



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, JUNE 13, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 13, 2022 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, 2022 M/S <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 24, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1 - 5

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Ryan Lake, Barn Dance on Railway Avenue Information for August 19, 2022	P. 6 - 7
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	NONE	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

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FOR INFORMATION		

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
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8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker M/S	P. 44 - 45
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	NONE	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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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	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	NONE	
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14. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT
6:00 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

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

Media – 1
 Public –

EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday May 24, 2022 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 Anderson / Anstett

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday May 24, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-137

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday May 9, 2022 M/S Davenport / Tuohey <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday May 9, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-138
2.2	Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting held Monday May 9, 2022 M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting held Monday May 9, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-139

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.

Gloria Mertens - TNRD AREA I
Submitted in writing to media

- Local Transit Agreement – Clarification requested in regards to rider pick up and drop off outside of participating municipalities.
- Finance questions in regards to the net local transit costs – CFO will respond with email financials not at hand.
- Clarification in regards to what a dry pond looks like re: Drainage and Run Off Study
- Question in regards to the cost of the Storm Drainage Run Off Study – CFO will provide the information by email, detailed financial are not readily available.
- Clarification requested in regards to cardboard TNRD recycling program
- Trails – clarification requested in regards to trail liability
- Clarification in regards to trail standards requested

Mayor Roden commented that operational and technical question can be forwarded to staff directly as per the Procedures Bylaw or should be provided to staff with sufficient time to prepare the information for Council prior to the Council meeting.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	Bylaw No. 853 – Local Government Elections and Other Voting Amendment Bylaw M/S Anstett / Anderson <i>THAT, Bylaw No. 853 cited as Local Government Elections and Other Voting Amendment Bylaw be adopted.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-140
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement M/S Davenport / Tuohey <i>THAT, Council approves the Staff to sign the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement and continue to provide the Para Transit Service between Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Clinton.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-141
6.2	CFO Report – North Ashcroft Storm Drainage and Runoff Study M/S Anderson / Anstett <i>THAT, Council receives the North Ashcroft Storm Drainage Study prepared by Urban Systems pending Working Group suggested changes as a drainage guide for future development in North Ashcroft; and that Twin 750mm culverts be approved by Council as a standard for development; and further that, a meeting be scheduled with MoTI to begin storm runoff from Elephant Hill Park and along Hwy 97C mitigation discussions.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-142
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	DPW Report – Pool Repair Status Update	

	<p>M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the DPW Pool Repair Status Update Report be received for information.</i> <i>Director Bennewith provided a brief update to Council – pool will be filled tomorrow to see if we have solved the issue</i> <i>Once filled best case scenario to open is one week</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-143</p>
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Ashcroft Rotary Club – Invitation to Attend the Citizen of the Year Banquet M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the Village to purchase two tickets for Mayor Roden and guest to attend the Rotary Club’s Citizen of the Year Banquet on behalf of Council.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-144</p>
7.2	<p>City of Williams Lake – Invitation for Mayor Roden to attend the Williams Lake Stampede June 30-July 3, 2022 M/S Tuohey / Anderson <i>THAT, if Mayor Roden wishes she be approved to attend the Williams Lake Stampede as a VIP representing the Village of Ashcroft.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-145</p>
7.3	<p>BC Interior Community Foundation – Invitation to attend AGM June 23, 2022 M/S Anderson / Davenport <i>THAT the BC Interior Community Foundation- Invitation to attend the AGM be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-146</p>
7.4	<p>Ashcroft & District Lions Club – Tenth Almost Annual Skip’s Memorial Charity Run – June 5, 2022 – Seeking Council’s approval of the route M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the proposed route for the Annual Skip’s Memorial Charity Run for 2022 as requested.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-147</p>
7.5	<p>South Cariboo Sportsmen Association – Request for Grant in Aid M/S Anderson / Anstett <i>THAT, the Village approves the South Cariboo Sportsmen Association Grant in Aid request for \$500.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-148</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
7.6	TNRD – Reloadable Eco Cards Now Available Punch cards will not expire and reloadable cards will be as user friendly as possible	
7.7	TNRD – Mandatory Recycling Bylaw Implemented for Cardboard	
7.8	Ongoing Back Country Road Closures – FLNRORD	
7.9	Pandemic Relief Funding for Libraries – Prov. Of BC	
7.10	Information Correspondence – Flip Chart	
	<p>M/S Anstett / Anderson <i>THAT, the Information Correspondence items for May 25, 2022 be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-149</p>

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager / Motion Tracker M/S Anderson / Davenport <i>THAT, the Task Manager / Motion Tracker be received and file.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-150</p>
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	Economic Development and Tourism Working Group – Meeting Notes for May 11, 2022 M/S Anderson / Tuohey <i>THAT, the Economic Development and Tourism Working Group – Meeting Notes for May 11, 2022 be received and filed.</i> W.G. RECOMMENDATION: M/S Anstett / Anderson <i>THAT, Council approves the request from Linsie Lachapelle, General Manager of Community Futures to join the Economic Development Working Group.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-152 CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-151
10.2	North Ashcroft Storm Drainage/Runoff and Asset Management Working Group Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2022 M/S Anstett / Anderson <i>THAT, the North Ashcroft Storm Drainage/Runoff and Asset Management Working Group Meeting Notes for May 12, 2022 be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-153
10.3	Para-Transit Committee Meeting Notes for May 18, 2022 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Para-Transit Committee Meeting Notes for May 18, 2022 be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-154

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report	
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey – Report	
	M/S Anderson / Anstett <i>THAT, the Council reports for Tuesday May 24, 2022 be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-155

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Anderson / Anstett

THAT, the Regular Council Meeting for May 24, 2022 adjourned at 6:34 pm

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-156

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting
of Council held Tuesday May 24, 2022

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.

1. Name of Organization or Group (if applicable): _____
2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: _____

3. The topic of your presentation: _____

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):

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:

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: _____
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

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Tanner Dawson



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STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: June 13, 2022
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: UBCM – Meetings with Ministers

Purpose

To request direction from Council in regards to with which Ministers or agencies (MACC's) Council would like to schedule meetings at UBCM.

Recommendation

Direction from Council

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

Each year the Province invites Councils to meet and discuss community issues or concerns by scheduling appointments with Premier Horgan, Cabinet Ministers, and Ministry, Agency, Commissions and Corporations (MACC's) at UBCM.

As in year prior to the Virtual UBCM sessions due to COVID-19, Premier Horgan and his caucus colleagues will be hosting in person meetings with Council's to discuss current issues in their respective communities. UBCM Convention will be at Whistler September 12-16, 2022. Staff is seeking Council direction regarding the Ministers or agencies Council would like to meet with.

Some items staff would like Council to consider for discussion include:

- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change – Discuss existing and proposed trails on Crown land in the Trails Master Plan. Process to gain Ministry approval for land use and trail development.

BACKGROUND:

The development of the Trails Master Plan includes trails on crown land outside of the Village boundary. In order to move forward with further trail development and to install trail heads Ministry approval will be required. Discuss process for Ministry approval, liability, required trail maintenance and available funding for trail development.

- Ministry of Forest, Land, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Office of the Chief Forester Advocate for approval of Ashcroft's request to apply for Community Forest License and allocation of timber. Additionally request consideration of timber supply to include TSA along Highway 1 towards Venables Valley.

In addition, raise concerns with the Minister in regards to potential mud slides, excess water run off above Mesa subdivision due to Tremont Creek Fire. Encourage mitigation and funding opportunities to safeguard community.

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Ashcroft submitted a request to the Kamloops Forestry office requesting that the Timber Supply Area reallocation of the Annual Allowable Cut include timber supply for a Community Forest Agreement. The proposed Community Forest is a collaboration between the Village of Ashcroft and the Ashcroft Indian Band. In addition, advocate that the proposed timber supply area includes the area between

AIB and Venables Valley along Hwy 1 as much of the previously proposed Hwy 97C corridor was burnt during the Tremont Creek Fire.

Impacts of the Tremont Creek fire near Barnes Lake above Ashcroft may result in natural vegetation not holding ground water back causing mud and debris flow during rain events impacting the Mesa subdivision and potential closure of Hwy 97C. Advocate for FLNRORD to assess the area and if deemed a viable risk that mitigation efforts be implemented to protect life, property and community.

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Storm run off mitigation and drainage maintenance along Highway 97C from Elephant Hill Park.

BACKGROUND:

With the North Ashcroft Storm Drainage and Run Off Study completed the Village and MOTI should collaborate to reduce flash flood risk to the area. Advocate that MOTI dredge ditches along Hwy 97C and clean and/or replace culverts to direct water naturally down to the river and reduce risk of flash flood down Government Street.

- Emergency Management BC – Advocate for a new approach to paramedicine. Most communities in BC struggle with retaining Paramedics. Propose that the Minister consider training local and hiring local; a program that recruits, trains and employs local paramedics at no cost with a minimum years of local service commitment to EMBC.

Advocate for better support to Fire Department First Responders. Financial support for capital investment of equipment and vehicles, and consistent mental health support after severe incidents.

BACKGROUND:

The health care system in BC is struggling on all levels and appears broken. Paramedicine is no exception with most communities struggling to staff ambulance stations at capacity. In addition, paramedics from outside the community often gain experience in rural BC; however, at first opportunity these paramedics accept positions closer to home. Discuss a train local, work local, stay local approach where EMBC provides paramedic training in the community and graduating participants are hired to fill the local positions. If the paramedic wishes to move on prior to meeting a time commitment for the free training, a prorated fee must be paid by the paramedic to cover the cost of the education.

Providing First Responder services in the Fire Department is a rising expense for municipalities. The capital investment to provide the service is significant and ongoing equipment and vehicle is difficult to sustain due to rising costs. The service primarily responds to highway incidents, these capital costs should be a provincial expense. In addition, the lack of post incident mental health support is fueling rising WCB costs as volunteer fire fighters sustain PTSD injury.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: June 13, 2022
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: DSCS – Bursary Recipients

Purpose

To update Council in regards to the 2022 Village of Ashcroft Bursary recipients.

Recommendation

For Information

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

Earlier this year Council updated the Bursary Policy providing two bursaries for \$500 each to students that are residents of Ashcroft and attend Desert Sands Community School. One bursary is for a student entering a vocational program the other for academics. These students are continuing studies after graduation and have met the policy requirements.

This year's recipients are Eligh Menhinick and Angele Morgan-Hall.

On behalf of the Village, Mayor Roden presented both recipients with their bursaries at the graduation ceremony on Thursday June 9, 2022 wishing both recipients success as they move toward post secondary education.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

\$1000.00

Attachment Listing

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer



Please join us again this year in celebrating the charities and non-profits working to strengthen our communities.

Giving back to the communities where we live and work is an important part of helping to create a sustainable future for British Columbians. As we reach out once again to members of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), we invite each of you to [nominate a local charity or non-profit organization](#) deserving of a \$15,000 donation to support a project in your community. Since 2017, 14 grassroots organizations have received the award. [Read about last year's winners](#) for some nomination inspiration.

The deadline for submissions is June 20, 2022. Three awards of \$15,000 will be given. Winners will be announced at FortisBC's UBCM VIP Reception on Monday, September 12, 2022. [Terms and conditions apply.](#)

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As a long-time sponsor of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, FortisBC Energy Inc. and FortisBC Inc. (together, “FortisBC”) invite attendees to nominate a charitable initiative or project to receive an award pursuant to the “Community Giving Funding Program” (the “Program”) from FortisBC. The Program is made available through FortisBC’s Community Investment Program with specific focus on projects or initiatives requiring financial support in order to launch, succeed or be completed.

By nominating a charitable organization to receive funding under the Program, the nominator and the funding recipient acknowledges that:

1. Applications will be submitted via email or online by the deadline date and pursuant to the instructions indicated on the application form. The application form can be found online at: webforms.fortisbc.com/forms/view.php?id=1362429.
2. Potential funding recipients will be contacted by FortisBC to verify and obtain specific details on their funding requirements.
3. Potential funding recipients must submit the FortisBC community giving fund application no later than 12 P.M. (noon) on June 20, 2022.
4. All funding recipients must be registered as a not-for-profit organization under the Societies Act of B.C., or as a charitable organization recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency. Proof of status must be provided to FortisBC prior to receiving any funding under the Program.
5. Successful funding recipients will be announced at the FortisBC UBCM Reception on September 12, 2022 and also on September 13, 2022 by FortisBC media release and email to participants via the nomination email distribution list.
6. FortisBC, in its sole discretion, will determine a total of three recipients of funds awarded under the Program and the amount of funding, in each instance not to exceed \$15,000 per recipient (the FortisBC Funding).
7. Once a funding recipient is chosen by FortisBC, a cheque will be issued, in the funding recipient’s full legal name only, as described in item #4 above.
8. FortisBC uses the following criteria to evaluate requests for funding:
 - a. Preference is given to organizations/projects that align with one or more of the following categories:

- i. **Safety** - promote and/or increase community or personal safety and accident avoidance;
 - ii. **Education** - support energy literacy, trades or skill development, and/or leadership;
 - iii. **Environment** - directly benefit the local environment; and
 - iv. **Indigenous initiatives** - meet the unique needs of an Indigenous group, organization or community.
 - b. Preference will be given to projects that are expected to show significant results based on the above noted criteria or are nearing completion by September 23, 2023.
 - c. FortisBC's Community Investment Program excludes the following:
 - i. initiatives that are normally funded through any level of government;
 - ii. churches or other religious organizations;
 - iii. fraternal or labour organizations;
 - iv. sports team or individual sports/athletic pursuits;
 - v. third-party fundraising events (e.g. golf tournaments raising money for a local charity);
 - vi. operating costs (salaries, rent, service fees, advertising costs, etc.);
 - vii. advocacy groups (e.g. religious, social, political or economic); and
 - viii. groups, programs or organizations located outside of FortisBC service area (see map).
9. The decisions of FortisBC in relation to the Program will be final and binding on all participants.
10. **PRIVACY / USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION and INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** (a) By participating in the Program, each nominator: (i) grants to FortisBC the right to use his/her name, mailing address, telephone number and email address ("Personal Information") for the purpose of administering the Program, including but not limited to contacting and announcing the nominator and the funding recipient; (ii) grants to FortisBC the right to use his/her Personal Information for publicity and promotional purposes relating to the Program in any and all media without further compensation unless prohibited by law; and (iii) acknowledges that FortisBC may disclose his/her Personal Information to third-party agents and service providers of FortisBC in connection with any of the activities listed in (i) and/or (ii) above. (b) FortisBC will use the Personal Information only for identified purposes, and protect the nominator's Personal Information.
11. **Intellectual Property:** (a) By participating in the Program, and accepting the FortisBC Funding, each funding recipient: (i) grants to FortisBC the right to use their name, trademarks, logos, tradenames, designs, website address, slogans (together the

“Intellectual Property”) for the purpose of administering the Program; and (ii) Grants to FortisBC the right to use their Intellectual Property for publicity and promotional purposes relating to the Program in any and all media without further compensation unless prohibited by law.

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12. By participating in the Program, or by accepting the FortisBC Funding, each nominator and each funding recipient agrees: (a) to be bound by the Rules and the decisions of FortisBC, (b) to release and hold harmless FortisBC, its affiliates, subsidiaries, and independent contractors, and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives including advertising and promotion agencies, from any and all liability for claims/damages including, but not limited to, claims/damages for personal injury, for property damage with respect to acceptance, possession or use or misuse of the funds or participation in the Program.
13. The Rules may be modified at any time and without notice by FortisBC and the Program may be cancelled at any time and without notice, at FortisBC’s sole discretion.

MEMO – OPEN MEETING

DATE: June 13, 2022
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **ATL – Letter of Support Request**

Discussion

Justin Lewis, Manager of the Ashcroft Terminal called the Village office asking for a letter of support as the Terminal moves into the second round of funding application to the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF).

Attached is a draft letter of support which can be edited to reflect Council's support.

Administration spoke with Chris Shubert, Chief Commercial Officer for the Ashcroft Terminal to better understand what the requested NTCF funding will develop at the site.

If approved ALT will use the grant funding to:

1. Increase rail capacity – the current sidings are too short to accommodate the longer trains
2. Utility upgrades – establish water and sewer at the site
3. Electrical updates – as ATL moves towards electrification, electrical infrastructure must be upgraded and installed.
4. Agricultural handling and transloading facility for export
5. Increase water storage and sprinkler systems

ATL has received other letters of support which include letters from the province, MP Vis, other ports in the BC (ie; Delta, Vancouver) and Associations affiliated with transport.

Attachment Listing

Sample letter

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Justin Lewis <justin@ashcroftterminal.com>
Sent: June 7, 2022 10:27 AM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Letter of Support Request

Hello Daniela,

As discussed, please see the attached template for NTCF letter of support for Ashcroft Terminal.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you again and talk soon

Justin Lewis
Chief Operating Officer & Terminal Manager

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VERSION 2 – ELECTED OFFICIALS (ALL LEVELS)

Re: Ashcroft’s Terminal Application to the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF)

Dear xxx,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Ashcroft Terminal’s (“Ashcroft”) project submitted to the *National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF)*, titled *Western Canada’s Climate Resilient Infrastructure Expansion*.

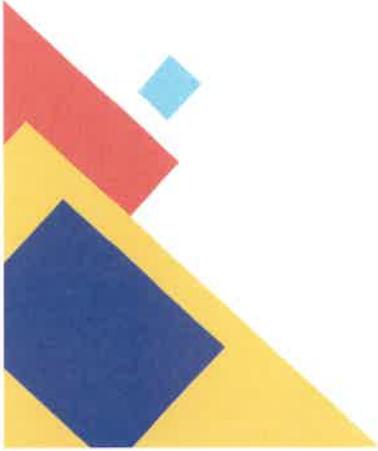
Building on prior Government of Canada investments, Ashcroft’s project will increase fluidity in a critical trade corridor by expanding rail capacity in the Fraser Canyon. Moreover, it will increase seaport efficiency by reducing congestion in the Port of Vancouver as well as increase mobility and fluidity of goods transported locally and through the city. This project will also reduce congestion on Vancouver roads resulting from trucks moving containers through expanded infrastructure and Ashcroft’s innovative match-back of import and export containers. Most importantly, with increased rail capacity, Ashcroft’s strategic location and resilient infrastructure will allow it to serve as a welcome relief valve to switch between transportation modes and provide surge storage to help manage any congestion.

As you know, the past months have demonstrated the importance of climate resilient supply chains and infrastructure. The post-pandemic recovery offers the long-overdue opportunity to improve the fluidity of Canada’s transportation system and supply chains to build a better, cleaner future. As the supply chain hub for British Columbia and Western Canada, Ashcroft has a proven track record of improving fluidity and resilience. With the government’s support, they will be able to continue to so – for the benefit of the local community as well as shippers in key industries throughout Canada by enabling cost-effective, flexible, innovative, and green supply chains.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at [insert contact info].

Best regards,

xxxx



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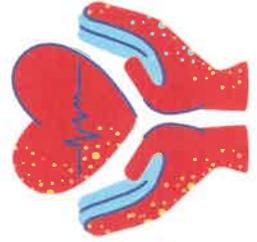
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Barbara Roden

With this certificate of appreciation

Leanne Calvin

Leanne Calvin
MANAGER



Natalie Hulyk

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DIRECTOR



From: Business Development Communications
<businessdevelopmentcommunications@BCTransit.Com>

Sent: May 24, 2022 9:53 AM

To: Business Development Communications <businessdevelopmentcommunications@BCTransit.Com>

Subject: BC Transit | Low Carbon Fleet Program Announcement

Sent on behalf of Chris Fudge, Director, Government Relations

Good Morning Local Government Partners,

Attached you will find a media release regarding BC Transit's Low Carbon Fleet Program and our work to bring the first ten electric buses to Victoria. The release will be distributed to media, province-wide, at 10 a.m. today.

You can learn more about the Low Carbon Fleet Program by visiting:
<https://www.bctransit.com/low-carbon-fleet-program>.

If you'd like to see the release online after distribution, please visit:
<https://www.bctransit.com/media/releases-and-advisories>

Thank you,

Chris Fudge *(he/him)*
Director, Government Relations
BC Transit



May 24, 2022

Electric buses coming to Victoria

Global—Transit riders in the Capital Region will soon benefit from brand new cleaner, quieter electric buses.

BC Transit's first series of electric buses and charging equipment will be coming to Victoria as part of the goal to transition to an entirely electric fleet by 2040.

After a rigorous procurement process, the contract to build and deliver the first 10 heavy-duty electric buses to BC Transit has been finalized and formally awarded to Proterra Operating Company Inc. (Proterra). The non-exclusive contract will additionally enable BC Transit to advance the Low Carbon Fleet Program with the purchase of additional buses, chargers, and supporting services from Proterra, with a potential 500 heavy-duty buses expected to be replaced in the next 10 years. The contract also allows BC Transit the flexibility to respond to changing market dynamics and technology.

Proterra was named the successful proponent on May 16th, 2022. The first project under the contract is for \$20 million for the Victoria electric bus project. The contract award completes the competitive procurement process that began in the fall of 2020.

Proterra is a leader in the design and manufacture of zero-emission electric transit vehicles and EV technology solutions for commercial applications. With more than 800 vehicles on the road today, Proterra battery systems have been proven over 25 million service miles driven and are selected by world-class commercial vehicle manufacturers to electrify delivery vehicles, construction equipment, school buses, coach buses and more.

As part of the project, one electric bus will be deployed in Victoria in Fall 2022 in preparation for the 10 built-to-order buses that will be delivered starting in Summer 2023. The contract allows BC Transit the option of purchasing more heavy-duty electric buses, charging equipment, and supporting services in the future.

The project is being cost shared with the Government of Canada contributing 40 per cent and the Province of BC contributing 40 per cent of eligible costs. Federal funding for the buses, charging equipment, and the associated infrastructure project is provided through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Electric Buses have many advantages — most importantly they use B.C.'s readily available renewable electricity, resulting in nearly zero emissions from operations. These buses are also more efficient, quieter, and have lower operating costs.

BC Transit will continue working to pursue future electric bus projects, encouraged by CleanBC, Provincial support, and Government of Canada funding programs designed to help public transit fleets transition to electrification.

Learn more:

- In July 2019 BC Transit announced its Low Carbon Fleet Program which aligns with the Province's CleanBC and forms a core component of the organization's strategic vision for the future. The Low Carbon Fleet Program was established to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and includes a 10-year fleet strategy to replace over 1200 buses with electric buses.

To learn more about BC Transit's Low Carbon Fleet Program, please visit the program website <https://www.bctransit.com/low-carbon-fleet-program>

- Proterra Transit battery-electric buses feature zero tailpipe emissions, saving approximately 230,000 pounds of greenhouse gases annually when replacing a diesel bus. The company's fleet of zero-emission, electric transit buses have displaced over 140 million pounds of CO2 tailpipe emissions.

To learn more about Proterra and their products and services, please visit <https://www.Proterra.com/>

Quotes below.

Media contact

BC Transit Communications
250-880-1303
media@bctransit.com

QUOTES:

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities:

"Investments in public transit help create meaningful change in communities across the country. Today's contract signing is taking B.C. one step further on the path of cleaner transportation. Our Government is proud to support the expansion of BC Transit's low carbon fleet in Victoria and work towards our collective goal of achieving net-zero by 2050 through innovative public transit infrastructure."

Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure:

“This is an important first step toward BC transit’s goal of achieving a zero-emission transit system by 2040. Clean, green, efficient and affordable public transit is a key component of our government’s strategy to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions. These new electric vehicles represent the future of public transit in B.C. and I look forward to seeing them on the road next year.”

Susan Brice, Chair, Victoria Regional Transit Commission:

“This project is both an important step towards meeting our low carbon fleet commitments and is significant for people who will benefit from cleaner transportation. Looking to the future, we know that more people riding electric buses means better environmental outcomes.”

Erinn Pinkerton, President & CEO, BC Transit:

“The contract award for the first 10 electric buses is an important and significant milestone that sets BC Transit firmly on the path to replace existing diesel buses with electric ones. People are looking for ways to reduce emissions in their everyday lives, electric buses further solidify BC Transit as a proven solution.”

Aaron Lamb, Vice President, Asset Management and Chief Sustainability Officer:

“These first buses further demonstrate our organizational commitment to transitioning our fleet with electric systems. BC Transit is proud to continually show leadership and innovation when it comes to demonstrating our goals in sustainability.”

Chad Berndt, Program Director, Low Carbon Fleet Program:

“This project is an exciting step, with our first battery electric buses and chargers, but more than that, it’s the beginning of a transformation critical to supporting the future and staving off the worst outcomes of climate change.”

Gareth Joyce, Chief Executive Officer, Proterra:

“Proterra is incredibly proud to partner with BC Transit to bring our industry-leading electric transit buses and EV technology solutions to help drive British Columbia’s transition to zero-emission transportation. Through its embrace of innovative technology and historic commitment to electrification, BC Transit is leading the way for communities across North America to follow.”



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Brad Vis

Member of Parliament
Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon

May 13, 2022

Barbara Roden, Mayor
PO Box 129
Ashcroft, B.C.
V0K 1A0

Re: BC Wildfire Petition



Your Worship,

Thank you for your letter in support of the House of Commons petition on wildfire and forestry management. Spearheaded by Councillor Laurie Hopfl with the District of Lillooet, I was proud to present this petition to the Government of Canada on March 24, 2022.

While the provincial government manages forestry in B.C., and the federal government works with First Nations on forestry management, all levels of government must work in collaboration to develop best practices in sustainability and wildfire prevention.

As required by legislation, the Government of Canada has provided the enclosed official response.

Sincerely,

Brad Vis, MP
Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon

Encl. Petition 441-00269

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441-00269 (Environment)

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[Brush, prairie and forest fires](#) [Environmental protection](#) [Forest policy](#)

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Petition to the Government of Canada

Whereas:

We are calling for better forest management and wildfire prevention as well as empowering Local People, working with Licensees, Industry & Contractors, Indigenous Communities, Ranchers, and boots on the ground workers such as Fire Fighters, Forestry workers, and all those that see day to day issues and have the frontline knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and can help to create change;

Ontario created an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides;

We believe BC needs this too. Create full time, year around employment for forest restoration and management fire fighters;

The trickle effect of lumber prices and availability along with jobs, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases will have an alarming effect on BC's future if we don't change the current forest practice procedures; and

We need to make a change to protect BC Forests and every living thing in it.

Therefore:

This petition is calling on our Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

 [Government response tabled](#)



Response by the Minister of Natural Resources

Signed by (Minister or Parliamentary Secretary): The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

The Government of Canada acknowledges the importance of, and the need to invest in, measures that will reduce the impact of climate-related disasters. This will make communities safer and more resilient. As wildland fire seasons continue to create risk for Canadian lives and livelihoods, the issue of how governments collectively and individually prepare and respond to these events, as well as how to engage the whole-of-society in prevention and mitigation, is of growing importance.

This is why the Government of Canada is developing a whole-of-society approach to address ongoing challenges with wildland fire, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction that will support a resilient forest sector. Federal programs will continue to advance forest management adaptive practices and support wildland fire preparedness and response, a critical part towards building disaster resilience, thriving environments, strong economies, and improved public health outcomes. Budget 2022 proposes additional actions to counter the growing threat of wildfires in Canada, by investing \$383 million over five years in training and employment supports for community-based wildland firefighters, and in firefighting equipment and capacity. Investments will include \$269 million over five years to strengthen provincial and territorial capabilities, and \$39.2 million over five years, starting in 2022-23, to support the purchase of firefighting equipment by First Nations communities. In addition, Budget 2022 proposes \$176.81 million over 11 years, starting in 2022-23, to deliver and operate a new wildfire monitoring satellite system.

Canada will continue to work with Provincial and Territorial Forest Ministers through the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) to implement collaboratively the Canadian Wildland Fire Strategy, which outlines the actions and partnerships that are required to better predict and prepare for wildland fire events. At its fall 2021 meeting, the CCFM endorsed the launch of the Canadian Dialogue on Wildland Fire and Forest Resilience, to convene and mobilize whole-of-society action to address the growing risk of wildland fire. Five dialogue sessions took place in February 2022, with approximately 100 stakeholders from diverse sectors of society, actively participating in the roundtables to help identify specific actions to prevent and mitigate risks. In addition, Natural Resources Canada recently consulted jurisdictions on their wildland fire needs and priorities.

While transforming wildland fire management in Canada will take time, the Government of Canada will work to build that brighter future through continued collaboration, engagement, and the use of science and evidence-based decision-making. The Government of Canada is committed to working with jurisdictions, Indigenous communities, and other partners to identify tangible actions to better prevent and mitigate wildland fires, to protect communities, and improve forest health.

Presented to the House of Commons

[Brad Vis](#) (Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon)

March 24, 2022 (Petition No. 441-00269)

Government response tabled

May 9, 2022

 [Member of Parliament](#)



[Brad Vis](#)

Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon

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May 16, 2022

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



Dear Mayor Roden:

Re: 2022 SILGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Council. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2022 SILGA Spring Convention.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2022 UBCM Convention in September.

Please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process, email: jjustason@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LA Roodenburg".

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg
UBCM President

Enclosure

Reclassification of Properties Ancillary to Railway Operations

Ashcroft

Whereas land used for the purposes of extracting, storage of products manufacturing or transporting of goods are categorized as Class 5 Light Industry in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 with the exception of lands used or held for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the business of transportation by railway;

And whereas ancillary rail operations such as transloading facilities are a heavy burden on local government infrastructure through trucking activity and movement of product and require a higher level of government support including fire services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review the assessment classifications in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 and that business for the purposes ancillary to railway operations including transloading facilities be reclassified as Class 5 Light Industry in order to create fair taxation from railway operations and further that, Section 5(e) be repealed from the Act.

Convention Decision:



PRESS RELEASE

Kamloops Library Hosts National Sixties Scoop Exhibit

Kamloops, BC—May 24, 2022—The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) invites the public to learn about what was lost when Indigenous children were separated from their families and communities during the Sixties Scoop.

The Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta (SSISA), in partnership with the TNRL, is bringing the *Bi-Giwen: Coming Home - Truth Telling from the Sixties Scoop* exhibit to the downtown Kamloops Library.

The exhibit will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the Kamloops Library, located at 100-465 Victoria Street. Media and the public are invited to attend the welcoming remarks and unveiling of the exhibit. Media are requested to arrive at 9:45 am in order to set up before the opening remarks begin at 10 am.

This first-of-its-kind travelling exhibit shares the history of the Sixties Scoop and the stories of its survivors. It includes 12 personal testimonials of strength and resilience.

“The Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta is proud to bring this exhibit to Kamloops that describes the powerful and emotional stories and devastating impacts of Sixties Scoop in Canada,” said Sandra Relling, SSISA President. “We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Kamloops Library as we showcase this exhibit throughout B.C. The exhibit is an opportunity to share and educate Canadians about the history of Indigenous people in relation to the Sixties Scoop”.

Background:

The Sixties Scoop refers to government practices across Canada from the 1950s to the 1980s that led to an unknown number of First Nations, Metis and Inuit children taken from their parents, families and communities by child intervention services and placed in non-Indigenous families. Many of these children experienced abuse, mistreatment and neglect. They also lost touch with their families, communities, culture and traditional language. The effects of the Sixties Scoop are still felt by survivors and their families today.

Media contacts:

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Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Alberta
Tel.: 780-446-8411

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May 26, 2022

Greetings,

I am writing as a follow-up to Emergency Management BC's (EMBC) request for review of the *Financial Assistance for Emergency Response Costs: A Guide for BC First Nations and Local Authorities* (September 2020) ("the guidelines), which were developed to replace the *Emergency Response and Recovery Costs: A Guide for BC Local Authorities and First Nations* (September 2005 revised January 2008).

EMBC received over 30 letters from First Nation communities and local governments providing feedback ranging from concerns with process to very specific questions on reimbursement guidance. Based on this information and the extent and severity of the wildfires this summer, EMBC delayed implementation of the updated guidelines. EMBC has now had the time to reflect on the feedback and develop next steps.

EMBC is currently in the process of modernizing the *Emergency Program Act* including the *regulations* and associated guidelines. Given the feedback received, the delay in implementation due to activation and the upcoming modernization of legislation, EMBC will not be releasing an update to the *Emergency Response and Recovery Costs: A Guide for BC Local Authorities and First Nations* (September 2005 revised January 2008) for the 2022 freshet and wildfire seasons.

EMBC is committed to working collaboratively with First Nation communities and local governments to develop a process that will provide for adequate time for meaningful input and considers the timing associated with the modernized *Emergency Program Act* and *regulations*.

Sincerely,

Madeline L. Maley, RPF
Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations
Emergency Management BC



Gold Country Communities Society

May 2022 Highlights



Sally Watson

A Word From The Chair

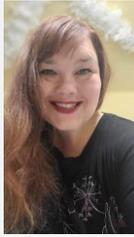
Our journey into post COVID restriction world begins. The Village of Clinton enjoyed a full house at the Clinton Annual Ball, the Old Timer's Tea was also packed with people eager to see everyone that they had been missing, the Parade meandered through Clinton without rain, and I believe the Rodeo had record breaking attendance. With everyone our and about it was prime time to talk about what we could do next.

70 Mile House is planning a Canada Day Celebration from 11 to 3 on July 1 at the Seventy Mile Access Centre, this will coincide with a Yard and Craft Sale on that day as well as the Red Neck Yard Sale at the 70 Mile Hall on July 2. Expect to see the 70 Mile Volunteer Fire Department showing their stuff, running a 50/50 and looking for recruits.

Of course, I'm bragging up my area as I'm sure that you are doing with yours, that's what we do. We have a lot of RV's travelling on our roads this spring with eager people ready to get out and enjoy the diversity of Gold Country, let's help them find what they are looking for. Each and every one of us are ambassadors for this region, let's get to work and have some fun doing it.

Sally Watson

GC Chair



[Brandy Cooper-Chardon]

A Word From The Marketing Manager

I am honoured to be the new marketing manager for Gold Country Communities Society. Rural communities are close to my heart, and I am committed to promoting the benefits of living in and touring a rural community. I am also a firm believer that, yes it takes a community to raise a child, but I am indeed an adult of the region. All my favorable core memories growing up in Cache Creek, BC had me going to Clinton, BC to play little league baseball games, or they had me traveling to Logan Lake, BC to cheer on the minor hockey teams, and I could never forget attending high school in Ashcroft, BC, those memories had me traveling to the lake in Savona, BC when my older friends got their license, it had me experiencing life on my own for the first time working at Big Bar Guest Ranch, and adventuring in 70 Mile House, BC and the Green Lake area. My friends lived throughout region as well, in places like Walhachin, BC, Loon Lake, BC, Lytton, BC and Spences Bridge, BC. Getting to visit their homes in different communities always felt like I was getting to go on a vacation. It reminds me of the line in the movie, "Stand By Me" that says, "I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was 12." All these places helped shape me into the person I am today, and I am so thankful to be able to promote them. I want to bring tourists here so they can experience the beauty of Gold country and learn about its' rich history and Indigenous culture.

One of my first tasks with Gold Country was submitting a report on activities from the previous years to an organization that provides marketing funds, and that was truly an eye-opener. For many years I had always driven by the Gold Country office with not much thought about what happens within the building. What actually happens within this building is truly magical. Previous COO's and Executive Directors have produced beautiful guides to the region, trail maps, community brochures, community campaigns, GeoTours with field guides written in different languages, they have marketed this region at various trade shows outside our province, help create compelling video stories, and have developed a solid social media presence. So many valuable assets have been developed in this building under the direction of our board of directors. The previous teams that have come before me have put their valuable time, and sweat into making Gold Country a truly wonderful organization. I will work my hardest to honour those that came before me.

One of my many new experiences here with Gold Country is Geocaching. It is a great way to drive economic growth within Gold Country. In 2021 The Gold Country GeoTour has had 391 geocache.com accounts visit our caches, the average stay is 7 days to complete the tour, and the average spend per day is \$187.00 that translates into \$511,819.00 injected into our region via geocaching during 2021. Considering Covid_19, geocaching is the perfect sport

to practice social distancing and get some unique exercise in your day, and as we move to learn to live with Covid geocaching is still the perfect sport for get togethers and discovery. Please join our Facebook Page, The Prequel-Be a guest to help make our next GeoTour a success. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working together to make Gold Country a prosperous place for all to visit and live.

Brandy Cooper-Chardon
Marketing Manager

Welcome Jan Schmitz



Gold Country would like to welcome Jan Schmitz to the team. Jan answered the call out for our "Experience Matters" job posting which funding was provided by Bowman Employment Services. Jan has had a career that has seen him at Highland Valley Copper Mine and as a Paramedic. What got Jan hired was his hobbies, and his interest for the tourism industry. He has already displayed his talents with our website and is keeping our events page and job board up to date. Jan has been instrumental in many programs in the Gold Country Region, and is currently the director for Desert Daze in Spences Bridge, BC. When Jan isn't developing his digital media skills you can also find him contributing to the band, Jenny And The Gents. Welcome aboard, Jan!

Come Explore With Us~

Check out our video productions about shopping local!

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Here's what's happening in Gold Country:

[Rotary Citizens Of The Year](#)

June 02, 2022 6:30-8:30 PM Ashcroft Hub

[iNaturalists BioBlitz](#) | Lillooet

June 3 - June 5, 2022

[Drop In Coffee](#) | Walkachin Soldiers Memorial Hall

June 04, 2022 (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)

[Clinton Farmers Market](#) | Hunnies Mercantile

1601 BC-97 Clinton, BC Canada

Every Sunday (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

[Fathers Day](#)

June 19, 2022

[Logan Lake 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

|Logan Lake

June 30 @ 6:00 pm - July 3 @ 12:00 pm

[Cache Creek Market](#) | Cache Creek

Every Saturday (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

[Indigenous Day at Hat Creek Ranch](#)

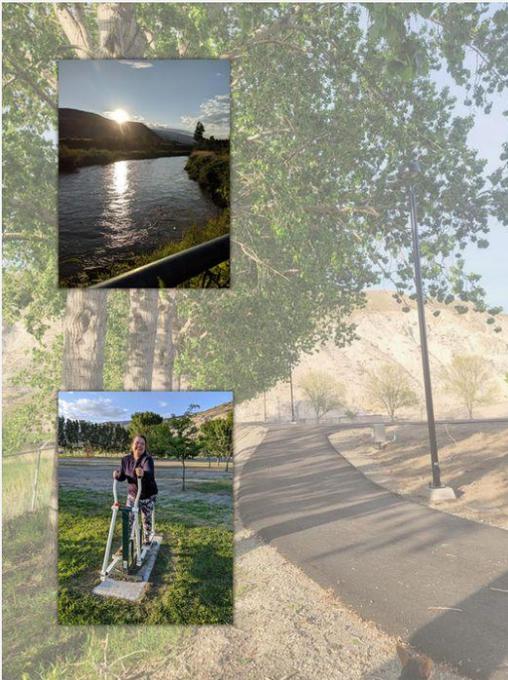
All visitors welcome. June 21,2022 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

[Lillooet's First Pride Parade](#) |Lillooet

June 08, 2022 (10:00 am - 11:00 am)

Gold Country Rear View Mirror

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Cache Creek Rec Park Trail located in
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Geotour Blog

Gold Country: Ashcroft Mesa
Log By: Neltra

Boomer365 and I were here from Vancouver island and had a fun weekend in Gold Country. We wanted to focus on the Gold country caches but grabbed others along the way. This was our 2nd day and the weather was so nice and warm. [:)] Wow, that view is so worth the hike up here. I love the scenery around Ashcroft. It's completely opposite from than the rain forest that I live in. We stamped the log and returned as found. Thanks for the cache Gold Country GeoTour. [:)] They are all favourites!!!



The Gold Country Team



Brandy Chardon
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PRESS RELEASE

TNRD Residents Advised to Prepare for Rising Waters

Kamloops, BC – June 7, 2022 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is advising residents to prepare for rising waters due to the annual spring freshet.

“We have had a cooler than normal spring in the TNRD, which has delayed the snowmelt in upper elevations by multiple weeks,” stated Emergency Program Coordinator Kevin Skrepnek. “These conditions have led to an extremely high snowpack in certain areas, and an elevated flood risk from melting snow.”

Higher-than-normal flows due to the spring freshet are forecast for the North and South Thompson Rivers in particular. Smaller tributaries and watercourses through the region could also be impacted by potential heavy rain events over the coming weeks. Areas that were impacted in 2021 by the atmospheric river flooding or wildfires could also be particularly vulnerable to spring freshet flooding.

The TNRD has deployed sand and sandbags to a number of community locations in areas where flooding is expected. Private property owners are responsible for protective works on their own property, including the placement of sandbags.

For information on how to prepare for flooding, including on how to properly place sandbags, see the Province of BC's Flood Preparedness Guide [here](#).

To find out where to pick up sand and sandbags in the TNRD:

- Use the Evacuation Status Map on the TNRD website, by clicking [here](#); or
- Contact the TNRD at 250 377-7188 or emergency@tnrd.ca.

Please bring your own shovel to pick up sand, and please only take what you need. If sand or bags need to be restocked, please contact the TNRD at the phone number or email provided above. Residents are responsible for removing and disposing of used sandbags. Sandbags can be disposed of at all TNRD solid waste facilities.

For information on what to do before, during and after a flood event, visit tnrd.ca/flood-preparedness.



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Residents are also encouraged to subscribe to the TNRD's emergency notification system, Voyent Alert. Registration for Voyent Alert is free and anonymous. For more details, visit: tnrd.ca/emergency-alerts.

A number of external resources are available to residents for information on flooding and flood preparedness, including the [BC River Forecast Centre](#), [Environment Canada](#), and [PreparedBC](#).

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Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

JUNE 13, 2022 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Interior Health

- Emergency departments connecting more people to opioid use treatment
- Entire Interior Health region benefits from heart monitor upgrade
- Text alerts for toxic drugs now available in Interior
- Interior Health paving the way in medical leadership training

		May 2022			
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2022 MOTIONS				
R-2022-140	THAT, Bylaw No. 853 cited as Local Government Elections and Other Voting Amendment Bylaw be adopted.	EA	Prepare Bylaw for Signature and have signed		completed
R-2022-141	THAT, Council approves the Staff to sign the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement and continue to provide the Para Transit Service between Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Clinton.	CAO	Sign Agreement and forward to BC Transit		completed
R-2022-142	THAT, Council receives the North Ashcroft Storm Drainage Study prepared by Urban Systems pending Working Group suggested changes as a drainage guide for future development in North Ashcroft; and that Twin 750mm culverts be approved by Council as a standard for development; and further that, a meeting be scheduled with MoTI to begin storm runoff from Elephant Hill Park and along Hwy 97C mitigation discussions.	CAO	Contact MoTI and schedule a meeting. Email sent with follow up phone call. MOTI is agreeable to meet - date TBD		completed
R-2022-144	THAT, Council approves the Village to purchase two tickets for Mayor Roden and guest to attend the Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Banquet on behalf of Council.	EA	Purchase tickets from the HUB or Credit Union		completed
R-2022-145	THAT, if Mayor Roden wishes she be approved to attend the Williams Lake Stampede as a VIP representing the Village of Ashcroft.	EA	Mayor advised to send a letter of regret due to prior commitments		completed
R-2022-147	THAT, Council approves the proposed route for the Annual Skip's Memorial Charity Run for 2022 as requested.	EA	Letter from the Mayor sent advising approval of the proposed route. Copy to DPW.		completed

R-2022-148	THAT, the Village approves the South Cariboo Sportsmen Association Grant in Aid request for \$500.	EA	Email approval to President; following up with a letter approving request that includes cheque		completed
R-2022-151	THAT, Council approves the request from Linsie Lachapelle, General Manager of Community Futures to join the Economic Development Working Group.	EDTC	Send email to Linsie Lachapelle advising approval to join the EDTC WG		completed

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: June 13, 2022
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

May 25: Interview with CBC Radio Kamloops

Spoke on the morning show about the situation concerning the North Ashcroft reservoir property.

May 25: Review of Community Investment Profile

Did a thorough edit of the Ashcroft Community Investment Profile and sent the proposed changes to the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator.

May 27: Ashcroft Health Services Area Local Planning Table meeting

Stakeholders from Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton, local First Nations, and Interior Health met to discuss the situation surrounding the proposed Urgent Primary Care Centre in Ashcroft. The hope is to have the UPCC active by September 2022, and a new physician will be starting in Ashcroft in September. Discussion about the Primary Care Network is ongoing.

May 30: Interview with Radio NL Kamloops

Spoke on the noon show about health care challenges and concerns in Ashcroft and the surrounding area.

May 30: Interview with CKNW Radio

Spoke on the Jas Johal Show about extreme heat, what communities need to do to be proactive about preparing for it, and what strategies Ashcroft has learned and used.

June 2: Desert Sands Community School visit

As a follow-up to the Desert Sands Kindergarten and Grade 1/2 class visits to the Village Office and the water treatment plant in May, I was invited to visit those classes and see their class projects on butterflies and metamorphosis. While I was there, I also met and spoke with the Grade 6/7 class and was given presentations on their class projects and experiments.

June 2: Rotary Club Citizens of the Year banquet

Attended the Rotary Club of Ashcroft-Cache Creek's Citizens of the Year banquet, which recognized the recipients from the last three years. I spoke about three of the recipients – Vivian McLean (youth recipient

2019), Esther Lang (Ashcroft recipient 2019), and Al and Marijke Stott (Ashcroft recipients 2021) – and said a few words about the importance of our local volunteers, and thanked them for their work.

June 3: CP Rail

Had a lengthy conversation with Mike LoVecchio, Director of Indigenous Relations and Government Affairs at CP Rail about a variety of issues, including the new tool shed building CP is constructing on CP-owned land on Railway Avenue (beside the Bottle Depot).

June 8: *Maclean's Magazine*

Did a follow-up to my May interview with *Maclean's Magazine*, when I spoke with freelance reporter Jordan McBride, who is working on an article for *Maclean's* about communities living with wildfires and the experiences of Ashcroft in 2017 and again in 2021. McBride interviewed numerous people in the area, and the article will be appearing in the August 2022 issue.

June 8: HUB community helpline

Discussion about the community helpline for Ashcroft/Cache Creek residents and related matters, involving representatives from the HUB, E. Fry, Equality Project, Community Resource Society, Sage Hills Church, Ashcroft Moving Forward, Better at Home, Soup's On, Spences Bridge Community Club, BC Ambulance Service, VOA, and Village of Clinton. Among the items discussed were increased demand at the E. Fry Food Bank, which seems largely to be a result of rising food prices and the increased cost of gas, which makes it more difficult for some people to get to Kamloops to shop in bulk at the big box stores. The helpline group will not be meeting over the summer; meetings will resume in September.

June 9: Desert Sands Community School graduation ceremony

Attended this year's graduation ceremony to present congratulations to the Grad Class of 2022 on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft and congratulate Eligh Menhinick and Angele Morgan-Hall, the recipients of the bursaries from the village.

June 9: Kamloops Airport Authority Society meeting (TNRD)

Attended a quarterly meeting of KAAS, as vice-chair of the TNRD. Central Mountain Air has stopped service to/from YKA (Kamloops Airport) as of last week, citing lack of crew and pilot availability. This issue is endemic to all airlines. KAAS is still working on getting direct flights to more destinations, with Victoria, Edmonton, and Toronto top of the list. Work is now being carried out on installing new LED lighting at YKA; the current lighting is still safe but is obsolete. A new operator for food services for the airport is still being sought.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden
Mayor