the EDT Working Group.

**1. Discussion**

Presentation

- Power point presentation to update the working group on what has done throughout the year.
- Question regarding videos being available to the public, EDT mentioned videos are posted on our YouTube channel.

Love Northern BC

- Group discussed options being offered by Northern Development Initiatives Trust regarding the changes to the Love Northern Program.
- Group determined that this item will be brought forward at another meeting where all the options can be weighed and discussed in detail to before making a final decision.
- Deadline for grant submission to NDIT Love Northern Program is June 30, 2023.

**2. Next Step**

- Strategic Planning set for next meeting to determine projects for 2023 as well as:
  - Advertising
  - Love Northern BC Program
- Economic Development and Tourism Action Strategy Implementation and Action Matrix will be sent out to the working group.
- Set future EDT meetings to be held on every third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. unless it is an ongoing project where no meeting is required. EDT will notify group of the cancelled meeting and confirm the date for the following meeting.

3. **Date for Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 18 2023

4. **Adjournment @ 10:20 am**

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Moreira".

Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator



## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** December 12, 2022  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Roden

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**Assigned Committees:**

Finance Committee  
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)  
Historic Hat Creek Ranch  
TNRD  
Municipal Insurance Authority (MIA)

**Alternate Committees:**

Para Transit  
School District No. 74

**Working Groups:**

Bylaw Enforcement

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**November 11: Remembrance Day**

Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Community Hall and laid the wreath for the Village of Ashcroft.

**November 17: TNRD inaugural meeting**

Was sworn in as a director for the TNRD, and elected chair of the TNRD board for the next year.

**November 21: Opening of Boston Flats Eco-Depot**

Cut the ribbon at the official opening of the new Boston Flats Eco-Depot and said a few words about the new facility, which will provide easier access and more opportunities for recycling.

**November 23: TNRD training session**

Along with Coun. Anstett, attended a day-long training/orientation session hosted by the TNRD. Senior staff and department heads gave overviews of different aspects of the TNRD and outlined who does what.

**November 24: TNRD regular meeting**

The TNRD is proceeding with interior renovations to its premises on Victoria Street and at the Mission Flats site. The TNRD main building work will include a new purpose-built room that can be used as an Emergency Operations Centre, and be used as meeting room space when an EOC is not needed. The last Evacuation Order still in place for the TNRD – relating to properties along Highway 8 affected by the November 2021 flooding – was rescinded to All Clear. Carla Fox was appointed CFO; she had been acting as interim CFO.

**November 24: Historic Hat Creek board meeting**

Hat Creek is working on promoting local artisans, with a focus on First Nations artists and their works.

**December 7: Primary Care Network meeting**

Attended a virtual meeting with Interior Health about the proposed Primary Care Network in Ashcroft, which was intended as an introductory session for people who are new to the table.

**December 7: Reopening of Ashcroft Library**

Attended the grand reopening of the Ashcroft Library, which underwent major interior renovations in spring/summer 2022, said a few words as TNRD chair and Ashcroft mayor, and cut the ribbon. The event was very well-attended; one of the speakers was Esther Darlington, who spoke at the opening of the Ashcroft Library in August 1975.

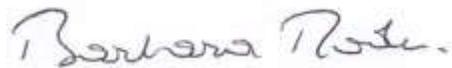
**December 8: Kamloops Airport Authority (TNRD)**

The meeting took place after this report was submitted. This was my last KAAS meeting; a new TNRD representative to the KAAS board will be appointed in January 2023.

**December 9: Interior Health meeting**

The meeting – which included mayors and regional district chairs from the IH area – took place after this report was submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT**

**DATE:** December 12, 2022  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Councillor Lambert

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**Deputy Mayor** – November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026

**Assigned Committees/WG:**

Ashcroft Fire Rescue  
Communities in Bloom  
Finance Committee  
Seniors  
Water to AIB

**Alternate:**

Cache Creek Environmental Assessment  
HUB Society

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### **ASHCROFT FIRE RESCUE**

I have spoken with Chief Josh White and I will be meeting with the department on January 2, 2023.

### **SENIORS**

I have spoken with Ashcroft-Cache Creek Seniors President, Pat Kilt, and I will be attending their next meeting on December 14, 2022.

### **COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM**

I have called Andrea Walker and left a message for her to return my call.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Lambert,  
Councillor