



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, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

Due to the Public Health Officer Ministerial Order M0192, the February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

M/S

"That the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 22, 2021 be closed to the public as per the Public Health Order M0192 and as permitted by Council Procedure Bylaw No. 834, 2020 and that the meeting be available for public access via the HUB Online Network; and further that questions and comments received via email be addressed by Council at the meeting."

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to add or delete Agenda items

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S

"THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, February 22, 2021 be adopted as presented."

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, 2021 <i>"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 8, 2021 be adopted as presented."</i>	P. 1-6
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Teck – Highland Valley Copper Update – Yvonne Walsh, Manager, Community & Indigenous Affairs and Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer	P. 7
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

5.1	Public Art Policy	P. 8-12
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Program <i>“That Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the Red Cross funded TNRD Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Program for the 2021 season.”</i>	P. 13-14
6.2	CAO Report – TNRD Invasive Plant Program – Member Municipality Proposal <i>Motion required</i>	P. 15-16
6.3	CFO Report – Lift Station Tender <i>“The Council accept the lowest cost tender from Extreme Excavating for \$777,777.00.”</i>	P. 17-19
FOR INFORMATION		
	N/A	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society – Grant Application for CVITP <i>Motion required</i>	P. 20-25
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager <i>Motion required</i>	P. 46
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey - Report	P. 49-50

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

12.1	<i>"That Council move to a closed meeting under Section 90.1(c) Labour Relations; 90.1(d) Municipal Property; and 90.1(l) Annual Report."</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Marilyn Anderson
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Debra Tuohey

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works

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EXCUSED:

Due to the Public Health Officer Ministerial Order M0192, the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 6:02.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to add or delete Agenda items

M/S Roden / Davenport

“That the Agenda for Monday February 8, 2021 be amended to include a late item from Telus requesting a letter of support to be added under Correspondence for Action.”

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-37

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Tuohey / Anstett

“THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, February 8, 2021 be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-38

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 25, 2021 M/S Anstett / Anderson <i>“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 25, 2021 be adopted as presented.”</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-39
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	<p>Jamie Vieira, Manager Environmental Services & Coleen Hougan, Invasive Plant Management Coordinator – TNRD Invasive Plant Program – Member Municipality Proposal</p> <p>Jamie and Coleen provided a summary of the program and services that the TNRD Invasive Plant management Program provides.</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is currently operational in the Electoral Areas (EA's) of the TNRD • Residents in the EA's are able to access the service at no cost to weed control for invasive weeds on private lands • Many requests from municipal residents are received requesting the same service, support to these residents is not included in the current program • Invasive species identified in the Ashcroft area include: Japanese Knotweed, Tree of Heaven, Hoary Alyssum, Giant Hogweed (not in the region yet but in Fraser Valley) <p>What is an invasive species: non-native plant species that can cause harm to the environment, economy and society.</p> <p>Mitigation strategies provided under the TNRD program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowner assistance • Financial assistance, \$100/K per year in rebates to property owner, equipment rental free of charge • In person weed assistance – site assessment and expert recommendations • Biological control – insects, not available with all plants • Regional coordination • Coordinate weed control for other partners – MOTI, Red Cross • Facilitate invasive plant management • Staff acts as experts • Education and outreach • Media – social, radio, TV, newspaper • Schools • Community Groups • Public events – Seedy Sunday, Farmers Markets etc. <p>COST/Process</p> <p>Majority of the program is funding by taxation 350K/year collected by taxation from EA's 50K/year grants</p> <p>Land owner assistance in the regional area is 100 % free Incremental cost of adding municipalities = Ashcroft \$10k/year max or budget 2.5% of total program budget</p> <p>Service Establishment Bylaw would need development for those municipalities that wish to opt in</p> <p>Taxation is planned for implementation in 2022.</p>	
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3.2	<p>Mike Dedels, Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Coordinator – Invasive Plant Control in the Village of Ashcroft. A Red Cross funded program through the TNRD</p> <p>Red Cross funding for invasive plant control was implemented after the Elephant Hill Wildfire</p> <p>Program provides free treatment of invasive species weed control on private land</p> <p>Assistance with work on municipal land and roads</p> <p>Ashcroft is invited to participate; this could work in conjunction with the summer student program with training and supervision</p> <p>The intent of the program also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding outreach and education • Survey and enhanced biocontrol's • Map invasive plant infestations • Plan for the future 	
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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.

There were no questions received via live-stream or email.

5. BYLAWS

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – NDI Community Spaces – Community Garden Funding</p> <p>M/S Anderson / Anstett</p> <p><i>“That Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft grant funding application to Northern Development Initiative Trust under the Community Spaces funding stream for the development of a Community Garden in the downtown core; and further that Council support the project throughout its duration.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021- 40</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>CFO Report – Year-End Financial Review</p> <p>CFO Bhalla presented the year-end financial report to Council noting that all year end entries are complete.</p> <p>Current year end position is considered as balanced, Auditors will review financials this month</p> <p>Brief review of each fund</p> <p>General Revenue:</p> <p>Provided highlights of various accounts providing explanations of variances surplus/shortfall</p> <p>Overall, the Village is well balanced operationally</p> <p>Sewer Operating Fund</p> <p>Lift Station is showing a variance, as the project didn't begin in 2020</p> <p>Water operating Fund</p>	

	<p>Operational deficit – caused by pumping costs and BC Hydro cost increases What is driving the increased costs? Power usage has increased significantly and Hydro costs continue to rise, freshet also caused excessive power consumption as the WTP was on an elevated cleaning cycle and public water consumption has increased by 14%</p> <p>Mitigation Public education – water conservation Consider water meters (expensive, requires other software updates, has to be grant driven to afford implementation) Track solar generation and determine Hydro offset Expand solar generation to offset Hydro costs</p> <p>Other; Switching to MIA as our insurance provider saved the Village \$53,000 Staff revalued replacement costs of assets to align insured costs to actual replacement costs</p> <p>Asset management mapping update CFO Bhalla highlighted updates to the online infrastructure mapping showing the PW side of the system, Water/sewer lines demonstration highlighting how new infrastructure is added to the system. Noted that approval is required by DPW adding an audit feature ensuring information is accurate Council thanked CFO Bhalla for the report.</p>	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Easter Scavenger Hunt – Donation Request M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>“That Council approves the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt request and donate a 2021 Family Season Pass to the Ashcroft Pool.”</i></p> <p>M/S Roden / Tuohy <i>“That the Village of Ashcroft provide \$200 from the public relations fund as a donation to the organizers for the Easter Scavenger Hunt.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-41</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-42</p>
7.2	<p>Kathleen Kinasewich – Request for Street Art in the Round M/S Roden / Anderson <i>“That Council approves the Request for Street Art in the Round, an Elizabeth Fry collaboration with Kathleen Kinasewich to allow art work to be displayed on the fence at the back of the E-Fry and Municipal building.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-43</p>
Late Item	<p>Telus Letter of support M/S Roden / Anstett <i>“That Council approve staff to send a letter of support as per the template provided, to Telus, in support of their grant application for funding to expand the broadband service in the Village of Ashcroft.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-44</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	NDIT – 2021 Grant Writing Support – ND Project Number 7194 20	
7.4	NDIT – 2021 Business Façade Improvement Program – ND Project Number 7060 40	



7.5	MP Brad Vis – Letter to School District No. 74 – Support for Transfer of Asset to the Ashcroft HUB Society	
7.6	Invitation to Council to meet with MP Brad Vis on February 11, 2021 – A meeting has been scheduled for this day in the afternoon	
7.7	Flip Chart Information Correspondence – February 8, 2021	
	M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>“That the Information Correspondence be received and filed.”</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-45

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager M/S Roden / Anderson <i>“That the Task Manager be received and filed.”</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-46
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	N/A	
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12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Roden / Anderson

"That the Regular Meeting of Council for February 8, 2021 be adjourned at 7:25 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-47

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday February 8, 2021

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
MAYOR

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): Teck Highland Valley Copper

2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: Yvonne Walsh, Manager, Community & Indigenous Affairs and also in attendance Jacqui Schneider Sr. Community Affairs Officer

3. The topic of your presentation: Teck Highland Valley Copper update to Mayor and Council

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):
To provide information only.

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: February 8, 2020
 Alternate date (if necessary): _____

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 admin@ashcroftbc.ca

ADMINISTRATION POLICY

TITLE: Public Art Policy		POLICY #: P-01-2021
Authority: Council	Effective Date: Review Date:	
Issued By: Issued Date:	Approved By: Approved Date: Resolution #:	

PURPOSE: To establish procedures and guidelines to display art on municipal property in the Village of Ashcroft.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Village of Ashcroft (the “Village”) recognizes the role Public Art plays in cultivating cultural, social, and economic value for our present and prospective citizens. Public Art makes culture accessible, strengthens civic pride, and serves as an inspirational representation of, or reflection upon, a community, its people, & the place it holds in space and time. Public Art is a gift we share with each other and those passing through. It is the Village of Ashcroft’s intention to strategically guide Public Art to best advance Council objectives, Ashcroft’s cultural vitality, and the vision of Ashcroft as outlined in the Official Community Plan.

CONTEXT AND VISION

The Village of Ashcroft has been noted for its art locally, regionally, and nationally. Uniquely situated at the crossroads of the Thompson and Bonaparte rivers, Ashcroft is unique in its biophysical environment, history, diversity, and vibrant community. Ashcroft is situated on resource-rich land utilized by Indigenous peoples far before the Cariboo gold rush, including the Nlaka’pamux Nation, which includes the present day First Nations of Ashcroft Indian Band, Oregon Jack Creek Indian Band, and Cook’s Ferry; and the Secwepemc Nation which includes the Bonaparte Indian Band. As emphasized in the OCP, Ashcroft will work collaboratively with each other and our neighbors to strengthen our community and region.

Public Art in Ashcroft is a means of cultivating and sharing a civic environment, and creating a sense of place for the community while bringing creativity into the public realm. Ashcroft evokes expression. The OCP envisions that in 2038, Ashcroft is a vibrant, active and creative community that fosters healthy well-being and a collaborative inter-generational approach to our community’s development. Public Art is a means to cultivate and support this vision.

The following principles are to underlie decisions made regarding Public Art:

- Collaboration;
- Inclusivity;

- Enrichment (i.e., cultural, spiritual, social, educational)
- Fairness/Equity;
- Professionalism

SCOPE:

This policy serves to:

- Outline a standard process for the solicitation, acquisition, development, maintenance, curation, and deaccession of Public Art;
- Strategically support Ashcroft as a creative community;
- Provide guidelines for Artists;
- Frame the working relationship between the Village and the Artist;
- Define terminology.

Public Art may be diversified beyond a single genre or medium; the Village is committed to a wide range of diverse expression that demonstrates excellence, professionalism, quality, & innovation. Yard art, signage, and art on private property (even if publicly accessible) are beyond the scope of the present policy.

DEFINITIONS:

“Public Art” refers to the collection of aesthetic/artistic Works that exist on publicly owned space and is managed by the Village.

“Public Art Project” encapsulates the entirety of a new Public Art process: from inception to installation.

“Official Community Plan (OCP)” refers to Ashcroft’s 2018 Official Community Plan, a comprehensive document developed with community input to guide decision-making in the Village of Ashcroft.

“Artist” refers to the project commissioner and/or creative force behind a Project’s envisioning. For the purposes of this policy “Artist” is a professional defined by the Canada Council for Art as such. A Professional Artist has specialized training in their field, is recognized by their peers, and has a history of public presentation.

PART II: Guidelines

Public Art must be:

- Durable;
- Of high artistic quality and craftsmanship;
- Imbued with a sense of place - i.e., Ashcroft and the surrounding area;
- Thoughtfully situated;
- Accessible to the public free of charge.

ROLES:

Village Council:

- Advocate for Public Art in the Village;
- Approve the Public Art Policy and amendments, as needed;
- Make final decisions on matters related to the acquisition, acceptance, commissioning, or de-accessioning of Public Art;
- The Village may decline to consider or accept any gift, bequest, or donation of art at its discretion. Final decision to purchase or accept Public Art will be made by Council. All donations or gifts of art to the Village are subject to this policy.
- Criteria for the selection and approval of new Public Art:
 - Site suitability;
 - Artistic merit;
 - Durability and maintenance requirements;
 - Audience experience;
 - Financial implications;
- Criteria for De-accessioning of Public Art:
 - Level of deterioration and cost to repair

Artist:

Prior to the undertaking of a new Public Art Project the Artist must complete and submit a Project Proposal to the Village including:

- Design;
- Siting;
- Required maintenance plan;
- Funding plan;
- Funds from the General Capital Fund may be available to Public Art maintenance and new art at Council's discretion and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- Work with Village Staff upon Proposal acceptance by Council
- Upon Project approval by Council, the Artist must enter into a contract with the Village detailing the following:
 - Ownership;
 - Copyright;
 - Insurance coverage;
 - Maintenance and repair plan;
 - Schedule/Timeliness;
 - Installation plan;

Administrators/Village Staff

- Collection management;
- Receive and review Public Art Project proposals;
- Manage Public Art inventory and best practice;
- Work with Artists on Project siting;

- Approve Public Art Projects insofar as they impact pre-existing practices, sight-lines, public safety, future development,
- Coordinate the maintenance/conservation of Public Art (as required);
- Investigate funding opportunities (i.e., Provincial and Federal grants);
- Invite new projects
- Project solicitation must be equitable, meaningful, and appropriate. The means of project solicitation are subject to Council approval

PART III: Public Art Contract between Village of Ashcroft and the Artist

The Village and the Artist agree as follows:

QUALITY

The Artist warrants that:

- The execution of the Work will be of professional, high quality;
- Due effort will be made to ensure longevity of the Work against natural wear (UV, wind, rain);
- Maintenance required of the Work will be reasonable;
- Should there be need for repairs, that the Artist is able to maintain the Work in good standing;
- The Work will receive approval from Public Works prior to installation to ensure coherence with pre-existing structures, public safety, and future development.

COPYRIGHT/CREDIT

The Artist will own copyright of the Proposal. If the Proposal is accepted, when the Work is actualized the Artist grants the Village joint ownership of the copyright. All reproductions and exhibitions of the Work by the Village will contain credit to the Artist and an acknowledgement that the Work was made for the Village of Ashcroft.

OWNERSHIP

Permanent installations will exist within the Village’s Public Art collection. As installation and de-accession of a Work are decided by Council, the location and display of the Work is also at Council’s discretion.

INSURANCE

The Artist will procure and maintain, at their own expense, Workers’ Compensation Insurance, and Comprehensive General Liability Insurance. The Artist agrees to submit Certificates of Insurance to the Village Office.

DETERMINATION

The Village retains the right to determine what repairs or restoration is performed on the Work, if a Work will be retired or relocated. The maintenance required of a Work will be reasonable.

INDEMNITY

The Artist will indemnify the Village of harm or liability related to the Work.

DOCUMENTATION

The following information will be made available to the Village by the Artist upon completion of the Work:

- Artist biography
- Maintenance plan/schedule
- Artist statement and artwork specifications
- High resolution digital photographs

All works of Public Art will be accompanied by contributor names.

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: February 22, 2021
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Program**

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary of the Wildfire Invasive Plant Management program provided by the TNRD and funded by the Red Cross.

Recommendation

THAT, Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the Red Cross funded TNRD Wildfire Invasive Plant Management program for the 2021 season.

Alternatives

That Council receive and file the report.

Discussion

For 2019-2021 the TNRD received Red Cross funding of \$990,000 for Invasive Plant prevention and control in the Elephant Hill wildfire area. This is an intensive program working with landholders and numerous agencies to limit the spread of weeds on areas impacted by wildfire

The budget is allocated as follows:

- \$400,000 for seeding and weed treatment on private lands impacted by Elephant Hill wildfire
- \$350,000 for treatment of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure roads
- \$240,000 for assessing private lands for treatment, working with Municipalities and First Nations, scheduling and contracting of seeding and treatment programs, surveying invasive plants and organizing education and outreach events
- All of the above over three years

The Invasive plant control proposal from the TNRD includes:

- TNRD contract with the Village of Ashcroft to provide service
- Contract would augment Villages existing Invasive Plant control on village property
- Ashcroft promotes private program and takes applications.
- Door to door work to survey weeds and accept applications. Mapping of infestations and weed control
- TNRD can train with plant identification and weed control

Benefits of Ashcroft participation with the invasive plants program for 2021:

- Free treatment on private lands
- Assistance with work on Municipal lands and roads
- Expand on outreach and education
- Survey and enhance bio-controls
- Map invasive plant infestations
- Plan for the future

To summarize, this program would work in tandem with Ashcroft's existing invasive plant management program providing additional training for staff and property owners in regards to the treatment and control of invasive species that have been identified in the area.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

N/A

Legislative Authority

N/A

Financial Implications

Grant funded, no additional costs to the Village

Attachment Listing

N/A

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: February 22, 2021
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: TNRD Invasive Plant Program – Member Municipality Proposal

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary of the TNRD Invasive Plant Program - Member Municipality Proposal provided by the TNRD to Council at the February 8, 2021 Council meeting.

Recommendation

Option 1

THAT, Council receives the report for information until the Union - CUPE 900 are consulted for input, and further, that Council direct staff to bring back a report at that time.

Option 2

THAT, Council defer the TNRD Invasive Plant Program participation to budget discussions.

Option 3

THAT, Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft enrollment in the TNRD Invasive Plant Management Program for 2022 and onward.

Alternatives

THAT, Council receive and file the report.

Discussion

This proposal presents an opportunity for member municipalities to opt into the existing Electoral Area TNRD invasive plant management service on an ongoing annual basis.

The TNRD Invasive Plant Program was established in 1976 with the specific purpose of funding knapweed control on private ranch lands. The service was established as an Electoral Area (EA) service funded by taxation of properties in all ten (10) TNRD EAs. Member Municipalities were not included in the service at the time, because weeds were seen as only an agriculture problem and the service was designed specifically to assist farms/ranches.

Invasive plants have become a serious concern in the urban and semi-rural areas located within municipalities. Since invasive plants do not stop at jurisdictional boundaries, successful invasive plant management in the region can only happen if all land owners, including municipalities and their residents, actively manage invasive plants on their properties. By having municipalities join the TNRD service, overall invasive plant management throughout the region will be strengthened and municipal residents will receive direct assistance in controlling invasive plants on their own land.

The proposed cost of the Invasive Plant Management program is based on all member municipality participation. Ashcroft's cost is based on 2.5% of the gross program budget, alternately, if only a fraction of member municipalities participate in the program, the current estimated cost for Ashcroft's which equates to \$10,000 could be higher. The program cost is in addition to the current weed control program expenses. The 2020 cost of managing Ashcroft's natural resources by conducting weed control totalled \$8204.26. In 2019, the Village undertook the "Tree of Heaven" project and costs were elevated at \$15,011.43. The primary expense of weed management is attributed to public works labour costs. In addition, the Ministry of Environment requires staff responsible for the application of pesticides to be certified and a second employee to have landscaping certification.

Benefits to municipalities include:

- Stable and long-term invasive plant management programs within municipal boundaries.
- Financial assistance for residents managing invasive plants on private properties.
- Support for municipal staff managing invasive plants on public land.
- Enhanced coordinated effort to control invasive plants throughout the region.
- Increased education, outreach and awareness within your municipality.
- Protecting land values from the impacts of invasive plants.

Invasive plant management is costly and controversial, many residents are concerned at the potential toxicity of the ongoing treatment; however, not addressing the impacts of invasive plant species rooting in Ashcroft could have environmental and economic recourse for the community. The invasive plant program has three main components: 1) *Landowner Assistance*, 2) *Education and Outreach*, and 3) *Coordination*. It is important to note that the invasive plant program applies to noxious weeds only, and not for the treatment of lawn or garden weeds that are a nuisance, but not designated as “noxious”.

Recognizing that this program is in addition to the existing weed control undertaken by Village employees, it appears that there may be some overlap with union employees and contracted services.

Under the current CUPE 900 Collective Agreement, Article 2, C-1 states: “*except for incidental or emergent situations and except for employees of a bona fide contractor who are not in a bargaining unit for which the Union is certified, any person whose classification is not covered by the agreement shall not perform work that is normally done by those employees who are deemed to be within the bargaining unit for which the Union is certified;*” and further, Article 22, A states: “*The Employer agrees to advise the Union of any recommendation which would affect the existing working conditions and benefits of its employees. Before Council acts on these recommendations, the Union will be afforded the opportunity to speak to these recommendations at a subsequent Council Meeting.*” In consideration of the Collective Agreement, it is advisable that the Village consult the Union prior to making a decision regarding participation in the TNRD program.

In summary, Council must consider the value for service, the addition of a \$10,000 program equates to a 1% tax rate increase. In addition, a staff member would need to be appointed as liaison to the program to ensure fluid coordination.

The Village has first hand experience with noxious weed control on public and private owned land. The “Tree of Heaven” program was not as successful as anticipated due to not all residents with infestation participating in the program. Education is the key to noxious weed control, building awareness and recognition of the invasive plant, understanding weed management and developing a plan is vital to program success.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

2.5% of gross program budget proposed cost is \$10,000 annually

Attachment Listing

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2021
FROM: Yogi Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Lift Station Tender

Purpose

Approval of tender for the Lift Station.

Recommendation

Approve lowest cost tender from Extreme Excavating Ltd. for \$777,777.00

Alternatives

NA

Discussion

The tender includes optional work and contingency and has no compliance concerns or mathematical errors. Extreme Excavating has a good reputation and past experience building lift stations.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Financial Stewardship

Legislative Authority

NA

Financial Implications

Lift station budget

Attachment Listing

Tender Summary.

Prepared by:



Yogi Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

February 18, 2021

File: 1093.0049.02

Village of Ashcroft
P.O. Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Via email: cfo@ashcroftbc.ca

Attention: **Yoginder Bhalla, CFO**

**RE: VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT – ASHCROFT NO. 1 LIFT STATION
TENDER SUMMARY**

Ten (10) tenders were received at the Urban Systems office by 2:00PM on February 11, 2021, for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the tender submission for compliance with the contract documents and for mathematical errors. Please find below a summary of our review:

Submitted By	Tender Price
1 Extreme Excavating Ltd.	\$ 777,777.00
2 Con-Ex Civil Contractors Ltd.	\$ 909,440.00
3 Drake Excavating Ltd.	\$ 919,000.00
4 Earthstone Excavating Ltd.	\$ 923,051.19
5 Canadian Western Mechanical	\$ 1,021,569.20
6 Metric Civil Contractors Ltd.	\$ 1,048,119.00
7 Carver Construction Ltd.	\$ 1,079,780.00
8 Big Rock Construction Ltd.	\$ 1,081,400.00
9 WebbCo Ltd.	\$ 1,100,000.00
10 Progrus Constructors Inc.	\$ 1,328,882.4500

Below is a detailed review of the tender submissions. All bids were reviewed for compliance. Due to the amount of submissions provided, only the lowest three bids are summarized here:

Extreme Excavating Ltd.

Submitted Tender Price **\$777,777.00**

- No mathematical errors were found.
- No compliance concerns noted with the tender submission.

Con-Ex Civil Contractors Ltd.

Submitted Tender Price **\$909,440.00**

- No mathematical errors were found.
- No compliance concerns noted with the tender submission.

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Drake Excavating Ltd.

Submitted Tender Price **\$919,000.00**

- No mathematical errors were found.
- No compliance concerns noted with the tender submission.

The lowest bid was from Extreme Excavating Ltd. with a bid price of \$777,777.00. The bid includes all Optional Work and a \$100,000 contingency. Extreme Excavating has successfully completed several projects with Urban Systems. Extreme Excavating also has completed a number of sewage lift station projects in the Kamloops area.

Based on an award to the lowest bidder, the following is our understanding of the budget:

BUDGET SUMMARY

Bid Price (no GST)	\$ 777,777.00
Other Work (Hydro, Tel, Etc.)	\$ 70,000.00
Engineering	\$ 130,000.00
Total Cost	\$ 977,777.00
Owner's Budget	\$1,380,000.00
Surplus	\$ 402,223.00

Upon completion of your own review of these tender submissions, please notify the undersigned, in writing, with how you would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

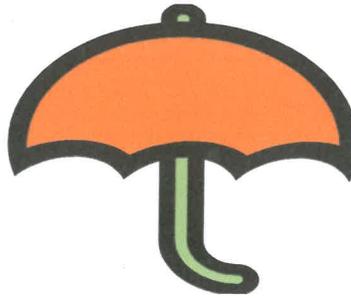
URBAN SYSTEMS LTD.

Travis Pahl, P.Eng.
Water and Wastewater Engineer

/dg/tp

cc: Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works

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Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society
PO Box 1137
Ashcroft, BC V0K1A0
ashcroftcrs@yahoo.com

February 11, 2021

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



Dear Madam: RE: Grant Application for CVITP

Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society has agreed to assist CVITP in acquiring and administrating grant funding for Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP).

Ashcroft CVITP has hosted free tax clinics for eligible low-income individuals for 50 years. Last year (2020) the group processed approximately 250 income tax returns. An increase is anticipated this tax season as a number of clients were unable to attend tax clinics due to pandemic concerns last spring and may need to file for several years.

In the past, office space has been made available at no cost and the volunteers have personally provided the necessary stationery, postage, printing toners/ink, computer equipment and other supplies without compensation to ensure that our community members can rely on this important service.

Financial support is sought to help defray some of the expenses outlined in our Project Budget projection. An application for CRA funding will also be submitted in due course; however, disbursement is much later in the year, and is subject to available funding. Should the CRA application be successful repayment of the Village of Ashcroft grant can be expected.

We respectfully submit our request for funding and attach Grant Application, an unconventional Financial Report, In-Kind Contribution Summary and Budget for your consideration. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Christine Webster
Treasurer AACRS

Vivian Edwards
#7348 CVITP Volunteer

**Village of Ashcroft
Grant Application - Organizations**

Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society Organization Official Name: Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)	
Mailing Address: <u>PO Box 1137</u>	
<u>Ashcroft, BC</u> <u>V0K 1A0</u>	
Phone: <u>250 453 9077</u>	Fax: _____ Email: <u>vivinash@telus.net</u>
Contact Person: <u>Vivian Edwards</u>	Title: <u>Local Co-ordinator</u>
Briefly describe your organizations purpose: To host free tax clinics for eligible low income individuals: in person, or virtually where volunteers prepare and file income tax returns on their behalf without charge.	
Briefly describe how the requested grant money will be used: To be used to help cover operating expenses, as estimated in budget projection.	
What amount of Grant-in-Aid is being requested?	\$ <u>500.00</u>
Total organization operating budget for current year	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>
Total budget for project the grant is being applied for	\$ <u>1,500.00</u>
Did you receive a Grant-in-Aid last year?	Yes ___ No <u>X</u>
If yes what was the amount of the grant?	\$ _____
Attachments: Please provide the following to your application (if available): Financial Statement, Current Year Budget, Project Budget	
Forward completed applications to: Village of Ashcroft, Box 129, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0 Or via email to admin@ashcroftbc.ca . Applications are reviewed by Council at the second meeting each month. Applications must be received by the second Friday of each month to be considered in that month.	

Village of Ashcroft
Grant Application - Organizations

Office Use Only	
Date Application Received: _____	
Application confirmed to be complete	Date: _____
Checklist: Completed application form	_____
Financial Statement	_____
Budget for current year	_____
Project Budget	_____
Category: Arts & Culture _____	Sports & Recreation _____
Museum & Heritage _____	Social/Educational/Environmental/Other _____
Amount of Grant-in-Aid Applied for: \$ _____	Approved \$ _____
	Denied _____
Comments:	
Letter sent to applicant regarding decision	Date: _____
Cheque sent to applicant if applicable	Date: _____

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Financial Statements as at December 31, 2020

Ashcroft CVITP has hosted free tax clinics for 50 years. Last year (2020) the group processed approximately 250 income tax returns. An increase is anticipated this tax season as a number of clients were unable to attend our clinics due to pandemic concerns last spring and may need to file for several years.

In the past, office space has been secured at no cost and our volunteers have personally provided the necessary stationery, postage, printing toners/ink, computer equipment and other supplies without compensation to ensure that our community members can rely on this important service.

This year Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society has agreed to assist CVITP in acquiring and administrating grant funding for CVITP.

Financial support is sought to cover expenses outlined in our Project Budget projection. An application for CRA funding will also be submitted in due course, however disbursement is much later in the year, and is subject to available funding. Should sufficient funds be forthcoming from the CRA application, any Grant from the Village of Ashcroft will be repaid.

Although we are unable to provide a typical financial report the value of the work done is displayed in the form of an In-kind Contributions Summary.

Balance Sheet

as at December 31, 2020

Current Assets	
Cash on hand	0
*(Bank account)	0
Capital Assets	
Sundry supplies from previous clinics	0
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>0</u>
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	0
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>0</u>

*a bank account will be opened if necessary

In-Kind Contributions Summary

For Fiscal Year: ending December 31, 2020

[# of Volunteers doing skilled labour x # of hours @ \$25.00/hour = (y)]

Spring training and updating 10 volunteers x 5 hours each	= \$ 1,250.
Office administration 1 x 10 hours	= 250.
Interviews, tax preparation and filing 10 volunteers x 250 returns x 1 hour each	= 625.

Donated materials (volunteer donated)

Printer ink, USB Storage devices, printer paper, envelopes Stamps, etc.	= 1,000.
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Donated facility

Rental space, TNRD Library (Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Savona, Clinton) 100 Tax clinics x \$11.00 per/hour	= 1,100.
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TOTAL \$ 4,225.

Project Budget For CVITP

Revenue		Total
	Federal funding ?	1,000.
	Municipal funding ?	500.
	TOTAL	\$1,500.
Expenses		
	Advertising	250.*
	Office	
	Stationery	150.
	Computer supplies	750.
	Stamps	100.**
	PPE kits	250.***
	TOTAL	\$1,500.

*Tax clinic promotion: local newspaper advertising, posters, social media

**Office stationery: Printing toner/cartridges (10), postage, USB keys, printer paper/envelopes, stamps

***COVID-19 protective equipment: sanitation supplies, PPE

寒中お見舞い申し上げます

寒さ厳しい折、アシユクラフト村のみなさまにおかれてはいかがお過ごしでしょうか。

美深町においても、新型コロナウイルス感染症予防に努めながら過ごす日々が続いており、一日も早い終息を願うばかりです。

まだまだ厳しい寒さが続きますが、お体に気を付けて健やかな日々をお過ごしください。

令和三年一月

美深町長

山口 信夫



Best Wishes to you all this cold season!



It's getting colder.

How have you been doing in Ashcroft?

In Bifuka, we're just struggling to prevent the spread of COVID-19 .

We hope you are safe and all things around the world will get back to normal soon.

Please take good care of yourself this cold weather.

Sincerely,

Nobuo Yamaguchi

Bifuka Town Mayor

Winter Greetings

How are the people of the Village of Ashcroft doing during this cold season?

In Bifuka, daily we live in prevention of the Corona Virus but wish for the day that it all ends soon.

As we see much cold weather to continue, please take care of yourself, stay health and vibrant.

Reiwa Year 3, January

Bifuka Mayor

Nobuo Yamaguchi

From: Sulea, Tina <Tina_Sulea@BCTransit.Com>

Sent: February 11, 2021 2:03 PM

To: Sulea, Tina <Tina_Sulea@BCTransit.Com>

Cc: Fudge, Chris <Chris_Fudge@BCTransit.Com>; Moore, Myrna <Myrna_Moore@BCTransit.Com>;

Mossey, Chelsea <Chelsea_Mossey@BCTransit.Com>; Ringma, Rob <Rob_Ringma@BCTransit.Com>;

Taylor, Lindsay <Lindsay_Taylor@BCTransit.Com>; Trotter, Lisa <Lisa_Trotter@BCTransit.Com>; Wright,

Seth <Seth_Wright@BCTransit.Com>

Subject: BC Transit | Government of Canada Funding Announcement

Business Development

Government of Canada Funding Announcement

Hello Local Government Partners,

Yesterday, the Government of Canada announced on-going sustainable funding for public transportation across the country. BC Transit is pleased with this announcement as it places a long-term importance on public transportation as an essential service for communities of all sizes.

While we still have to work with the Government of Canada and the Province of BC on funding details, we see the announcement as a great opportunity for our organization, our communities, and our partners to advance public transportation initiatives. It is also important as it brings certainty to BC Transit about on-going funding availability.

Our organization has ambitious goals including to create a zero-emission fleet by 2040, improve services, and build transit infrastructure that is critical to our success. Access to this consistent funding will help us achieve these goals and demonstrate to our customers and communities why we are their best transportation solution.

We appreciate the support we have already received from the Government of Canada and Province of BC, which includes infrastructure funding since 2016 and Safe Restart Funding to support us with our response to COVID-19. The Safe Restart Funding is supporting BC Transit and our local government partners to cover extra expenses for the implementation of COVID-19 safety measures, losses at the farebox due to ridership, and lower than expected gas tax revenue in Victoria. Funding for BC Transit infrastructure projects includes the 10 battery electric buses coming to Victoria in 2022, new buses in communities across the province, bus exchanges, bus priority lanes, and new maintenance and operations facilities.

We look forward to share more details with you as we continue to work out the details and celebrate when we have more project announcements and milestones.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to public transportation in communities across the province.

If you have questions, please speak with your Government Relations Manager.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ASHCROFT

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Ashcroft City Council,

February 16, 2021

My name is Cathy Peters and as a private citizen I have been raising awareness regarding **Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking in British Columbia** to BC politicians (Civic, Provincial and Federal), police agencies and to the public for the past 7 years.

Some of you may be aware of my advocacy. I had a booth at UBCM Vancouver Convention in 2019; **“An Anti-Human trafficking Initiative”**.

I was a former inner city “life skills” high school teacher 40 years ago where my focus was to keep students out of gang life and the sex industry.

Due to **globalization, an unregulated internet, limited law enforcement and lack of prevention education**, the sex industry has grown rapidly and is specifically targeting the vulnerable, Indigenous, LGBTQ2, youth at risk, new migrants, runaway youth, youth in care, disabled and any girl under 14 years of age. Some boys are targeted as well. No community is immune.

The media narrative in BC is that “sex work” is legitimate as a choice and a job. However, there is “another side” that is not being reported. I speak for the voiceless; the 95%, who are coerced, tricked, manipulated, forced and lured into the sex industry. It is not a choice or a job.

Please view my new website: www.beamazingcampaign.org. Page 2 has two teaching video workshops; one for parents and one for youth.

I have worked on a Federal (paper) petition with a sponsoring BC MP. If you would like a copy of it please contact me.

ASK: to present as a Delegation to your City Council.

I have included useful resource information in this package. For background information refer to the **TIP (Trafficking in Persons) 2020 report** from the USA State Department that gives an assessment of 185 countries in the world. The summary on Canada is important to read. Ontario has been cited as best practices globally; BC is decades behind any province in addressing this crime.

Please contact me if you support my advocacy. Please forward my name and information to any stakeholders in your area. Note: CoVid has exacerbated the problem since the luring is taking place online and youth have more unsupervised screen time.

I look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

BC anti-human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

www.beamazingcampaign.org 1101-2785 Library Lane, North Vancouver, BC V7J 0C3

Phone: 604-828-2689 Email: ca.peters@telus.net

SEX TRAFFICKING is a **BOOMING** industry

DEFINED:

SEX TRAFFICKING occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act. A

COMMERCIAL SEX ACT includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food or clothes.

It thrives because there is serious demand.

Buyer: fuels the market with their money.

Trafficker/pimp: exploits victims to earn revenue from buyers

Victim: includes both girls and boys who are bought and sold for profit

Traffickers find victims through: Social network, Home/neighborhood, clubs or bars, internet, school,

And lure them through promises: Protection, Love, Adventure, Home, Opportunity.

TRAFFICKERS USE: FEAR, VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, THREATS

to ensure compliance and meet demand.

The **common age** a child enters sex trafficking is **14-16**; too young and naïve to realize what's happening.

Society may call it **PROSTITUTION**, but Federal Law calls it **SEX TRAFFICKING**.

Because of social stigma or misinformation, victims go:

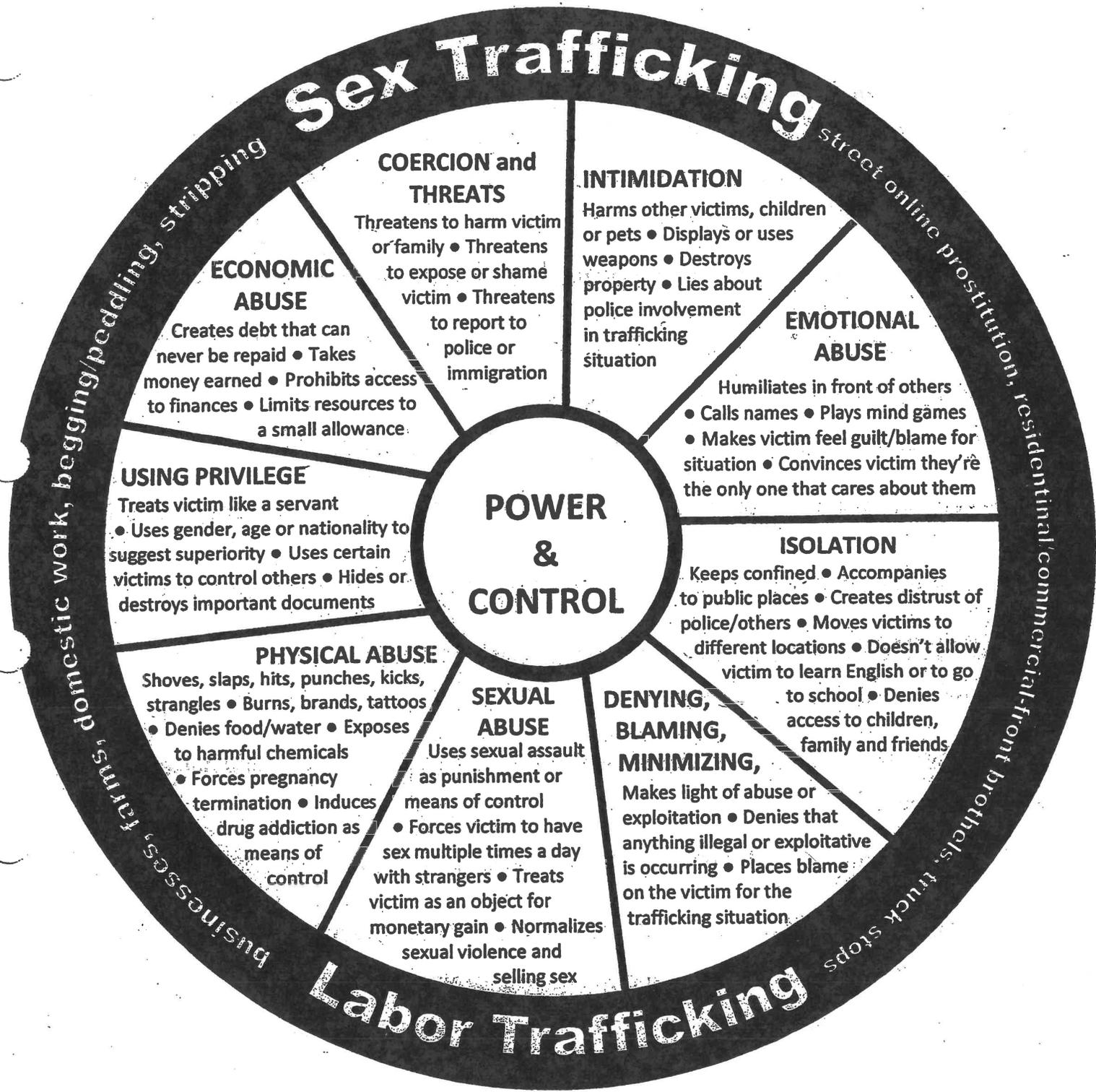
UNIDENTIFIED (silenced by fear and the control of the trafficker),

MISIDENTIFIED (pigeonholed into treatment for only surface issues).

So

Sex trafficked children are instead treated for:

drug abuse, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, delinquency, teenage pregnancy, STDS, abortion...all masking the true need...FREEDOM.



This wheel was adapted from the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project's Duluth Model Power and Control Wheel, available at www.theduluthmodel.org

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10 strategies for cities and municipalities to consider:

Key: It is unacceptable for women and children to be bought and sold in a modern equal society.

1. Learn about the issue; Google “thetraffickedhuman.org”, read “Invisible Chains” by Benjamin Perrin, “Pornland” by Dr. Gail Dines (world expert on porn research). Have staff take the BC OCTIP (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) **free online course**. Encourage police to take HT course on the Police Knowledge Network.
2. Incorporate the United Nations 4 Pillars in a local strategy to stop Human trafficking/sexual exploitation: **Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnerships**.
3. **Prevention:** raise awareness in community. “Education is our greatest weapon”. ie. Children of the Street Society does school and community programs. Encourage “Men End exploitation” movements: ie. Moosehide Campaign, Westcoast Boys Club Network. Support porn addiction services for youth; ie “Fightthenewdrug” program recognizing the public health effects to youth of viewing violent sexual material.
4. Use communications to support a cultural mindshift. Ontario has “Saving the girl next door program”, the RCMP has the “I’m Not for Sale” campaign. King County (Seattle) has “Buyer Beware” program. **Protection:** help victims, have exit strategies in place for them, consider 24-7 “wrap-around programs” ie. Salvation Army “Deborah’s Gate”, Covenant House, Servants Anonymous, Union Gospel Mission.
5. **Prosecution:** increase policing budget, training and priorities. Have “john” deterrants in place, **enforce the law; “Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act” which addresses “demand”** ie. perpetrators, johns, buyers of commercially paid sex.
6. **Train community stakeholders: Health care workers, fire department, municipal business licensing managers** to recognize human trafficking/sexual exploitation ie. Fraser Health Authority has a human trafficking protocol, Surrey Fire department is trained to recognize HT indicators. Train judges/criminal justice system.
7. **Partnerships: Collaboration:** with other cities and municipalities at local government associations, Police agencies and RCMP, 3 levels of government (civic, provincial, federal); UBCM, FCM with Resolutions.
8. No decriminalization of prostitution because the vulnerable (aboriginal girls/women, youth, children) in our communities will be targets to be lured, groomed and exploited for the sex trade. In the global sex trade today, which we are a part of, there is no demarcation between prostitution and trafficking. **Goal: safe, healthy, working, vibrant communities.**

CANADIAN FEDERAL LAW:

“The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act”

1. **Targets the demand** by targeting the buyer of sex; the predator, pimp, trafficker, john are criminalized 2. Recognizes the seller of sex is a victim; usually female and is not criminalized 3. Exit strategies put in place to assist the victim out of the sex trade.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS September 2015:

B53

HUMAN TRAFFICKING; NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS human trafficking is a real and devastating issue in British Columbia; AND WHEREAS significant work & research has been done as of late to aid in the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking throughout Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the RCMP, local police forces and local governments to work collaboratively in order to implement the recommendations found within the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada's recent report ("NO MORE' Ending Sex -Trafficking In Canada") as well as the Province of British Columbia's "Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking."

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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RAPE CULTURE IN CANADA; NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS sexual assaults continue to be committed across Canada, and victims are of every age, race, income and gender;

AND WHEREAS sexual assaults are under reported, and prosecution and conviction rates are low:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM advocate for an intergovernmental task force to be convened to determine the steps needed to erase the "rape culture" that is pervasive in schools, universities, workplaces and elsewhere across Canada;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be mandated to elicit testimony from victims in order to determine the steps needed to improve the reporting, arrest and conviction rates across Canada.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

CHAPTER 25

An Act to amend the Criminal Code in response to the Supreme Court of Canada decision in *Attorney General of Canada v. Bedford* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

[Assented to 6th November, 2014]

Preamble

Whereas the Parliament of Canada has grave concerns about the exploitation that is inherent in prostitution and the risks of violence posed to those who engage in it;

Whereas the Parliament of Canada recognizes the social harm caused by the objectification of the human body and the commodification of sexual activity;

Whereas it is important to protect human dignity and the equality of all Canadians by discouraging prostitution, which has a disproportionate impact on women and children;

Whereas it is important to denounce and prohibit the purchase of sexual services because it creates a demand for prostitution;

Whereas it is important to continue to denounce and prohibit the procurement of persons for the purpose of prostitution and the development of economic interests in the exploitation of the prostitution of others as well as the commercialization and institutionalization of prostitution;

Whereas the Parliament of Canada wishes to encourage those who engage in prostitution to report incidents of violence and to leave prostitution;

And whereas the Parliament of Canada is committed to protecting communities from the harms associated with prostitution;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Act may be cited as the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*.

Short title

CHAPITRE 25

Loi modifiant le Code criminel pour donner suite à la décision de la Cour suprême du Canada dans l'affaire *Procureur général du Canada c. Bedford* et apportant des modifications à d'autres lois en conséquence

[Sanctionnée le 6 novembre 2014]

Préambule

Attendu :

que le Parlement du Canada a de graves préoccupations concernant l'exploitation inhérente à la prostitution et les risques de violence auxquels s'exposent les personnes qui se livrent à cette pratique;

que le Parlement du Canada reconnaît les dommages sociaux causés par la chosification du corps humain et la marchandisation des activités sexuelles;

qu'il importe de protéger la dignité humaine et l'égalité de tous les Canadiens et Canadiennes en décourageant cette pratique qui a des conséquences négatives en particulier chez les femmes et les enfants;

qu'il importe de dénoncer et d'interdire l'achat de services sexuels parce qu'il contribue à créer une demande de prostitution;

qu'il importe de continuer à dénoncer et à interdire le proxénétisme et le développement d'intérêts économiques à partir de l'exploitation d'autrui par la prostitution, de même que la commercialisation et l'institutionnalisation de la prostitution;

que le Parlement du Canada souhaite encourager les personnes qui se livrent à la prostitution à signaler les cas de violence et à abandonner cette pratique;

que le Parlement du Canada souscrit pleinement à la protection des collectivités contre les méfaits liés à cette pratique,

Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Sénat et de la Chambre des communes du Canada, édicte :

TITRE ABRÉGÉ

Forensic Nursing Service @ Fraser Health

Fraser Health Authority has designed a **Human Trafficking Screening Protocol**, with the following sample questions:

What type of work do you do?

Can you leave your job or situation if you want?

Can you come and go as you please?

Have you been threatened if you try to leave?

Have you been physically harmed in any way?

What are your working or living conditions like?

Where do you sleep and eat?

Do you sleep in a bed, cot or on the floor?

Have you been deprived of food, water, sleep or medical care?

Do you have permission to eat, sleep or go to the bathroom?

Are there locks on your doors and windows so you cannot get out?

Has anyone threatened your family?

Has your identification for documentation been taken from you?

Is anyone forcing you to do anything that you do not want to do?

Evaluation of safety: Are you feeling safe right now? Is it safe for me to talk to you? Do you have any concerns for your safety? Is there anything I can do for you?

INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Recognizing potential red flags and knowing the indicators of human trafficking is a key step in identifying more victims and helping them find the assistance they need.

Common Work and Living Conditions: The individual(s) in question:

Is not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes. Is under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts. Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp / manager. Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips. Works excessively long and/or unusual hours. Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work. Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off. Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work. High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)

Poor Mental Health or Abnormal Behavior

Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid. Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement. Avoids eye contact.

Poor Physical Health

Lacks health care. Appears malnourished. Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture.

Lack of Control

Has few or no personal possessions. Is not in control of his/her own money, no financial records, or bank account. Is not in control of his/her own identification documents (ID or passport). Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves (a third party may insist on being present and/or translating)

Other

Claims of just visiting and inability to clarify where he/she is staying/address. Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city he/she is in. Loss of sense of time. Has numerous inconsistencies in his/her story.

This list is not exhaustive and represents only a selection of possible indicators. Also, the red flags in this list may not be present in all trafficking cases and are not cumulative. Learn more at www.traffickingresourcecenter.org.

Child Sex Trafficking in BC

Buying and selling children for sex is one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada, and it is happening in communities across BC.

Globalization, unregulated technology, lack of law enforcement and inadequate prevention education is allowing this crime to grow globally.

Human sex trafficking (HT) involves the recruitment, transportation or harbouring of people for the purpose of exploitation through the use of force, coercion, fraud, deception or threats against the victim or person known to them. It is known as modern day slavery. According to the US State department's annual global report on trafficking in persons (TIP), Canada is a source, transit and destination for sex trafficking. (<https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/>)

Child sex trafficking is a lucrative crime. It has low costs and huge profits; a trafficker can make \$280,000 per victim, per year. The average age of entry into prostitution in Canada is 12-14 years of age, although traffickers are known to target younger children. Traffickers seek young victims both to service the demand for sex with those who look young, and because these victims are easier to manipulate and control.

The biggest problem in Canada is that people do not know there is a problem; therefore, child sex trafficking is expanding in the dark. Every child can be a target and a potential victim, but learning about this issue is the first step.

Five things that parents can do to help prevent their children from being lured into sex trafficking:

1. Set a high standard of love within your home

The way you define and express love shapes your children's self-image, confidence and opinions of future relationships. Treat them the way you want their future partners to treat them. Help them to distinguish between real love and empty promises or cheap gifts.

2. Talk to your children about sexual abuse

According to the US Department of Justice, someone in the US is sexually assaulted every two minutes, of which 29% are between the ages of 12-17. Let your children know that if anyone has or ever does hurt them, they can talk to you. This is the most important thing you can say. Don't assume they have not been hurt by sexual violence before. Leave the door open for your child to talk about past circumstances that they haven't shared with you.

3. Talk to your children about sex trafficking

Discuss ways children and teens are targeted for sex trafficking. Let them know that traffickers specifically try to woo young girls and boys with promises of a better life – whether it's promises of love and attention, or promises of nice things and trips. Traffickers can be male or female, even classmates. Traffickers may even use kids to recruit other kids.

4. Talk to your children about the dangers of social media

It is important to provide practical safety tips, such as: don't share personal information on the internet; don't accept Facebook requests from unknown people; NEVER share naked photos of yourself with anyone; and tell a parent or a trusted adult if you feel threatened or uncomfortable online. Children also need help defining friendships. Teach them that a friend is not someone you met yesterday and that a "friend" on Facebook is not the same thing as a friendship.

5. Pay attention to your children

Monitor your children's social media accounts. Look for ways to meet their friends, their friends' parents and those they hang out with. Be alert to boyfriends who are much older, or friendships that tend to isolate your child from other friends or family. Notice if your child has new clothing items, makeup products, cell phone or other items and ask how they acquired them.

Resources and Links:

- Covenant House (crises program for ages 16-24): info@covenanthousebc.org, 604-685-7474
- Internet Safety Tips: www.Cybertip.ca
- Fraser Health Forensic Nurse Service (24 hours): 1-855-814-8194
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP): 1-888-712-7974 (24/7 interpretation available), 604-660-5199, octip@gov.bc.ca
- Plea Community Services Society (assisting youth 24/7): onyx@plea.bc.ca, 604-708-2647
- Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter (24/7): 604-872-8212, info@rapereliefshelter.bc.ca
- RCMP: Victims of Human Trafficking National Headquarters (24 hours): 1-866-677-7267
- Trafficking Resource Centre (USA): www.traffickingresourcecenter.org
- VictimLinkBC (24/7): 1-800-563-0808 Ministry of Public Safety, BC
- Youth Against Violence (24/7): info@youthagainstviolenceline.com, 1-800-680-4264

Authorities Contacts:

- RCMP: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca; 1-855-850-4640 OR 1-800-771-5401
- Ministry of Child Protection Services: 1-800-663-9122 or 604-660-4927 (24 hours) or 310-1234 if a child is in danger to reach Ministry of Child and Family Development
- Crime Stoppers : 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

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For information about her prevention education presentations, please contact Cathy Peters at ca.peters@telus.net

Additional Resources:

Children of the Street Society (Coquitlam) provides prevention education in BC schools; 25,000 students last school year Grades 3-12. They have an excellent website with tools/resources listed for every community in BC:

<https://www.childrenofthestreet.com/>

Joy Smith Foundation (Manitoba) provides prevention education, resources and an overview of human sex trafficking Canada: <http://www.joysmithfoundation.com/>

Shared Hope International (Washington State) sponsors The JuST (Juvenile Sex Trafficking) Conference in the USA; an event that spotlights the most pressing issues in the anti-trafficking field. Visit: www.justconference.org for more information.

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February 17, 2021

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia
Attendees of January 2021 Regional Calls with Minister Josie Osborne

Dear Mayors and Chairs,

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Josie Osborne and UBCM President Brian Frenkel for the first round of regional calls in the new year. Hearing from UBCM directly on some of its key interests and issues was very much appreciated. As Minister Osborne and President Frenkel said during the calls, these calls continue to be a great opportunity to hear from you about the key issues and opportunities you are working on in your communities for 2021 (in addition to COVID-19).

There were a number of themes that came up during the calls including connectivity, reopening of BC parks in the spring and roll out of vaccine distribution. This email sets out links and resources on some of the topics raised.

As well, on specific issues such as grant applications or questions particular to your community, please remember that your staff can reach out to Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff for assistance (see the [Local Government Division staff finder](#) for the appropriate staff person for your area).

COVID-19 update

The [state of emergency](#) is extended to March 2, allowing health and emergency management officials to continue to use extraordinary powers under the Emergency Program Act. On February 5th, Minister Dix and Dr. Henry announced that the [province-wide restrictions](#), put in place to significantly reduce COVID-19 transmission related to social interactions and travel, would continue until further notice based on direction from the PHO.

Although the COVID-19 immunization plan is in effect, Dr. Henry reminded us that gatherings of any size, in our homes or elsewhere, are high risk and non-essential travel should not be happening right now. Please stay tuned for more announcements from Dr. Henry and check the provincial government [COVID-19 website](#) regularly for updates.

Vaccine distribution

The Provincial Health Officer appreciates the willingness of local governments to support vaccine distribution at the local level and has informed those planning vaccine distribution logistics about the potential for local governments to assist in this regard. The organizers of the immunization roll out recognize the important role that local governments have in this process and are aware that the earlier local governments are involved in the planning, the better the outcomes will be.

Currently, it is planned that vaccinations for the general population will run March to September 2021 and will start in March with people over the age of 80, who will be receiving information in the weeks ahead on when and how to get their vaccinations. The vaccination roll out hinges on vaccine availability and may be subject to change. Immunization clinics are being organized in 172 communities in BC and will be overseen by local health authorities.

The clinics will be held at large centres, including school gyms, arenas, convention halls and community halls. Mobile clinics will be available for some rural communities and for people who are homebound due to mobility issues. More information about the roll out and registration process will be available in late February.

The best source of COVID-19 vaccine information is the [BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](#).

Home Owner Grant Centralization

Effective 2021 all home owner grant applications must be submitted directly to the BC provincial government through a secure online application. **Municipalities no longer need to and should not accept any applications.** As of February 16, 2021, homeowners can apply for their current year or their retroactive home owner grants online at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant. Homeowners can find information about this change at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or they can call toll free: 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent. **We encourage you to share this information with your residents.** Should you have any questions, please reach out to Kally Khaira, Director, Property Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance, by phone at 778 698-9536 or email Kally.Khaira@gov.bc.ca.

Local Business Support - Launch Online Grant Program

The recently announced new Launch Online Grant Program will provide business owners, including those in hard-hit sectors such as retail, tourism and restaurants, with up to \$7,500 to build or strengthen their online store and promote BuyBC at a local, national and international level. The Province is contributing \$12 million to support about 1,500 eligible BC businesses to build, maintain and market their products and services online. The grant will pay for up to 75% of eligible expenses up to \$7,500 per business to develop or enhance their online store. Applications for this program are now open and businesses can visit launchonline.ca to apply. **We encourage you to promote this opportunity** directly with your business communities and Chambers of Commerce.

Strengthening Communities Funding

The Strengthening Communities Funding is a component of the Safe Restart Fund that will provide support to local governments to address the needs of vulnerable populations. This funding program is currently in development. More information will be available in the coming weeks and we will reach out with these details as soon as we can.

Infrastructure Funding

Local governments can access **infrastructure funding** through a variety of grant programs. If you have questions about local government infrastructure grants, you may also contact the Ministry directly by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca. **At this time, intakes are closed and programs are moving into reviews of the applications submitted.**

Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP): The application window for CERIP is closed; **notifications will occur in February 2021**. If you have any specific questions about this program, contact the Ministry by email at: infra@gov.bc.ca. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/cerip> for more details.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – COVID 19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS): The application window for CVRIS is now closed. **Notifications are planned for this Spring**. Program details can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program

Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Program (ARDM): The application window for ARDM is now closed. **Notifications are planned for this Spring**. Program details can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program. Questions can be emailed to EMBCDisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca.

Infrastructure Planning Grant Program: Intake is open year-round. Local governments can apply for grants that support projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure through the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program. The program is open for applications year-round with regular processing deadlines. See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/infrastructure-planning-grant-program> for more details.

BC Parks

BC Parks is finalizing plans to open camping reservations for the 2021 season. An announcement will be coming soon that will provide details for the upcoming camping season and information related to the Discover Camping reservation service. BC Parks will be working with partners and stakeholders to ensure the season is a safe and successful one.

Connectivity

Minister Osborne appreciates you raising the issue of connectivity in the recent calls, recognizing that working to connect all people in BC – regardless of where they live – is a priority for our government. The Internet is embedded into all aspects of our day-to-day lives as it enables a broad spectrum of possibilities including healthcare, education, culture, public safety, and economic activity. Providing the same level of access, quality and affordability in rural areas as seen in urban areas is a key priority for the Province.

Provincial connectivity work is led by the Ministry of Citizens' Services, and Minister Osborne has an upcoming meeting with Minister Lisa Beare on the province's ongoing work on this file, in conjunction with the federal government.

The next regional calls will be at the end of February and the topic will be on COVID-19 and mental health, as this is a topic that many of you have raised. Minister Osborne will be joined by her colleague, Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, on these calls. Invitations for this meeting were sent February 12, 2021 from Minister Osborne's office.

As Dr. Henry said recently, we are making progress in our efforts to push back on the COVID-19 virus and get to days of fewer restrictions. We can keep this positive, forward momentum going and help keep our province safe through the small efforts we make every day.

Thank you for your continued leadership and collaboration. Staying connected and supporting one another are still important priorities in these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Okenge Yuma Morisho
Deputy Minister



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RCMP Contract committee welcomes nominations

Feb. 17, 2021

UBCM is currently looking to appoint local government representatives from RCMP policed jurisdictions to the British Columbia Local Government Contract Management Committee ([LGCMC](#)). Interested local government elected officials and senior staff members have until March 12, 2021 to apply for nine LGCMC vacancies.

The LGCMC [Terms of Reference](#) stipulates that the Committee consist of representatives from local governments policed by the RCMP. Appointments will be made for terms of two or three years. Due to the variable term appointment structure, all nine positions are vacant for the coming year. The following categories require local government appointments:

- Five representatives from local governments with a population over 15,000, including:
 - Two from outside the Lower Mainland RCMP District;
 - Two from the Lower Mainland RCMP District, but within Metro Vancouver;
 - One from the Lower Mainland RCMP District, but outside Metro Vancouver.
- Two representatives from local governments with a population between 5,000 and 15,000;
- One representative from a regional district; and,
- One representative from a local government with a population under 5,000.

If upon the conclusion of the appointment process one or more member categories remain vacant due to a lack of candidates who meet all criteria, these positions will be filled through the remaining pool of applicants.

The LGCMC is a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between local governments, RCMP and the Province regarding the management of the Agreement under which the RCMP provide local police services in BC. The Committee is mandated to analyze and respond to changes proposed by the federal government and/or RCMP.

The Committee will hold at least two meetings per year, to be held virtually (during the COVID-19 pandemic) or at UBCM's Richmond Office. Elected officials shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, in accordance with UBCM policy.

Interested parties may contact [Bhar Sihota](#), UBCM Senior Policy Analyst, by March 12, 2021. The UBCM Executive will look to make the LGCMC appointments at an upcoming meeting.

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INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

FEBRUARY 22, 2021 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Interior Health

- IH update on COVID-19 outbreak at Royal Inland Hospital
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in the Williams Lake area
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster at Big White
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in the Fernie area
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in Williams Lake area
- IH declares COVID-19 outbreak at Kamloops group home
- IH declares outbreak at Carrington Place in Vernon
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in the Fernie Area
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in the Williams Lake area
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in the Fernie Area
- IH update on COVID-19 cluster in the Williams Lake area
- IH declares outbreak over at Heritage Square in Vernon
- IH COVID-19 outbreak declared over at Cariboo Memorial Hospital
- IH declares outbreak at The Florentine in Merritt
- IH Media Release: Marshall Eliuk Cardiac Interventional and Advanced Heart Rhythm Program opens at Kelowna General Hospital

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Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
2020 MOTIONS					
R-2020-86	"That Council defer the Outdoor Burning Bylaw Report until the COVID-19 pandemic is over and public is able to attend	CAO	COVID-19 orders are lifted to include public input		on temporary hold
R-2020-159	"That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Section 219 'no disturbance' covenant on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft for rezoning application RZ-20-01"	CAO	Property owners have engaged a consultant to clarify the arch site and move forward		in-progress
R-2020-160	"That Council approve staff to research and develop an updated Business License Bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft and bring it back to Council for consideration."	CAO/ Intern/AA	Intern and Admin are working on a draft under the supervision of the CAO		in-progress
2021 MOTIONS					
R-2021-13	"That Council members bring resolution suggestions back to the next meeting keeping in mind a broader based universal issue affecting many municipalities."	Council	January 25th Agenda. No resolution suggestions received		in-progress
R-2021- 40	"That Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft grant funding application to Northern Development Initiative Trust under the Community Spaces funding stream for the development of a Community Garden in the downtown core; and further that Council support the project throughout its duration."	CAO			completed
R-2021-41	"That Council approves the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt request and donate a 2021 Family Season Pass to the Ashcroft Pool."	EA	2021 Family Pool Pass to be done up		completed
R-2021-42	"That the Village of Ashcroft provide \$200 from the public relations fund as a donation to the organizers for the Easter Scavenger Hunt."	CAO/CFO			completed
R-2021-43	"That Council approves the Request for Street Art in the Round, an Elizabeth Fry collaboration with Kathleen Kinasewich to allow art work to be displayed on the fence at the back of the E-Fry and Municipal building."	CAO			completed
R-2021-44	"That Council approve staff to send a letter of support as per the template provided, to Telus, in support of their grant application for funding to expand the broadband service in the Village of Ashcroft."	CAO	Letter or Support		completed

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: February 22, 2021
TO: Council
FROM: Mayor Roden

Assigned Committees:

Finance Committee
 Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)
 Historic Hat Creek Ranch
 Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
 TNRD
 Municipal Insurance Association (MIA)

Alternate Committees:

Health Care
 Communities in Bloom (CiB)

Working Groups:

Economic Development/Tourism WG
 Storm Drainage & Run Off WG
 Trails Master Plan WG
 Fire Department Sustainability WG

February 5: Closed GCCS board meeting (3 p.m.)

An emergency closed board meeting was called on Feb. 4 and took place on Feb. 5.

February 5: Meeting with Interior Health (4 p.m.)

Met by phone with Ian Wood, Interior Health's new (as of Jan. 29, 2021) Director, Clinical Operations, Community and Primary Care – Thompson and South Cariboo to talk about health care challenges and developments in the region.

February 10: COVID-19 Helpline meeting (1 p.m.)

Representatives of the groups involved with the local COVID-19 Helpline met for their monthly meeting. Among the items discussed were the fact the hospice volunteers can once more visit the extended care facility at the hospital; an increased number of requests for emergency shelter in the area; and the need for a central list of the transit options (community bus; volunteer drivers; transportation back from Royal Inland Hospital; commercial bus route to Prince George) available in the community and region.

February 10: Meeting with MP (2 p.m.)

Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon MP Brad Vis met with CAO Dyck and members of council to discuss various issues and challenges in Ashcroft. Among the topics discussed were the future of the Ashcroft HUB; the regional importance of the Bonaparte River and the effects of flooding; the need for municipalities to be able to get information about medical cannabis grow facilities in their community; funding for the Legion; the north Ashcroft reservoir and water to the Ashcroft Band; the grant application for upgrades and renovations at the Ashcroft fire hall; and infrastructure funding.

February 10: Health care round table (3 to 4:30 p.m.)

An expression of interest in a primary care network has been prepared; it would encompass Ashcroft, Lillooet, Lytton, Merritt, and Clearwater. Once the EOI has been approved (which could be slowed down due to COVID-19), a submission will be prepared and submitted. It was noted that there has been a marked increase in opioid use and mental health concerns since the beginning of the pandemic. Physician recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge for rural communities. Possible changes to health care provision in Ashcroft are being considered, which would take into account the desire/need for seven-day-a-week (but not necessarily 24/7) access to health care. Input will be sought from health care providers in the community; it will not be a top-down, unilateral decision. There is no timeline, and while this work will piggyback off some of the data gathered for the PCN, the intent would be to have it in place before the PCN (if that happens).

February 10: Meeting with School District No. 74 (6:30 p.m.)

Members of council and CAO Dyck met via Zoom with trustees and staff from School District No.74 to discuss the property disposal process for the former Ashcroft Elementary School site, which has been operating as the Ashcroft HUB since August 2015. SD74 secretary treasurer Lynda Minnabarriet gave a short presentation about the disposal process, then members of council and CAO Dyck gave their thoughts about the future of the property and their desire to see it continue as the HUB. They also expressed the hope that if the property was offered to the HUB Society, the district would work with them to establish an acceptable timeline.

February 12: Invasive Plant committee workshop (1 to 4 p.m.)

Members of the Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee met via Zoom to visit, discuss, and revise the committee's mission and vision statements, goals, and strategies.

February 18: Mayors' vaccine roundtable (1 p.m.)

As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a weekly roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance as new vaccines are approved and more vaccines arrive.

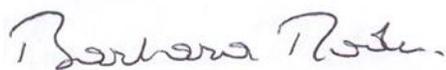
February 18: TNRD regular meeting (1:30 p.m.)

Verbal report to follow, as written report submitted before meeting.

February 19: TNRD Committee of the Whole meeting (9 a.m. to noon)

Verbal report to follow, as written report submitted before meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,
Mayor

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: February 22, 2021
TO: Council
FROM: Councillor Tuohey

Deputy Mayor – November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022

Assigned Committees/WG:

Heritage
 Health Care
 Communities in Bloom
 HUB Society
 Trails Master Plan WG
 Heritage Park / Community Garden WG

Alternate:

Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
 Seniors
 Municipal Insurance Association (MIA)

Busy couple of weeks! I attended the following meetings:

February 9: HUB Society via Zoom.

Main discussion was encouraging people to contact the School Board to inform them on how the HUB is important to them. Brochures and posters had been distributed throughout the Village. They would like the School Board to consider a slow take over to help them adopt during the COVID pandemic. They are going forward with grant applications to repair the roof and upgrade accessibility to all people.

February 10: Meeting with Brad Vis, MP in the Council Chambers (2 pm)

Good conversation about concerns of the community and what we are moving forward with. He is in support of the HUB taking over the former Ashcroft Elementary School and has written letters of support.

February 10: Health Care Round Table via Zoom (3 pm)

Attended my first meeting. Interesting to see how this works and that other rural communities are doing the same sort of things as us. The main focus was on moving forward with a 24/7 Primary Care Network.

February 10: School District No. 74 via Zoom (6:30 pm)

We were each able to give our opinion on how we feel the HUB is a valuable part of our community. They will meet again March 5 and have findings of the public input.

February 16: HAWC Meeting via Zoom

What they are doing is quite exciting. Sheila Corneillie has been working with MLA Jackie Tegar and Interior Health Managers to fast track Ashcroft Health Site into a 7 day week Health Care

Model. They are putting together an Ashcroft working group to help get feedback from the community of the health care needs. Your feedback is important and can be sent to email: info@ahawc.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Tuohey,
Councillor