



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, JULY 26, 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 Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

"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 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, July 26, 2021 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 28, 2021 <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 28, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5

3. DELEGATIONS

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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

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – AFD Constitution <i>That Council approve the Ashcroft Fire Rescue Service Constitution as presented.</i>	P. 6-12

FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – Tremont Creek Wildfire – VOA Response	P. 13-14

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Steve Williams, BCAS-10-7 Association/Society – BC Ambulance Service Crisis <i>Motion required</i>	P. 15-16
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Desert Sands Community School (DSCS) 2021 Bursary Recipients – Thank you.	P. 17-18
7.3	Constantia Resources Ltd. Including Maggie Project – Change in Operator	P. 19
7.4	Teck Resources Limited – Teck Donates to Agencies Supporting Thompson-Nicola Region Wildfire Relief	P. 20
7.5	District of Peachland – BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Discontinuation	P. 21-22
7.6	BC Interior Community Foundation – Annual Fundholder Report	P. 23-25
7.7	South Cariboo Sportsman Association – Thank you	P. 26
7.8	Health Canada Opioid Response Team – Opioid Overdose Crisis in Canada	P. 27-28
7.9	Village of Ashcroft Assessment Management Article published in Local Govt Management Working Group Newsletter	P. 29-31
7.10	Funding from CN	P. 32
7.11	Ashcroft Indian Band Community Report	P. 33
7.12	Southern Interior Construction Association – Kelowna Crane Incident Legacy Fund	P. 34-35
7.13	Flip Chart Correspondence	P. 36

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 37-38
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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

11.1	Mayor Roden - Report	P. 39-41
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	



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 adjourn to a closed meeting under Section 90.1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations.</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT:

6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett- via Zoom
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Deb Tuohey

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

Media

EXCUSED: Councillor, Marilyn Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 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 Roden / Davenport

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 28, 2021 be adopted as amended to include Water Restriction update by Director Bennewith under New Business item 9.1.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-161

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 14, 2021 M/S Davenport / Tuohey <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 14, 2021 be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2021-162
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3. DELEGATIONS

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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.

TNRD Area Resident Gloria Mertens:

Comments:

- 2.1 – Minutes – 5.1 Comment regarding transparency and accountability
- 6.3 – Financial reports - Would like to see updated financials and tax rate bylaw posted to website.
- 6.1 – Will the Fire Department funding be clearly laid out for the public?
- 7.1 – Railway safety – caution again, great to educate the public about track safety, statistic is not specifically accurate to the local area.
- 10.3 – Trail Master Plan – In the interest of transparency, list all those that met with the Consultant in the Meeting notes.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	Public Engagement Draft Policy No. C-01-2021 M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>That, Council approves the Community Engagement Policy No. C-01-2021 as presented or amended to pg 8 circumstances – public A specific geographic community is affected.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-163
5.2	Commercial Filming Draft Policy No. A-02-2021 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>That, Council approves the Commercial Filming Policy No. A-02-2021 as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-164

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.1	CAO Report – ICIP-CVRIS Funding Approval for Fire Hall Renovation M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That the ICIP/CVRIS funding approval be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-165

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	CN – Rail Safety Week 2021 M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That, Council supports national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-166
7.2	South Cariboo Sportsmen Association – Grant-In-Aid Request M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>That, the South Cariboo Sportsmen Association Grant in Aid request be approved for \$500.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-167
7.3	WRAPS – Canada Day Grant-In-Aid Request Mayor Roden recused herself, citing a conflict of interest as she is a member of the Board for WRAPS at 6:18 pm Councillor Davenport assumed the Chair as Deputy Mayor.	

	<p>M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>That, the Winding Rivers Art and Performance Society's Grant in Aid request to host live music at the Canada Day event be approved for \$500.</i> Mayor Roden resumed the Chair at 7:00 pm <i>Event will be postponed due to heat wave</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-168</p>
7.4	<p>Peter Julian, MP (New Westminster-Burnaby) – Seeking endorsement of Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents & Private Member's Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act M/S Roden / Davenport <i>That, a letter of support with the following motion be sent to MP Julian. On behalf of 1558 residents (census 2016), the Mayor and Council of the Village of Ashcroft, endorse MP Julian Peter's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-169</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	TNRD – New Bylaw to Ban Cardboard from Landfills	
7.6	TNRD – Board Highlights of June 17, 2021 Meeting	
7.7	CN to Invest \$460 Million in BC to Ensure the Fluidity and Safety of its Network While Minimizing Greenhouse Gas Emissions	
7.8	UBCM Resolution from the City of North Vancouver – Safe Passing Distance for all Road Users	
7.9	Flip Chart Correspondence	
	<p>M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That the Information items be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-170</p>

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That the Task Manager be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-171</p>
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	<p>Water Restrictions – Brian Bennewith, DPW provided a brief update of current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing the Sand Separator's online has been a frustrating experience for the Village and residents. The cause for multiple postponed Stage 4 restrictions is due to faulty apparatus shipped to Ashcroft; • Extreme heat has caused high water demand; • Reservoirs have reached critical lows several times over the last few days; • WTP is producing near maximum capacity; • Heat is causing alarms on the equipment which is an added pressure; • The scheduled Stage 4 for the next few days. Asking the public to conserve water the best you can, so we can maintain and not be forced to moving into a stage 4; • Send mail out and reminder public to please conserve water; 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Village leads by example and reduces irrigation during extreme weather conditions. Fires and wildfires are here – conserving water helps firefighting efforts 	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	<p>Community Garden – Heritage Park WG Notes – May 26, 2021 M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That the Meeting Notes for the Heritage Park/Community Garden Working Group be received for information.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-172
10.2	<p>Potable Water to AIB WG Notes – June 22, 2021 M/S Tuohey / Roden <i>That, Council consider sending a formal letter to the Ashcroft Indian Band defining our position and setting August 1st as the response date to determine steps forward. If no response is received, table the project.</i> M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That the Potable Water to AIB Working Group notes be received and filed.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-173 CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-174
10.3	<p>Trails Master Plan WG Notes – June 22, 2021 M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That, the Trails Master Plan Working Group notes be received and filed.</i> <i>Amend to include all those that met with the consultant.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-175

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden – Report M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>Motion to receive and file.</i> Comment re efficiency of Vaccination clinic</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-176
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	<p>Councillor Tuohey – Report M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That, Council sends a letter to HAWC in appreciation of their efforts to ensure the provision of ongoing healthcare to the community, and further that, Council send a letter to the Minister of Health, Adrian Dix in support of the proposed new urgent primary care health model and request his support.</i> M/S Roden / Davenport <i>Motion to received and file.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-177 CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-178

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING



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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Anstett / Tuohey

That, the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 28, 2021 be adjourned at 6:48 pm.
CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-179

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday June 28, 2021

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: July 22, 2021
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Ashcroft Fire Rescue – Constitution

Purpose

To request Council approval of the updated Ashcroft Fire Rescue Service constitution.

Recommendation

That, Council approve the Ashcroft Fire Rescue Service Constitution as presented.

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

The Fire Department Working Group has strived to rewrite and update the Constitution for the Fire Department. The Attached Constitution has been reviewed and consolidated all input from the Fire Department members, the working group and is aligned with Fire Safety Act.

The Constitution is before Council for adoption with the full support of the Fire Department and the working group.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Ashcroft Fire Rescue Service Constitution

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

ASHCROFT VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

CONSTITUTION

June 2021

1. **NAME**

This organization shall be known as Ashcroft Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services.

2. **OBJECT**

To provide fire protection and for the prevention of fires in the Village of Ashcroft and Thompson-Nicola Regional district. To provide additional emergency services upon request by authorized personnel, such as but not limited to the Provincial Emergency Program.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

a. **Status**

- i. ***Active Membership*** – Members in good standing who regularly attend and support the object of the department.
- ii. ***Non-Active Membership*** – Members who have been transferred from the active status for reasons such as, but not limited to, sickness, extended holidays or other absences, etc.
- iii. ***Probationary Membership*** – Firefighter candidates who have not yet completed their six (6) month probationary period and/or have not yet been accepted into active membership as covered under section b. **Addition**.
- iv. ***Auxiliary Membership*** – Members, usually past Active Members, who no longer wish to fill an Active Membership role but who are available to fill needs that may occur during major incidents or during large absences of the Active Membership.
- v. ***Honorary Membership*** – Members who, for a variety of reasons, have been given an honorary status. To be eligible must have at least two years of service, and nominated by the Active Membership.
- vi. ***Junior Membership*** – A junior member shall have the same privileges as an active member, except for the following restrictions and conditions:
 - a) The applicant must be the full age of 16 years and may remain a junior member until age 19, at which time application can be made to become an active member.
 - b) Application for Junior Membership shall be made on the form supplied by the department.
 - c) Will not possess or consume any alcohol or similar substances in public or on fire department property.
 - d) Will not be permitted to operate any fire apparatus.

- e) Will not be permitted a key to the Fire Hall.
- f) Will not be permitted to vote on matters of the Fire Department Association.
- g) Will not be permitted to fight fire in a structure.
- h) Junior members shall not attend motor vehicle road rescue calls or ambulance assist calls.
- i) Upon completion of the probationary period, each junior applicant shall be voted upon by the membership for acceptance to active junior member.
- j) Prospective junior members must have their parent or legal guardians written consent.
- k) Prospective junior members shall have a minimum of one active member, other than their parent or guardian, sponsor him/her for application. This regular member will be responsible for ensuring the junior member follows the code of conduct and the fire department constitution and bylaws.
- l) A maximum of three junior members will be permitted at one time in the department at the Chief's discretion.
- m) Upon reaching the age of 19 years, a junior member may request active membership status without the need for formal application and shall be eligible for voting on without the three-month probationary period providing the junior member has been in good standing for at least one year.

b. Addition

- i. New candidates for membership should be residents of the Village of Ashcroft with at least one (1) year's residency. Candidates with less than one year's residency will be considered if they are recommended by a current member. New candidates will be referred to the Chief or delegate for approval to attend regular department practices.

New candidates will have a six (6) month probationary period consisting of three months training without call out. The second half of the probationary period will include call outs. Attendance shall be at minimum 75% during the six (6) month probationary period. Upon meeting probationary and Playbook requirements, and upon the recommendation of the Officers, a candidate may be accepted into active membership by a closed ballot election held by the active members of the department. A 51% acceptance vote is required to be successful.

Candidates must consent to a criminal record and background check conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Candidates must provide an original complete copy of a British Columbia Driver's abstract. Acceptance to membership will be subject to the results of the criminal check and abstract, at the sole discretion of

the Chief. Abstract and criminal check will be required every two years and may be required by request of the Chief.

- ii. Any suspension of driving privileges by ICBC or the RCMP must be reported to the Chief's office immediately.

c. **Deletion**

- i. Any member submitting a written request for the removal of their membership shall have their name removed.
- ii. The death of any member or relocation to another community will require removal of their name.
- iii. Members in good standing may make request to have their name transferred to Non-Active Membership for reasons such as, but not limited to sickness, extended holidays, etc.

d. **Discipline**

- i. **Conduct** – Each firefighter must conduct himself in such a manner as to not disgrace and/or impugn the reputation of the department. Any conduct contrary to this code may lead to disciplinary action. In such a case, the firefighter must be given a fair hearing, convened by the Chief and/or Deputy Chief along with at least two Captains. It is the responsibility of the Chief to carry out the decision of the panel. The Firefighter in question may request the presence of another active member for representation at the hearing (See attached Code of Conduct in Appendix X).
- ii. **Absence** – Notice of absence is required prior to any practice being missed. Failure to notify is deemed an unexcused absence.
- iii. Probationary members with consistent unexcused absences may result in termination.
- iv. **Attendance** - All volunteer firefighters are expected to attend a minimum:
 - 50% of all training practices, and
 - 25% of all call outs
 - excluding auto extrications

All volunteer firefighters are responsible for participating in Department training activities and for maintaining personal and professional competence relative to the skills and knowledge levels required of the perspective position within the Department.

Any volunteer firefighter failing to follow the Operating Procedures that includes attendance, will have their status reviewed by the Fire Chief.

4. OFFICERS

a. Chief

- i. The Chief acts as the “general manager” of the department and assumes those duties prescribed by the Village.

- v. The position of Fire Chief is to be on a posting basis by the Village of Ashcroft. The position will be appointed by Council upon review and qualifications of the applicants. The position will be a four (4) year term with a six (6) month probation. Qualifications to include:
 - a) Two years Officer experience;
 - b) ICS 200;
 - c) BC OFC Playbook Team Leader Qualification;
 - d) LAFC Qualification.

b. Deputy Chief

- i. In the absence of the Chief, the Deputy Chief shall have full charge and control of all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Chief, except those duties pertaining to the local Assistant Fire Commissioner.

- ii. The position of Deputy Fire Chief is to be on a posting basis by the Village of Ashcroft. The position will be appointed by Council in consultation with Fire Chief. The position will be a four (4) year term with a six (6) month probation. Qualifications to include:
 - a) Two years Officer experience;
 - b) ICS 200;
 - c) BC OFC Playbook Team Leader Qualification;
 - d) LAFC Qualification.

c. Captains Officers

- i. The Senior Captain assumes control and responsibility in the absence of both the Chief and Deputy Chief. In general, Captains assume responsibility for duties as assigned by the Chief and/or Deputy Chief.

- ii. Captains will be appointed by the following process:

The position of Captain is to be on a posting basis to the Village of Ashcroft. The position is for a two (2) year term with a three (3) month probation.

Qualifications to include:

 - a) Two years Officer experience;
 - b) ICS 200;

c) BC OFC Playbook Team Leader Qualification.

Qualified prospective Captains are appointed or demoted by the Chief in consultation and with recommendation of all Officers. Final responsibility for appointing and demoting Captains, rests solely with the Chief.

5. **GOVERNMENT**

a. **Administration**

The government of this department and the administration of its affairs shall be by the department and such officers as it may direct. All such positions described under section 4. **Officers**, must be filled by active members. Any other positions may be established from time to time, such business to be conducted at meetings of the fire department and communicated to Council.

b. **Practices**

Regular fire practice is to be held once a week on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (19:00). Practices will last a minimum of two hours. Special practices and work parties may be called from time to time. All officers will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday nights for a pre-practice meeting.

c. **Remuneration**

A remuneration is paid by the Village to the Association for services performed by members of the department. The Association, in turn, gives to each firefighter their remuneration based on the rate for each fire callout and fire practice attended. The Association will retain 100% of the remuneration until such time as the firefighter has paid an amount stipulated from year to year (January 1 to December 31). In case of membership commencing or ceasing part way through a year, this sum will be pro-rated on the basis of how many months service (months of 15 days or more shall be treated as a full month). Any remaining remuneration above this sum will be paid out to the firefighter once per year.

d. **Meetings**

- i. ***Frequency*** – Constitutional Officer Meetings will be monthly and may be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Association.
- ii. ***Voting and Speaking Rights*** – All active members and only active members may speak and vote at official department meetings except special delegations or guests so identified at the start of such meetings.
- iii. ***Calling of Meetings*** – Can be held together with any “duly called” or “emergency” meeting of the Association.
- iv. ***Quorum*** – A quorum for a meeting shall consist of 1/3 of the active membership. The quorum for an officers’ meeting shall be ½ of the said officers.

v. ***Rules-of-Order*** – The meetings of the department shall be governed by ordinary parliamentary rules of order as set out in “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

e. **Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended upon a 2/3 majority vote, providing such proposals are clearly stated in the announcement calling for the meeting. The Constitution should be reviewed at least annually by the Officers or their delegates.

f. **Dissolution**

Should conditions arise that the department dissolves, the assets will be transferred to the Village of Ashcroft.

Wherever referred to “Association” means Ashcroft Firefighter’s Association.

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STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: July 22, 2021
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Tremont Creek Wildfire – VOA Response

Purpose

To provide Council with an update in regards to VOA Tremont Creek Wildfire response and preparedness.

Recommendation

For Information

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

The Tremont Creek fire was discovered July 12, 2021, the Village of Ashcroft's response began July 13th. Ashcroft was placed on Evacuation Alert on July 14, 2021.

- Ashcroft Fire Dept. (AFD) support with structure protection and water source coordination for BC Wildfire Service (BCWS);
- AFD also assists with ongoing patrols, structure protection, liaise with BCWS, Koppers, Ashcroft Terminal (ATL) to provide support;
- VOA office response began in the overnight on July 13th preparing documents, reviewing Emergency Plan, monitoring the situation, and disseminating information to Council and later residents;
- Liaise with AFD to coordinate/approve response outside of Bylaw provisions;
- Establish EOC at Village office to manage village wildfire operations and preparations;
- Ongoing VOA response includes daily participation in BCWS briefing calls, TNRD Public Information meetings, meetings with stakeholders and response agencies and publish daily bulletins. We aim to stay as informed and up to date as possible so we can share the information to the community;
- Regular communication with AFD, BCWS, EMBC, TNRD EOC,
- As needed communication and meetings with RCMP, BCEHS, IHA, E-Fry, HUB, SD#74, BC Transit, Yellowhead Community Services for the coordination of emergency measures and best practices and establish agency responsibilities if an evacuation order is implemented;
- Advocate for fire suppression services for industrial properties at risk;
- Act as liaison to coordinate access permits to evacuation zones for essential services and industrial sites;
- Tour ATL and Koppers to learn about safety measures implemented to protect industry and community;
- PW staff continuous effort to fire guard throughout the community and identify areas of risk;
- Installation of irrigation at Mesa Fire Guard – completed by volunteers, business and FD members;

- Contact residents, property owners, agencies to fire guard private property for fire risk mitigation;
- Coordinate continuity plan with staff for business and essential services in the event of an evacuation order;
- Coordinate evacuation transportation plan for vulnerable residents in collaboration with the HUB and E-Fry;
- Regular communication to keep Council informed;
- Monitor Social media sites, respond when necessary;
- Ongoing planning and communications to inform and protect the community.

To summarize, it is a continuous ongoing effort by staff, public works, fire department and outside agencies to plan and implement emergency management strategies while liaising with all involved external agencies for the ongoing safety of all Ashcroft residents, businesses and industry while continuing to provide all daily municipal services and functions.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Williams [<mailto:srthemiwilliams@gmail.com>]

Sent: July 11, 2021 8:52 PM

To: hotspot@lytton.ca; info@lumby.ca; districtofloganlake@loganlake.ca; reception@lionsbay.ca; info@lillooet.ca; district@lantzville.ca; info@tol.ca; info@langleycity.ca; administration@langford.ca; general@lakecowichan.ca; admin@lakecountry.bc.ca; info@ladysmith.ca; districtofkitimat@kitimat.ca; info@kimberley.ca; town@keremeos.ca; clee@kentbc.ca; ask@kelowna.ca; info@kamloops.ca; info@invermere.net; tonia@hudsonshope.ca; doh@houston.ca; info@hope.ca; finance.greenwoodcity@shaw.ca; general@villageofgranisle.ca; info@grandforks.ca; enquiries@golden.ca; info@goldriver.ca; info@gibsons.ca; ktuttle@village.fruitvale.bc.ca; rjholland@fraserlake.ca; info@fortstjohn.ca; district@fortstjames.ca; cityhall@fernie.ca; info@esquimalt.ca; info@cityofenderby.com; info@elkford.ca; duncan@duncan.ca; clerks@delta.ca; admin@dawsoncreek.ca; info@cumberland.ca; info@creston.ca; info@cranbrook.ca; info@courtenay.ca; feedback@coquitlam.ca; town@comox.ca; info@colwood.ca; info@coldstream.ca; admin@village.clinton.bc.ca; admin@docbc.ca; info@chilliwack.com; d-chet@gochetwynd.com; chase@chasebc.ca; municipalhall@csaanich.ca; castlegar@castlegar.ca; village@canalflats.ca; info@campbellriver.ca; admin@cachecreek.info; village@burnslake.ca; clerks@burnaby.ca; bim@bimbc.ca; belcarra@belcarra.ca; inquiry@barriere.ca; Maike Mayden <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>; info@cityofarmstrong.bc.ca; village.hall@anmore.com; officeclerk@alertbay.ca; info@abbotsford.ca; district@100milehouse.com

Subject: B.C. Ambulance Service Crisis

Good Day Ladies & Gentlemen,

We write to you today with a plea for the survival of our once world renowned B.C. Ambulance Service. You are the peoples voice. Please... encourage our Provincial Government to put the B.C. Ambulance Service back in the hands of Emergency Health Services Commission under the Ministry of Health. The provision of emergency medical services is the responsibility of the Provincial government. Your tax payers should not be burdened with supplementing their failures.

The BCAS 10-7 Association Society is a group of 274 retired BC Ambulance Service professionals. Our membership is comprised of trailblazers in BC's Emergency Medical Services including Paramedics, Managers, Emergency Dispatchers and Support Staff. Our years of experience and broad understanding of BC Ambulance Service mandate and history make us subject matter experts in the complex field of pre-hospital care and emergency management in BC. We have watched with concern over the past weeks, months and years as the BC Ambulance Service has been neglected and mismanaged to the point of imminent failure and are compelled to speak out today.

The BC Ambulance Service was established in 1974 to provide comprehensive and effective emergency medical services for all residents of British Columbia. Through dedicated first responders and effective leadership BCAS became a world-renowned emergency service, emulated by many both within Canada and abroad. It is distressing to witness the degradation of the service that we were a part of building and once proud of. It is important to note that the service breakdown that unfolded over the course of the recent heatwave did not suddenly happen over the past week. There has been a systematic dismantling of BCAS starting in 2010 with the removal of the Emergency Health Services Commission, an arm's length branch of the Ministry of Health.

The government placed the service under the umbrella of the Provincial Health Services Authority, an organization with no experience in pre-hospital emergency services. The entire operational structure was dismantled, and the experienced Operational Managers and leaders were replaced with health care administrators. The costs of these so called "labour adjustments" soared into hundreds of thousands of dollars in severance and legal costs. The loss of operational expertise was immeasurable. Following these "adjustments" the number of non-operational staff skyrocketed as much as 10-fold, while the workload of emergency responders was stretched beyond capacity. The physical and mental health of Paramedics and Dispatchers plummeted yet the senior administrative staff appeared to be more focused on "changing the culture" of proud Paramedics rather than advancing a strong, resilient, and cost-effective emergency service for the citizens of BC.

We have watched our colleagues suffer through these ill-conceived, damaging changes. The unimaginably long waits for service and negative patient outcomes as a result of a poorly managed system are inexcusable. We say enough is enough. The citizens of BC deserve better. The hard-working, caring, and dedicated Paramedics and Dispatchers deserve better. We call on the Minister of Health to take immediate action and restore the BC Ambulance Service to the efficient provincial service that it was designed to be. Provide adequate funding and support to attract and retain talented paramedics and dispatchers. Consult with the expertise within the ranks of BCAS to identify deficiencies and solutions. Trim the unnecessary and costly non-operational staff and redirect those funds back to front line care. And above all, show respect and compassion to your front-line workers who have endured years of neglect through dysfunctional decision making by unqualified leaders in senior management. The BCAS 10-7 Association/Society offers our support in finding solutions to secure a healthy future for the BC Ambulance Service, the Paramedics and Dispatchers who proudly serve, and the people of British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of all retired and dedicated active Paramedics and Dispatchers.

Steve Williams
BCAS-10-7 Association/Society
President
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"Serving Those Who Have Served"
Semper Memoria

Dear Village of Ashcroft

I am so thankful for our
generous community for giving
so much to my class and I.
your donation will help me
achieve my goal of becoming
an emergency room nurse
and traveling the world
through my job.

Rhea Little



Thank you

Dear Village of Ashcroft,
Thank you for awarding me a bursary.
My future plans are to head to TRU,
go into my first year of Bachelor
of Science, and head into the Vet.
Tech program in 2022. Having some
financial support will immensely benefit
me in my academic endeavours. I am
extremely grateful for this bursary.

Sincerely,

Gaurangi Benner - Tapia



Thank you



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Village of Ashcroft
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July 5, 2021

Via email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Change in Operator

I am writing to inform you that from 18th June 2021, CD Capital¹ was appointed the operator of Constantia Resources Ltd (Constantia) including its Maggie Project. Through a mutually agreed transition, Hunter Dickinson Inc. (HDI) will no longer be the operator of Constantia or the Maggie Project.

CD Capital is a global group with a successful history of hands on natural resource development who is also the majority shareholder in Constantia and has been actively involved in the Maggie Project's development since 2014. CD Capital is a multi-generational technical team of geologists, engineers and mining professionals with significant knowledge of the mining sector across its different disciplines.

The Maggie project remains on care and maintenance, and I will remain as your key point of contact. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 604-360-6536 or JasonQuigley@constantiaresources.com.

Best regards,

Jason Quigley
Executive Vice President, Regulatory and Stakeholder Affairs

cc: Genevieve Madden & Olivia Chant-Tuft, CD Capital

¹ The CD Capital group comprises of CD Capital Natural Resources Fund II Master L.P (the shareholder in Constantia) and CD Capital Asset Management Limited (the CD Capital operational management team entity) (CD Capital)

For Immediate Release

Date: July 7, 2021

Teck Donates to Agencies Supporting Thompson-Nicola Region Wildfire Relief

Logan Lake, B.C. – Teck Resources Limited (“Teck”) today announced a donation of up to \$75,000 to various agencies to support emergency relief efforts for local communities affected by the wildfires in the Thompson-Nicola Region. This includes \$50,000 in donations to agencies providing relief services and up to \$25,000 to match donations made by Teck employees. In addition, Teck is engaging directly with Indigenous communities in the region to support wildfire relief efforts.

“Our thoughts are with all those impacted by the wildfires throughout the Thompson-Nicola Region,” said Jason Sangha, General Manager, Teck Highland Valley Copper Operations. “We will continue to work with our partners in the region to identify opportunities where we can offer support to affected people and communities.”

Agencies supported through Teck’s donation include:

- The United Way
- Local Food Banks (Nicola Valley and District Food Bank; Kamloops Food Bank; Ashcroft and Area Food Bank)
- The Red Cross
- BC SPCA

Updates regarding the current wildfire situation can be found online through the BC Wildfire Service at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

About Teck

As one of Canada’s leading mining companies, Teck is committed to responsible mining and mineral development with major business units focused on copper, zinc, and steelmaking coal, as well as investments in energy assets. Green metals and high-quality steelmaking coal are required for the transition to a low-carbon world. Headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, Teck’s shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbols TECK.A and TECK.B and the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TECK. Learn more about Teck at www.teck.com or follow [@TeckResources](https://twitter.com/TeckResources).

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June 9, 2021

The Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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The Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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RE: BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)

Dear Ministers Osborne and Heyman,

The recent decision to discontinue the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) has the District of Peachland deeply concerned, as this decision will impact our municipality's ability to reach our climate action goals and targets.

The District has used CARIP funding for numerous initiatives including the addition of an Electric Utility Vehicle to the District's fleet, installation of LED street lights, and the development of a Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) that will aid in improving energy efficiency, reduce green house gas emissions, and foster local green energy solutions.

The Province's decision to end CARIP will have negative implications for communities across BC. The most significant of these is the loss of reliable, consistent, and flexible funding. Without funding through CARIP many communities will be unable to continue the work that they are doing to reach climate action goals and targets as mandated by the Province. While there may be climate-related grants available, now and in the future, they often require an extensive application process, and our acceptance for a grant can not be relied upon or anticipated when planning our climate action goals.

Moving forward, Peachland Council recommends consultation with BC Municipalities in order to development an alternative program with the same consistency and reliability. A simplified process for applying and reporting is also encouraged.

Peachland Council strongly urges the Province of BC to reinstate CARIP until such time as consultation with local governments is complete and an alternate program is established.

Sincerely,



Cindy Fortin

Mayor

District of Peachland

CC: Premier John Horgan
Brian Frenkel, President UBCM
All BC Municipalities



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June 24, 2021

Dear Fund Holder,

It is again time for our annual Fundholder Report. The BC Interior Community Foundation (BCICF) Board of Directors is pleased to share our successes in 2020 and report on your Fund's performance over the last year. Please review your fund statement for January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020 and let us know if you have any questions.

The year 2020 has been challenging for everyone. For the BCICF, initial fluctuations in market conditions and general economic uncertainty were of particular concern. Despite the issues arising from the global pandemic, the BCICF achieved a gross return of 4.84% on investments for 2020. This year the creation of several new Funds, including Community Funds, Agency Funds and Donor Advised Funds, has continued to bolster our support for charities in our area.

For 2020, the BC Interior Community Foundation will be distributing \$489,877 in Interest Income to support grants, scholarships and bursaries throughout our Thompson-Nicola and South Cariboo regions. Nearly \$67,000 of that distribution is through Community Project Grants.

One of the key features of our continued success is our competitive value for service – with only 1% of the annual earned interest applied to upholding our charitable status and offsetting administrative costs. This ensures our Fundholder endowments continue in perpetuity.

The BCICF continues to be grateful for additional community support through our strategic partnerships with The Stollery Charitable Foundation and Vancouver Foundation, who help us to provide critical funding to core social support service organizations in our region throughout the year. In addition to our core service delivery, in 2020 the BCICF - in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada - supported the regional rollout of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). Through ECSF, the BC Interior Community Foundation was instrumental in adjudicating and distributing nearly \$220,000 in federal grants throughout the Thompson-Nicola & South Cariboo regions to help offset impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on crucial local charitable and social services. The BCICF and our community partners are grateful for the respective support.

The Foundation exists only through the community-minded commitment of you - the Fundholder – as well as our tireless Volunteers who serve on the Board and various external Committees, and the generosity of our Donors. The BC Interior Community Foundation represents Value, Integrity and Impact - again, thank you for the continued support!

Sincerely yours,

Rob Lemire – President, BCICF





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Fund Name: Ashcroft-Cache Creek Community Fund
Fund Statement Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2020

Opening Endowed Fund Balance - Jan 1, 2020	\$1,280.00
Add: Transfer from 2019 Interest	\$-
Net Opening Endowed Fund Balance	\$1,280.00
Add: Contributions 2020	\$-
Add: Transfers from Accrued Interest	\$1,288.08
Add: Transfers from other funds	\$-
Closing Endowed Fund Balance - Dec 31, 2020	\$2,568.08
Opening Interest Balance - Jan 1, 2020	\$1,960.52
Less: Transfer 2019 Interest to Endowed	\$-
Add: Transfer Interest from another fund	\$-
Less: Transfer Interest to another fund	\$-
Less: Grants - 2019 - Paid in 2020	\$-
Net Opening Interest Balance	\$1,960.52
Add: Top Up/Flow Thru 2020	\$-
Less: Grants paid out in 2020	\$-
Add: Net Interest & Dividends 2020	\$219.38
Less: BCICF Admin Fee (1%) 2020	\$45.29
Closing Interest Balance - Dec 31, 2020	\$2,134.61
Scheduled Interest Transfers & Distributions in 2021	
Transfers 2020 Interest to Endowed	\$-
Grants - 2020 Interest to be paid in 2021	\$-
Interest Transfer from/(to) other funds	\$-
Net 2020 Interest for Allocation in 2021	\$-

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Joan Jones

Thank
you

From: Laponsee, Tanya (HC/SC) <tanya.laponsee@canada.ca> **On Behalf Of** Novak, Jennifer (HC/SC)
Sent: July 13, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Opioid Overdose Crisis in Canada

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden,

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 14, 2021, addressed to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, concerning the opioid overdose crisis in Canada. We appreciate you forwarding the resolution that the Village of Ashcroft Council passed on January 11, 2021. I have been asked to respond to you directly. While I cannot determine why there has been such a long delay in receiving your letter, it is unacceptable. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding.

I am grateful for the time that you took to share your concerns with us. Hearing from concerned communities like yours is important to us. The Government of Canada has made it a priority to listen to Canadians most impacted by problematic substance use and the opioid overdose crisis to inform a comprehensive, collaborative, and compassionate response. We recognize the complexity and the devastating impacts that the crisis is having on individuals, our friends, families, and communities across the country.

The Government of Canada's approach to substance use issues has been guided by our federal drug strategy – the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy (CDSS). The CDSS takes a public health-focused approach, and lays out our framework for evidence-based actions to reduce the harms associated with substance use in Canada. It includes four key pillars – prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement.

Since the introduction of the CDSS in 2016, the Government of Canada has taken evidence-based [action to address the opioid overdose crisis](#) through investments of over \$700 million as well as legislative and regulatory action. As part of this investment, Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$116 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, building on \$66 million invested in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement, for the Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) to support a range of innovative approaches to harm reduction, treatment, and prevention at the community level.

We understand and share your concerns regarding the challenges in connecting people to appropriate services in a fragmented treatment landscape. While provinces and territories are generally responsible for funding and delivery of treatment services, the federal government has a role to play in making sure appropriate and evidence-based treatment options are available. We continue to support efforts to increase access to harm reduction services, such as supervised consumption sites; strengthen enforcement to help reduce the toxic illegal drug supply; increase awareness and prevention efforts, including addressing substance use stigma; and, build the evidence base through investments in research and surveillance.

We have taken actions to reduce barriers to providing people who use drugs with a safer, pharmaceutical-grade alternative to the toxic illegal drug supply. For example, Health Canada has eased restrictions on pharmacists and the transportation of controlled substances, to make it easier for people to access the medications they need during the COVID-19 pandemic while following public health advice, such as physical distancing. Health Canada's SUAP is currently funding 18 safer supply projects that are offering services across 30 sites in five provinces. This represents total investments of \$59.9 million across British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova

Scotia. These investments will help provide pathways to care and treatment. The evaluation of these innovative projects will continue to build the evidence base to support the scaling up of effective models.

The provision of health care services is, with a few exceptions, a provincial and territorial responsibility, not a federal one. While recent regulatory flexibilities at the federal level have helped reduce barriers, expansion of safer supply services requires the buy-in of provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, relevant professional and regulatory bodies, and health care providers who can prescribe the relevant medications and provide care to people with substance use disorders. We continue to engage with these stakeholders to inform them about safer supply and encourage them to look within their sphere of influence and work to remove barriers to this promising practice.

Further, the Government of Canada continues to support the use of programs that create pathways away from the criminal justice system toward appropriate health services and social supports. For example, in August 2020, the Public Prosecution Service of Canada [issued](#) guidance to prosecutors stating that alternatives to prosecution should be considered for simple possession offences, except when there are serious aggravating circumstances. On February 18, 2021, the Department of Justice Canada introduced [Bill-C-22](#), which would repeal mandatory minimum penalties for drug-related offences and require police and prosecutors to consider other responses to some drug-related offences, such as diversion to addiction treatment programs.

Concerning the declaration of a national public health emergency, the federal government has publicly recognized and committed to responding to the opioid overdose crisis and is already using the broad range of powers at its disposal. Declaring a public health emergency and invoking the federal Emergencies Act, to manage critical situations of a temporary nature, would not provide any additional measures that would support our immediate or longer-term response efforts. The comprehensive federal response has included reducing legislative and regulatory barriers, awareness campaigns, improving the knowledge base and providing emergency funding to provinces and territories, which were put in place without a formal declaration of a public health emergency.

The opioid overdose crisis is a complex public health issue and we recognize that no single organization or level of government can solve this situation alone. The Government remains committed to working with a wide range of partners – including the provinces and territories, people who use drugs and with lived and living experience, Indigenous peoples and racialized communities, civil society organizations, public health and law enforcement leaders – to determine the best ways to support people who use substances, advance solutions to save lives and help reverse this national public health crisis while recognizing that problematic substance use must be treated as a health condition. Thank you again for taking the time to share your views.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Novak
Executive Director
Opioid Response Team
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UBCM Community Excellence Award: Village of Ashcroft - Frugal Asset Management for Small Municipalities & First Nations

Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer, Village of Ashcroft

Excellence in Asset Management - Honourable Mentions

Ashcroft is a small, picturesque municipality of 1,558 residents on the banks of Thompson. Similar to most small municipalities, we face greater financial constraints than our larger counterparts due to our smaller tax base and find it a challenge to dedicate resources for asset management, mapping and GIS. These services are increasingly expected by our residents and invaluable in proactively managing and visualizing assets. After an extensive review of commercial solutions, we found they were not financially feasible or customizable for our needs. Being frugal (and ambitious), we instead embarked on developing our own solutions in-house.

Two years of iterative development later, we succeeded in developing an innovative, cloud-based solution which eliminates cost of licencing software and the need to create a dedicated position for asset management & GIS.



The case study demonstrates that grassroots innovation using open source to build an integrated system can allow a smaller municipality to proactively manage assets and provide a level of service exceeding that of many larger counterparts at a fraction of the cost of commercial alternatives. The key lies in utilizing the cloud so that knowledge and expertise can be easily shared, while having an integrated system that eliminates duplication and wasted effort.

Ashcroft's system boasts an integrated central asset repository that pulls together asset, financial and cadaster data. This feeds directly into our GIS system generating a multitude of maps for the public and for staff. It connects to our Business Intelligence system and generates reports for council and for public. Our asset management plan is 'live' i.e. directly linked to the central repository and easily refreshed with the most current data.

Sustainably managing assets is critical to service delivery. Having an empirical, data driven approach to asset management that drives logical decisions and conveys information appropriately to both council and the public is fundamental to building excellence in asset management. The major barrier for the smaller, rural municipalities has been the cost and complexity of asset management systems that necessitate hiring more technically trained staff and expenditures in software and consulting. The ability to bring together the disparate data into one system and convert that data into information that is understandable and timely for decisions and providing a platform to share expertise over the cloud cost-effectively has proven invaluable to Ashcroft.

In addition, adopting an open-source, standards-based approach (OGS Simple Features Standard, ISO 19125) enables easy portability of our data and prevents lock-in

common in some proprietary systems. Critically, we retain full ownership of our increasingly valuable asset – our data; building portability and standards into the system facilitates those rights.

COVID-19 is providing an increased impetus for a frugal and collaborative approach to asset management. We have begun working with our neighbouring municipality of Cache Creek and have applied together for FCM MAMP grant. Keeping fingers crossed! In addition, we're looking to collaborate and expand out trails mapping to include Ashcroft Indian Band as part of our trails master plan. Another upcoming collaboration is with our local Communities in Bloom group. We will be working together to create a Tree inventory, categorized under natural assets. This has been a request from CIB for a number of years and it is great to finally have the capability with our new field collection app to be able to easily capture this information and display it on an interactive map. Another offshoot of the work has been a Cemetery Management System which has automated our paper-based cemetery maps and made search and updates a breeze. Furthermore, our residents are able search the cemetery on our web map and find the location of internments.



Quantifying Benefits

Apart from a flexible system that is responsive to our needs, we accrue significant savings in licence fees and in staffing cost. We estimate that to offer the same level of service to our residents for asset management & GIS, we would have to spend between \$20K to \$30K in annual licence fees (GIS, AM, Web Mapping & BI) and at least \$45K annually in salary and benefits for a part-time GIS/AM staff. Is there additional work for current staff? The answer is unfortunate 'yes' but with an integrated system it is much reduced and results in savings in other areas such as LDGE reporting, statistical reports and amortization reports for financial statements.

Evolution of Open Source development for municipalities

The success in applying standards based, open source approach to the AM/GIS system for Ashcroft is fostering innovation that has potential to apply open source technologies to number of municipal challenges including innovations to accounting systems, IoT and AI with central repositories having potential to replace current mechanisms of information sharing such as LDGE etc. Furthermore, the rapidly rising cost of technology can be reined in leading to greater accessibility for smaller municipalities and their residents. This work will build gradually over the next few years as we continue to learn and adapt our skills. Expect to hear more innovative solutions coming out of rural Ashcroft for small communities and first nations which can help level the playing field for rural municipalities.

Web links:

<https://ashcroftbc.ca/geographic-information-system-gis/>

<https://ashcroftbc.ca/services/asset-management/>

From: Gul Gulsen [<mailto:GulsenG@bennettjones.com>] **On Behalf Of** Christy Clark
Sent: July 18, 2021 2:00 PM
Subject: Funding from CN

Dear Mayor,

I hope this note finds you well. This has been an uncertain and difficult time for everyone in BC and much of the burden of responding to the pandemic and forest fires has fallen on the shoulders of public officials and community service organizations like yours. Thank you for everything you're doing to keep your community strong and resilient.

One of the many things that has been keeping me busy since my retirement from public life, has been chairing the CN Community Board.

Our Board directs funding to smaller, community based organizations across the province, focusing in particular on communities that host CN Rail infrastructure. Our average donation has ranged from \$5,000 - \$10,000 for each organization. The range of groups we have supported is broad - building bike trails, rehabilitating cemeteries, supporting hospice, and funding for women's shelters, among many others.

I am enclosing a link to the CN Community Board on-line application. If you know of any organizations that are seeking donor support, please feel free to forward the link to the directly.

<https://grantstream.com/CN/form/default/en/>

Again, thank you for your dedicated community service during this pandemic. Good leadership is a vital ingredient in getting through difficult times. Stay safe and healthy.

Kindest regards,

Christy Clark
Former Premier of BC, 2011-2017



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ASHCROFT INDIAN BAND



April 26, 2021

We are thrilled to give you a copy of our latest *Community Report* and offer a huge thank you for any part you played in our recovery and rebuilding after the 2017 wildfires and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Without your help and support, we could not have successfully rebuilt our community and offered so many services and programs to our members.

This newsletter illustrates the Ashcroft Indian Band's resilience and determination to create a safe and thriving community. We will continue our momentum with the knowledge our partnerships are a huge part of our success.

Thank you so much!

Chief Greg Blain

Councilor Dennis Pittman

Councilor Earl Blain

From: SICA Communications [<mailto:communications@sicabc.ca>]

Sent: July 19, 2021 11:15 AM

To: Maike Mayden <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>

Subject: Donate: Kelowna Crane Incident Legacy Fund

www.sicabc.ca



Administrative,

Through the SICA Fund and in partnership with the Construction Foundation of BC, we are organizing the *Kelowna Crane Incident Legacy Education Fund*. This fund is a tribute to the individuals who tragically lost their lives from the Brooklyn Site Incident on July 12th, 2021. The funds raised through this fund will go towards supporting future post-secondary education for the children of the victims in this tragedy.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic crane accident in Kelowna on July 12. Our hearts are grieving for the families, friends, and co-workers of those victims of this terrible event.

It is not the intent to take any attention away from the current GoFundMe campaigns that have been established by the families. Rather, this campaign serves as an additional avenue and opportunity to be able to build a fund that will be able to cover the victims' children's education.

Donations to this fund can be made on SICA's website, <https://sicabc.ca/donate/>, all donors will receive a tax receipt. Alternatively, there are instructions on the website for donations made by cheque.

[Read full press release.](#)

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INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

July 26, 2021 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Interior Health

- IH Warns of Extreme Heat Alert
- IH gearing up to administer second doses of COVID-19 vaccine at record pace
- IH monitoring wildfire activity
- IH and BCAA extend Mobile Vaccination Clinics through July
- IH declares COVID-19 outbreak on Royal Inland Hospital unit
- IH monitoring McKay Creek wildfire
- IH evacuates Castlegar long term care residents
- IH update on Castlegar long term care wildfire evacuations
- IH heat warning reminders
- Appointment of administrator ends at Summerland Senior's Village
- IH responding to Thompson-Cariboo region wildfires
- IH wildfire related power loss reminders
- IH declares COVID-19 outbreak over at Royal Inland Hospital unit
- IH wildfire preparations and readiness
- IH monitoring Nk'Mip Creek Wildfire
- IH extends administrator at The Florentine in Merritt
- IH responding to Wise Man Creek wildfire
- 20,000 does milestone for IH's rural and urban mobile immunization clinics
- IH declares COVID-19 outbreak at Nelson Jubilee Manor

City of Mississauga

- Virtual Canada Day and standing in solidarity with Indigenous communities across Canada

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker - 2021		June			
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
2020 MOTIONS					
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/EA/AA	Research and draft ongoing		in-progress
2021 MOTIONS					
R-2021-80	"That Council direct staff to develop a communication strategy for public engagement and not amend Bylaw No. 834, and include a guideline of what and how information can be communicated by Council on social media."	CAO	Develop a communication strategy for public engagement including guideline for information communicated by Council on social media		in-progress
R-2021-99	That, Council approve staff to move forward with the purchase and installation of one appropriately sized stationary Community Message Sign to be displayed near the Wagon on Highway 97C, and further that up to \$10,000 be allocated in the budget for the project.	CAO	sign is purchased and delivered. Installation will be scheduled by PW		installation pending
R-2021-148	That, the amended Community Engagement Draft Policy No. C-01-2021 be brought back for review at the next Council meeting.	CAO	Amend		completed
R-2021-149	That, Council reviews the Commercial Filming Draft Policy No. A-02-2021 draft and bring it back for decision at another meeting.	CAO			completed
R-2021-150	That, Council direct Staff to schedule UBCM meetings with: Public Safety – RCMP Staffing at the Detachment Meeting with Health – changes coming to our health center BC Hydro- street lighting costs, EV Stations And the staff recommended Ministers as per the report.	CAO	Schedule meetings		completed
R-2021-153	That, Council donates a family swim pass for the Ashcroft HUB	EA	Email		completed
R-2021-156	That, Council direct staff to contact the FD working group to gather feedback on what if any regulations and or permits they would like to see in place for backyard campfires and bring that information back to COTW	CAO			completed
R-2021-163	That, Council approves the Community Engagement Policy No. C-01-2021 as presented or amended to pg 8 circumstances – public A specific geographic community is affected.	CAO			completed
R-2021-164	That, Council approves the Commercial Filming Policy No. A-02-2021 as presented.	CAO			completed
R-2021-166	That, Council supports national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.	CAO			completed
R-2021-167	That, the South Cariboo Sportsmen Association Grant in Aid request be approved for \$500.	CAO	Cheque Request processed		completed
R-2021-168	That, the Winding Rivers Art and Performance Society's Grant in Aid request to host live music at the Canada Day event be approved for \$500.	CAO	Cheque Request processed		completed
R-2021-169	That, a letter of support with the following motion be sent to MP Julian. On behalf of 1558 residents (census 2016), the Mayor and Council of the Village of Ashcroft, endorse MP Julian Peter's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.	CAO	Letter of Support be written		completed

R-2021-173	That, Council consider sending a formal letter to the Ashcroft Indian Band defining our position and setting August 1st as the response date to determine steps forward. If no response is received, table the project.	CAO	Letter be written		completed
R-2021-177	That, Council sends a letter to HAWC in appreciation of their efforts to ensure the provision of ongoing healthcare to the community, and further that, Council send a letter to the Minister of Health, Adrian Dix in support of the proposed new urgent primary care health model and request his support.	CAO	Letter be written		completed

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: July 26, 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

July 5: TNRD special meeting

The board of directors met to discuss two motions: one to ask the Province to declare a province-wide State of Emergency because of the wildfire situation, and one to ask the Province to ban back country activities in the region due to the high fire risk. The former was defeated, the latter passed.

July 7: Interior Health/Ashcroft Hospital site

I spoke with several people at IH to see about getting the dry grass/weeds/sagebrush around the hospital/health site cut down, as there were concerns within the community that it was a fire hazard. The vegetation around the hospital/health site, and nearby RCMP detachment, was cut down on July 8.

July 8: Mayors' vaccine roundtable

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. It was confirmed that a vaccine clinic would be taking place in Ashcroft on July 22, intended for people who have not yet received their first COVID-19 jab; no registration or appointment necessary. [Note: The clinic was cancelled by IH due to the wildfire/smoke issues; it will be rescheduled when conditions allow.]

July 9: Meeting with MP

CAO Dyck and I met with Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon MP Brad Vis during his visit to Ashcroft to discuss various matters, including concerns about CN operations in Ashcroft (specifically track work that was due to start on July 5 but was delayed because of the heatwave). We also spoke about the housing situation (specifically the difficulty of interesting developers in Ashcroft and

other small communities when there is plentiful work in larger centres closer to their businesses/workforce).

July 14: COVID-19 roundtable helpline

I was unable to attend this meeting because of the wildfire situation and developments with the Tremont Creek wildfire that necessitated issuing an evacuation alert for the village.

July 15: TNRD policy committee meeting

The committee looked at changes made to a number of Board policies and some policies that are recommended for deletion, and discussed a new draft policy regarding the duties and responsibilities of alternate directors.

July 15: Meeting with CN

CAO Dyck, DPW Bennewith, and I went on-site to meet with CN representatives to get an overview of the work CN is doing in the community, the anticipated timeline, safety challenges, and their safety plan. Communication was stressed, and CN will send information to the village about their work and safety plans so that it can be communicated to residents.

July 15: TNRD regular board meeting

The Board voted to authorize the execution of a contract for the construction of a new Eco-Depot in the Cache Creek/Ashcroft area for the tendered price of \$2,349,061.26. Although this price exceeds the budget estimate for the project, the shortfall will be covered under the existing solid waste service budget and the tax requisition will not increase. The Board also revisited the question of a province-wide State of Emergency, and a motion asking the Province to declare same passed unanimously.

July 16: Gold Country Communities Society

The Board heard that GCCS continues to promote the message 'Support Local'. The Gold Country Geotour has been heavily impacted by recent wildfires, and 23 caches are currently disabled. Maintenance is ongoing, and once it is safe, geocaches in wildfire areas will be replaced, most likely in 2022. The Visitor Guide is in the layout stage, and advertising across various outlets continues.

July 21: Friends of Historic Hat Creek

The deck expansion is going ahead. Various staffing issues were discussed. The wildfire/smoke/highway situation is being constantly monitored. There have been ongoing issues with the sewage system, which is causing some problems.

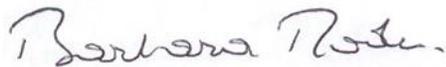
Since the beginning of the month I have attended close to two dozen information sessions put on by the TNRD, Emergency Management BC, and BC Wildfire Service regarding the wildfires in the region (generally) and the Tremont Creek wildfire (specifically).

There have been numerous meetings/communications with staff and with the TNRD over the fires.

The fires have received a lot of attention from media: first the Lytton fire, and more recently the many wildfires in the area and Tremont Creek in particular. I've spoken with numerous media outlets (radio and TV) locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally to provide information about the situation.

I'd like to extend a huge and heartfelt 'Thank you' to all Village of Ashcroft staff and crew for their extraordinary work during this very difficult and stressful time. The communication with the public has been exemplary, and everyone has gone out of their way to put the safety of the village and its residents first, all while carrying on with day-to-day business. We have a team that is second-to-none, and is one of the many reasons I'm proud to say I'm from Ashcroft.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,
Mayor