



**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, MARCH 28, 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 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 March 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.*

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 14, 2022 <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-4
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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.*

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	CAO Report – Transit Meeting – For Information <i>THAT, the Transit Meeting CAO report be received and filed.</i>	P. 5-6
6.2	CAO Report – Community BBQ <i>THAT, Council directs staff to coordinate the Annual Thank You BBQ for Saturday, May 21, 2022</i>	P. 7

FOR INFORMATION		
6.3		

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Community Futures Sun Country – Press Release: New Leadership replacing Debra Arnott <i>Motion Required</i>	P. 8
7.2	City of Terrace – Resolution for all UBCM Members – NCLGA Resolution – BC Prosecution Service and the Public Interest <i>Motion Required</i>	P. 9-11
7.3	UBCM 2022 Membership <i>Motion Required</i>	P. 12-13
FOR INFORMATION		
7.4	District of Elkford – Milk Container Recycling in British Columbia	P. 14
7.5	TNRD – Press Release: Residents Reminded to Access Wildfire Debris Removal Program	P. 15
7.6	Village of Pouce Coupe – Support for BC Wildfires Petition	P. 16
7.7	Jason Tomlin, Manager of Fire Protection Services – Fire Service Delivery Project	P. 17
7.8	Information Correspondence Flip Chart	P. 18

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	Task Manager	P. 19
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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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

10.1	Transit Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2022	P. 20-22
10.2	Storm Drainage / Run Off – Asset Management WG Notes – March 18, 2022	P. 23-24

**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

11.1	Mayor Roden	P. 25-26
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*

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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 MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

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

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

Media – 1  
Public – 2

**EXCUSED:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 14, 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 Anstett / Tuohey**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-55

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 28, 2022 <b>M/S Davenport / Anderson</b> <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-56
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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.*

Gloria Mertens, TNRD Area I

- 2.1 Closed meeting resolutions – Clarification requested
- Clarification requests regarding Council members permitted as Officers of the Fire Department
- TNRD remuneration clarification requested re: Mayors Report
- Clarification requested regarding election nomination process
- Clarification requesting in regards to strategic planning process and timelines.
- Question in regards to the OCP project list in the Strategic Plan
- Question when will the draft Trail Plan be made available to public
- BC Hydro – clarification re grant in lieu of taxes
- WG Fire Department – are residents able to contact the Fire Chief to discuss the FireSmart program?
- Mayors report clarification requested
  - Comment suggesting the committee encourage IHA to maximize use of the space at the Health Centre
  - Query re Health Region meeting regarding topics of discussion

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	<b>CAO Report – Bursary Policy Update</b> <b>M/S Davenport / Anderson</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the updated Annual Grade 12 Graduation Policy #C-04-2021 as presented.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> Unanimous R-2022-57
5.2	<b>CFO Report – Asset Management Policy Update</b> <b>M/S Anderson / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the updated Asset Management Policy.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> Unanimous R-2022-58

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<b>CAO Report – Appointment of Election Officials</b> <b>M/S Anstett / Tuohey</b> <i>THAT, Council appoints Daniela Dyck as the Chief Election Officer and Kristine Hardy as the Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2022 General Local Election.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> Unanimous R-2022-59
6.2	<b>CAO Report – 2022 Strategic Plan Update</b> <b>M/S Anstett / Anderson</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the updated 2022 Strategic Plan presented.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> Unanimous R-2022-60
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.3	<b>CAO Report – Planning Session</b> <b>M/S Anstett / Anderson</b> <i>THAT, the Planning Session Report be received for information.</i>	<b>CARRIED</b> Unanimous R-2022-61

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<b>Skeetchestn Indian Band – Request for a Letter of Support for Shelter Funding Request</b> <b>M/S Tuohey / Anstett</b>	<b>CARRIED</b> Unanimous R-2022-62

	<p><i>THAT, Council send a letter in support of the Skeetchestn Indian Band funding application to Canada Mortgage and Homes Corporation to fund their proposed Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative as outlined in their request.</i></p> <p>Mayor Roden noted that anyone in need of the support service is welcome at the space and does not have to be a Skeetchestn Band member.</p>	
7.2	<p>South Cariboo E. Fry Society – Request for Grant in Aid and donation of Family Swim Pass for Easter Scavenger Hunt <b>M/S Tuohey / Anderson</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society \$200 Grant in Aid and the donation of a family Pool Pass request.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-63
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.3	City of Maple Ridge – Letter to Minister Dix regarding Vaccine Restrictions in Recreation	
7.4	BC Hydro Southern Interior Community Relations 2021 Annual Report	
7.5	Girl Guides of Canada – Thank you for participating in Lighting Up Blue campaign	
7.6	Interior Health News Release – Temporary Service Changes at Ashcroft Emergency Department	
7.7	MIABC – Announcement of new CEO	
7.8	MLA Jackie Tegart – Copy of letter to Minister Conroy re: Changes to BC's Wildfire and Forest Management Practices	
7.9	School District No. 74 – Employee Vaccination Policy	
7.	Cathy Peters, Script Presentation to Federal Justice Committee re Prostitution in Canada	
7.10	Gambling Awareness Week March 20-26, 222	
7.11	Flip Chart Correspondence	
	<p><b>M/S Anderson / Davenport</b> <i>THAT, the information correspondence for March 14, 2022 be received and filed.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-64

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager <b>M/S Davenport / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, the Task Manager and Motion Tracker be received and filed.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-65
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## 9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	<p>AFR Sustainability Working Group Notes – March 9, 2022 <b>M/S Davenport / Roden</b> <i>THAT, the Ashcroft Fire Rescue Sustainability Working Group Notes for March 9, 2022 be received for information as amended to include Councillor Davenport as an attendee.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-66
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## 11. COUNCIL REPORTS



11.1	Mayor Roden – Report <b>M/S Tuohey / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, Mayor Roden’s Report be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-67
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	<b>M/S Roden / Anderson</b> <i>THAT, Council adjourns to a closed meeting under Section 90.1(c) labour relations or other employee relations.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-68
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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*THAT, the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 14, 2022 be adjourned at 6:47 pm.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-69

Certified to be a true copy of the  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of  
Council held Monday, March 14, 2022

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Daniela Dyck  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden  
Mayor

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** March 28, 2022  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Transit Meeting – For Information

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### Purpose

To provide Council with a recap of administrations annual meeting with BC Transit.

### Recommendation

*THAT, the Transit Meeting CAO report be received and filed.*

### Alternatives

N/A

### Discussion

Prior to finalizing the Village of Ashcroft and BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement (AOA) BC Transit staff coordinate a meeting with administration to review the status of the service. To clarify the AOA is signed between the Village of Ashcroft and BC Transit, the Villages of Clinton and Cache Creek have separate agreements with Ashcroft to cost share the community service. This report is to provide Council with an update in regards to my meeting with BC Transit.

### **Items of discussion**

#### Ridership Recovery:

Pre-pandemic ridership ranged between 100-200 riders per month, during COVID-19 restrictions the monthly ridership average was 50-75 and currently we are seeing an average of 150-200 riders using the system. The system is well utilized and ridership has recently increased above the pre-pandemic averages. BC Transit is pleased with the ridership recovery.

The discussion also included the addition of advertising in the AOA to promote further use of the transit system and the addition of a second bus stop in north Ashcroft located at the HUB. The last item being added to the AOA is to include pre-purchased tickets as accepted tender for ridership. The Village receives ticket books from BC Transit which are sold to organizations that gift these to riders in need. The option to pre-purchase tickets will also be included in the new rider guide to be published later this spring.

#### Service Expansion/Investment:

There has been some conversation in regards to First Nations or TNRD Area Directors being invited to the program. Some of this would likely require an expanded service. If we were to consider service expansion BC Transit would need to be included in the conversation as at this time, we are not budgeted for any service expansion investments. The addition of Tuesday and Thursday bus trips would be costly.

#### Finance:

There was a frank discussion in regards to Ashcroft's financial position, in particular to reserve accounts. BC Transit was assured that Ashcroft is in an excellent financial position and that the transit reserve accounts continue to grow, additionally, Cache Creek and Clinton are required under the cost sharing agreement to be building reserve accounts as well.

BC Transit advised that although we are experiencing cost inflations, we are operating within the realm of the current three (3) year budget. Yellow Head Community Services is very competent and cost effective and when the budget was established the BC Transit financial team budgeted high.

The federal government with matching funds from the province provided a \$22M grant to BC Transit which has been labelled as Safe Restart 2.0. All partners should see a portion of the funding distributed, our Para Transit system will most likely receive less than \$500, and most of the funds will be distributed to areas where ridership is much higher. Distribution of grant funds is based on ridership and population stats.

**Alignment on Planning and Infrastructure Projects:**

Discussion regarding the development of a Transit Plan for the Para-Transit System. BC Transit advised that planners are available to develop a transit plan with a focus on efficiency for our system. There is no cost to have the plan developed; however, there is an approximate two (2) year waiting period before the project would begin. BC Transit will add us to list for review.

**Yellowhead Community Services:**

We discussed the service provision by YCS. We agreed that YCS provides excellent service and has managed the service very well throughout the pandemic. The only major service interruption was waiting for RCMP to complete criminal record checks for the new drivers. We have three (3) drivers on staff for our service which includes the one relief driver.

**Major BC Transit Initiatives:**

Electrify fleet – although this is a topic of conversation and pilot projects are being implemented, it is only cost neutral in urban centers at this time. Engineers are conducting studies where the electric service is best and will provide the information to BC Transit. The electrifying of rural transit systems has a slow timeline of 5-10 years

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative Authority**

**Financial Implications**

**Attachment Listing**

**Prepared by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** March 28, 2022  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Community BBQ

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### Purpose

To request Council's approval to schedule and coordinate the annual Community Thank You BBQ

### Recommendation

*THAT, Council directs staff to coordinate the Annual Thank You BBQ for Saturday May 21, 2022.*

### Alternatives

N/A

### Discussion

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in many restrictions, the Village of Ashcroft hosted the annual Thank You BBQ to celebrate the volunteers, residents and others that gave back to the community.

It seems that restrictions may remain relaxed and the opportunity to gather as a community will be permitted. In the past the BBQ has been held at Heritage Park, this year staff proposes Council to consider hosting the event at the Pool Park on Saturday of the May long weekend. We would like to expand the event by inviting the Fire Department, RCMP and BCEHS as well as Community Organizations to set up booths. There are many new residents in Ashcroft and this would be a good opportunity for the local non-profit organizations to promote what they do and perhaps invite new members. As the Village and Fire Department are working towards delivering the FireSmart program, the BBQ event provides a perfect venue to build community awareness and distribute information materials. In addition, at a meeting with the new Unit Chief from BCEHS the issue of low staffing levels was advised, the BBQ provides an opportunity for BCEHS to engage with community members and perhaps begin discussions in regards to education requirements and recruitment. Last but not least, there are new RCMP members in Ashcroft, the BBQ provides an opportunity for residents to meet the new members.

It has been a long 2 years of isolation and staff believes the community will welcome an outdoor community event to gather, visit and connect with friends and neighbours. Food served will include hot and cold beverages, hot dogs, hamburgers, salad and fruit. Entertainment can include free swimming at the pool, live music, etc. Staff welcomes Council participation for event planning.

### Strategic/Municipal Objectives

#### Legislative Authority

#### Financial Implications

Community Engagement Budget

Staff is proposing a budget not to exceed \$5,000.

#### Attachment Listing

#### **Prepared by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## NEW LEADERSHIP REPLACING DEBRA ARNOTT COMMUNITY FUTURES

**March 16, 2022**

ASHCROFT, March 16, 2022– Debra Arnott announced her decision to retire Nov 2021 as General Manager of Community Futures, providing an opportunity for a new leader.

We are pleased to advise she is being replaced by Linsie Lachapelle effective March 21, 2022.

Linsie has been a part of the Community Futures team since April 2004. Linsie started as a part time Receptionist and has grown over the many years as a critical part of the organization.

“It has been an incredible journey serving and living in the region. The past few years have been extremely rewarding as programs and support for small businesses were developed due to the disasters that have taken place. Linsie has always been a part of the progress and supported the vision for a long-lasting regional economic development, diversification, and resilience in the South-Central Interior of BC.” Debra Arnott



**Linsie Lachapelle**  
General Manager

“I am very honored and excited to be serving our region as the new General Manager. I have been with Community Futures for the past 18 years and have learned a lot about the business community. I look forward to being a part of this amazing organization for many more years!” Linsie Lachapelle

“On behalf of the board, we are pleased that Linsie accepted the offer to take over as the General Manager. Linsie will bring a similar commitment and values ensuring our organization continues to be community-minded, intuitive, and forward-thinking.” CF Sun Country Chair Michelle Hawkins

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### About Community Futures:

Community Futures is part of a national economic development program that has been supporting small business and community economic development since 1986.

Our Community Futures office is a non-profit organization guided by a volunteer board of directors and staffed with business professionals. Our volunteers and staff work with community partners to develop and implement community-based economic development strategies.

We provide a variety of different support services – including business loans, training and coaching, and access to expert resources – to people wanting to start, expand, franchise or sell a business, and to owners of small- and medium-sized businesses in the community.

We also work in partnership with other business lenders, educational institutions, not-for-profits and community governments to grow and diversify our local economy.

Community Futures is funded in western Canada by [Pacific Economic Development Canada](#)

For further information:

Linsie Lachapelle

250-453-9165

**From:** Alisa Thompson [<mailto:athompson@terrace.ca>]  
**Sent:** March 14, 2022 1:32 PM  
**To:** Alisa Thompson <[athompson@terrace.ca](mailto:athompson@terrace.ca)>  
**Subject:** Resolution for all UBCM members

Terrace City Council has submitted the attached resolution for consideration at the NCLGA convention. Please forward to your councils/boards. Thank you.

Alisa Thompson (she/her)  
Corporate Administrator/Deputy CAO  
City of Terrace

*Acknowledging that it is an honour to live and work on the Laxyuubm Tsimshian, Kitsumkalum and Kitselas, toyaxsuut.*

*The City of Terrace is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19. All facilities are now open to the public; however, please be aware certain timelines or processes may be adjusted in order to maintain physical distancing and protect staff and the public. Find guidelines for visiting our facilities and more at <https://www.terrace.ca/covid19>. Thank you for your understanding.*

## **NCLGA RESOLUTION –BC PROSECUTION SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

**WHEREAS** *prolific offenders in British Columbia are routinely released without consequences or meaningful conditions imposed upon them;*

**AND WHEREAS** *the BC Prosecution Service’s vision statement guides them to make impartial charge assessment decisions that promote public safety, justice, and respect for the rule of law and the BC Prosecution Service often determines not to recommend charges be pursued for criminal offences that are referred by the RCMP, as charges are not in the public interest;*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** *that the NCLGA lobby the Provincial Government to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) live up to its vision, mission, and value statements and consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.*

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Crown Counsel Act<sup>1</sup> entrusts the Criminal Justice Branch with the responsibility to approve and conduct all prosecutions of offenses in British Columbia. The Assistant Deputy Attorney General is charged with the Administration of that Branch, and with carrying out its functions and responsibilities.

In British Columbia it has been the practice of Crown Counsel to release offenders of crimes without charges or conditions, citing charges are not in the public interest. Repeat offenders are free to recommit crimes without consequences as a result. A disproportionate amount of crime, particularly property crime, is committed by a minority of habitual offenders<sup>2</sup>. Unfortunately, communities, local business owners and workers, the economy, as well as the public feel the impacts of repeat offenders who commit property crimes and thefts repeatedly and without consequence. For example, in Terrace in 2021 there were 423 failure to appear in court warrants, but only two people were charged. Two individuals in Terrace failed to appear in court 26 and 21 times each from February 2021 to February 2022. Neither have been charged with Fail to Appear. There was an average of six failure to appear warrants each week which is a burden on the RCMP to administer and ultimately is fruitless as there are no consequences for not appearing in court.

The revolving door of crime, apprehension by the authorities, and then the subsequent release of these habitual offenders erodes public confidence in our legal system. Police and law enforcement agencies as well as victim services are also burdened by repeat

calls and reports of crime. Regarding youth, it has been estimated that averting a 14-year old from a path of criminality would save society \$3 to \$5 million.<sup>3</sup>

There have been numerous police-based initiatives in British Columbia as well as other jurisdictions to try to manage prolific offenders. While there are different approaches to prolific offender management, they all require the cooperation of multiple agencies to implement. For example, “Polibation” is an approach to deal with prolific offenders that involves targeted and intensive surveillance from the police and probation programs. They involve a team of service providers that deliver interventions that are specific to the individual, including substance use and mental health treatment. Any subsequent criminal activity or breaches of the sentence conditions by the individual are dealt with by prompt apprehension and conviction.<sup>4</sup> Programs like these are only possible when the Crown is willing to participate, and charge repeat offenders. When the Crown is unwilling to charge offenders, they are creating a burden on others such as the public, businesses, and law enforcement agencies. The BC Prosecution Service’s own vision is to be an independent prosecution service that people respect and trust. Public trust has been eroded by the Crown’s reticence to press charges on prolific offenders.

*Sources:*

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4. Rezansoff, S., Moniruzzaman, A., Somers, J. (2008) An Initiative to Improve Outcomes Among Prolific and Priority Offenders in Six British Columbia Communities: Preliminary Analysis of Recidivism Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/about-bc-justice-system/justice-reform-initiatives/ppom.pdf>

March 16, 2022

Council Members  
Village of Ashcroft  
Box 129  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0



Dear Council Members:

**Re: UBCM Membership**

I am writing to invite Village of Ashcroft to renew its annual membership in the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM).

UBCM has been the collective voice for B.C.'s local governments since 1905. Created by local government and recognized under a provincial statute, we are committed to advancing the common interests of B.C.'s communities. Our approach of non-partisan, policy-based advocacy is grounded in grass roots engagement and strengthened through research and collaboration with our members.

The past year has seen the achievement of a broad range of objectives that respond to UBCM's advocacy. The province signed an MOU with UBCM to explore ways to strengthen the system for local government finance in BC. Provincial funding for local government climate action initiatives was restored and expanded in the 2022 provincial budget. UBCM has also provided a voice to defend the efforts of local government to increase housing supply through another record year of development approvals. We have also continued to expand our role as a program administrator of choice for the provincial and federal governments as we oversee 8 programs that will be actively processing applications during the coming year, including the \$3.5 billion Canada Community-Building Fund.

Our strength as an organization is grounded in the support of our membership. I thank you for the renewal by Village of Ashcroft this past year. Over the coming year, I am dedicated to working with my fellow Executive members and our secretariat to maintain the support of communities across the province.

As always, if you have questions or feedback about our work, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg  
UBCM President

**TO:** Local Government Chief Financial Officers  
**FROM:** Kathleen Spalek, Chief Financial Officer,  
**RE:** UBCM 2022 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES

UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2022 (enclosed).

UBCM membership dues are based on Executive Policies 2.1–2.3. Rates for 2022 are:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 5,000	0.6955
Next 10,000	0.5051
Next 15,000	0.3178
Balance	0.0650

*1097.50*  
*54.88 GST*  


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*\$ 1152.38*

Membership dues are calculated on your population, and the population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology, Province of BC (December 2021).

Please find enclosed the 2022 dues invoice.

Please make payment via Direct Deposit. Information is attached.

Encls.



Wild at heart.

District of Elkford

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March 15, 2022

Honourable George Heyman  
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
P.O. Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Heyman:

**Re: Milk Container Recycling in British Columbia**

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This letter is regarding the recently implemented 10-cent deposit on milk and plant-based beverages which came into effect on February 1, 2022 as part of the CleanBC Plastic Action Plan.

The District of Elkford understands the need for this deposit and the action plan to prevent plastic waste, keep more waste out of the landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to create a cleaner, better future. Additionally, the District has long been an advocate for initiatives to accomplish the same goals.

Unfortunately, the nearest location for Elkford residents to recycle milk containers is a 65 km drive to the City of Fernie, resulting in a 130 km round trip for a resident of the District of Elkford to the nearest return-in centre to receive their refund on these containers. Commuting this distance for the refund is not only an inadequate solution but is counterintuitive to our collective efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While we recognize that residents of Elkford still have the option of placing these containers through the existing RecycleBC Depot at our local transfer station, we do not feel that it is equitable for the residents of Elkford to have this as the only reasonable option after paying the deposit at the time of purchase.

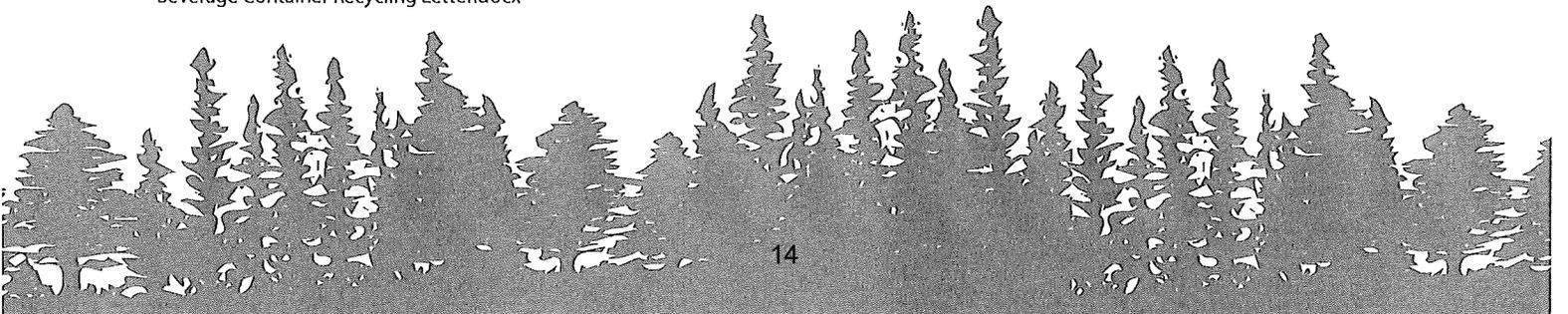
We would like the Province to reconsider this deposit-refund system to ensure that it is equitable to all residents of British Columbia while still encouraging the reduction of waste in landfills and ensuring viable solutions to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher  
Mayor

Cc: MLA Tom Shypitka, Kootenay East  
All UBCM Member Local Governments

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Residents Reminded to Access Wildfire Debris Removal Program

**Kamloops, BC – March 14, 2022** – Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) property owners who lost structures as a result of wildfires in 2021 may be eligible for reimbursement for cleaning up debris on their property. Residents are reminded to contact the TNRD if they wish to proceed.

The TNRD Wildfire Disaster Debris Removal program was launched in January, and residents looking to register are asked to contact the TNRD by **March 25, 2022**. To register, please call 250 377-6312, or email [tnrdrecovery@tnrd.ca](mailto:tnrdrecovery@tnrd.ca). Please include your contact information and address of impacted property.

Through the program, the TNRD is able to reimburse property owners who have incurred expenses for debris removal. Proof of payment is required for reimbursement of wildfire debris removal completed by private property owners.

Please note that this program focuses on rural Electoral Areas of the TNRD impacted by wildfires in 2021, such as Monte Lake, Tranquille, and Botanie Valley. Debris removal in Lytton is being coordinated separately by the Village of Lytton.

The TNRD wildfire debris removal program is being supported with funding from the Canadian Red Cross and the Province of British Columbia.

For more information, please visit the TNRD webpage: [2021 Wildfire Debris Removal Program](#).

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February 16, 2022

Via email:brad.vis@parl.gc.ca

Brad Vis, MP for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

To Brad Vis:

RE: BC Wildfires Petition

The Village of Pouce Coupe, Mayor and Council resolves to support the District of Lillooet in their address to the necessary changes required to protect BC forests and all living creatures which inhabit the biomes in BC.

We support the District of Lillooet in their call upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection in the management practices of the forests. Current policies, practices and guidelines should be assessed and re-evaluated with changes that will better manage and protect these resources.

Yours truly,

Mayor of Pouce Coupe  
Lorraine Michetti

Cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments  
Mike Bernier, MLA for Peace River South  
Bob Zimmer, MP for Peace River South

**From:** [Jason Tomlin](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fire Service Delivery Project  
**Date:** March 22, 2022 3:49:48 PM

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Good afternoon,

As all of you are aware the TNRD has separate contracts for fire service delivery with multiple Municipalities and First Nations within the region. However, due to the nature of when each service was created, coupled with the evolution and ongoing complexities of fire service delivery, an overall evaluation is required. As such, the TNRD has engaged in the services of Dave Mitchell and Associates for the purposes of reviewing how the fire service delivery is currently contracted, examine costs drivers and develop base metrics to ensure fairness, equity and transparency when establishing ongoing fees for fire protection services. Part of this process will require Dave Mitchell and Associates to contact every service provider to better understand the dynamics of each area.

The project timeline is 14 weeks based on documentation request turn around and access to the respective Fire Chiefs.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Thanks,  
JT



**Jason Tomlin**  
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**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART**

**MARCH 28, 2022 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Interior Health

- News Release: Interior Health expands infectious disease services at Kelowna General Hospital (Mar. 11/22)
- News Release: One year in, Interior Health nurse prescriber program continues to expand (Mar. 16/22)  
Info Bulletin: Dr. Harsh Hundal recognized for significant contributions to quality health care in BC (Mar. 17/22)
- Info Bulletin: Interior Health sees birthrate baby bump (Mar. 22/22)
- Info Bulletin: Interior Health adjusting Boundary inpatient services to maintain safe patient care (Mar. 23/22)
- Community Update: Chase Radiology room brings care closer to home (Mar. 25/22)

TNRD – The Current

- Highlights from the Board of Directors’ Meeting of March 10, 2022

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker - 20+A2:F1921		March			
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
<b>2020 MOTIONS</b>					
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."	EA	Research and draft ongoing		completed
<b>2021 MOTIONS</b>					
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/AA	Develop a communication strategy for public engagement including guideline for information communicated by Council on social media		in-progress
<b>2022 MOTIONS</b>					
R-2022-48	THAT, Council approves staff to assemble an Ashcroft themed basket not to exceed \$100 for donation to the SILGA Convention	CAO	Assemble an Ashcroft themed basket for the SILGA Convention		in-progress
R-2022-62	THAT, Council send a letter in support of the Skeetchestn Indian Band funding application to Canada Mortgage and Homes Corporation to fund their proposed Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative as outlined in their request.	EA	Letter of support be drafted as outlined in their request		completed
R-2022-63	THAT, Council approves the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society \$200 Grant in Aid request and the donation of a family Pool Pass for the 2022 Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.	CAO/EA	Letter be sent to SCEF Society approving Grant in Aid of \$200 and a Family Pool Pass included with letter		completed



**Joint Para- Transit Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 11:00 am  
Ashcroft Village Office - ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Jonah Anstett  
Nikki Vincent, Chief Operating Officer YCS  
Jamie Fisher, Transit Manager YCS  
Seth Wright, BC Transit Community Liaison  
Damian Couture, CAO Village of Cache Creek  
Murray Daly, CAO Village of Clinton  
Daniela Dyck, CAO Village of Ashcroft

**REGRETS:** Councillor Wendy Coomber, Village of Cache Creek  
Councillor David Park, Village of Clinton

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review of Notes from October 10, 2021 meeting**  
(Distributed previously)
3. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. COVID-19 Response – Update  
YCS
    - Mask mandate is lifted by PHO; some riders continue to wear masks and use the service at their comfort level.
    - Drivers haven't had any issues as riders appear to be respectful of others comfort levels.
    - Drivers remain in their "bubbles" for safety

BC Transit continues to follow the PHO's and encourages riders to follow maintain their comfort levels providing these are within the PHO guidelines.

#### 4. **Business**

- a. New Bus Drivers- Update YCS
  - RCMP changes to the processes for Criminal Record checks caused the delay in the hiring process. Last criminal record check results were received at the end of January.
  - New Drivers are Simon – Ashcroft; Kevin – Lillooet; and relief driver is Ross based out of Ashcroft.
- b. BC Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day – March 18
  - Brief discussion in regards to past practice. Daniela will coordinate gifts this year and another community will organize this in 2023.
- c. Transit Tickets
  - Tickets are available at the Ashcroft office
  - Seth will amend the Annual Operating Agreement (AOA) to include tickets as accepted fair
  - Clinton and Cache Creek can request tickets for their offices from Ashcroft once Yogi determines the financial transaction process
- d. Inter Community Transit - Seth  
Inclusion of FN's and RD Area's (unincorporated)
  - BC Transit Act (BCTA) established a model for how BC Transit operates
  - BCTA is organized to work with municipalities
  - Bus stop maintenance and installation is tricky with Regional Districts as maintenance crew are not in the area
  - The AOA is between BC Transit and Ashcroft, by extension Ashcroft has agreements with Cache Creek and Clinton
  - Transit expansions are subject of Provincial Funding
  - Province is not supporting expansions this year
  - Of note BC Transit is working with IHA Chelsea Mosey discussion to increase the current Healthy Connections service area
  - It was noted that Bonaparte is unaware of the transit system and service it provides in the area
  - YCS– if funding is established service expansion could be accommodated
  - Including RD and FN will be a discussion between the communities in consideration BC Transit funding availability.

#### 5. **New Business**

N/A

#### 6. **Summary of Ridership/Financial**

- a. Budget and Ridership to February 28, 2022
- b. Year end Financials 2021
- c. Budget Day and Service Plan - FYI

#### 7. **Date for Next Meeting** – June 15, 2022 at 11:00 am - Village of Clinton

- Discussion in regards to meeting format. It was decided that a minimum of one meeting will be hosted in person with zoom option.

**8. Termination**

The Transit meeting was terminated at 11:27 am

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniela Dyck', written in a cursive style.

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Ashcroft



**STORM DRAINAGE / RUN OFF – ASSET MANAGEMENT  
Working Group  
Meeting Notes  
Friday, March 18, 2022 – 9:30 am**

**PRESENT:** Yogi Bhalla, Chair  
Brian Bennewith, DPW  
Mayor Barbara Roden  
Councillor Jonah Anstett  
Kris Hardy, EA

**1. November 3, 2021 Meeting Notes**

Received.

**2. Discussion**

- a. Infrastructure Risk Management Plan
  - A document for our WG to read on our own.
  - Feedback is welcome on this document.
- b. Data Governance Policy & Standards
  - Basically putting together some documentation of the Data Governance Policy & standards. Submitting report to FCM to receive grant funds.
  - Once our grant application is submitted we should receive approximately \$30,000 which will cover our summer student.
- c. Status Asset Management for Ashcroft
  - Documentation & fulfilling grant conditions this month
  - No extension is being requested
- d. Municipal Contribution – Shared Services Hub
  - Vision – we must need to work together
  - It is necessary
  - Personal commitment
    - 4 to 7 hours every single day
    - 100% funds being redirected to non-profit
    - expertise and time for free for neighbouring municipalities and permission GPL licence
    - Replacing power BI with open source to enable public dissemination
  - Cloud Service Provision funds go back into the non-profit to make sustainable and more affordable
  - Rural municipalities, province, first nations, consultants, audit firms potential usage with very little friction with cloud provision.

- e. Draft Storm Drainage Study
  - Engineers are on the way to finishing the Storm Drainage draft.

3. **Next Steps**

- Putting together a non-profit society and have in place before the end of the year

4. **Date for Next Meeting**

- TBD

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

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



Kris Hardy, Executive Assistant

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## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** March 28, 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

**March 16: Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch board meeting**

There was discussion around grant funding, repairs to some of the buildings, and the new deck, construction of which is scheduled to start in March. The site is returning to the 'Historic Hat Creek Ranch' branding, after 'Ranch' was dropped from the site's name two or three years ago.

**March 17: Interior Health Mayor and RD Chair Roundtable**

These meetings were originally held to discuss the COVID-19 situation and then vaccine rollout in the IH region, but have now changed to a more general discussion. The meeting focused on opioid overdoses in the IH region and measures being taken/advocated to deal with them.

**March 18: Storm Drainage/Run-off/Asset Management working group meeting**

The meeting looked at the Infrastructure Risk Management Plan, and the status of Ashcroft's Asset Management plan and what the next steps are, both here and in regard to work with other communities.

**March 18: Meeting with Ashcroft RCMP**

Met with acting detachment commander Cpl. Cory Lepine to discuss policing matters in and around Ashcroft. The new corporal position announced for the detachment has been filled and the new corporal has purchased a home in Ashcroft and starts in the first week of April. The subject of speeding was brought up and members will look at ways of raising public awareness about 'problem' areas (i.e. Ash Street, Government Street leading down from Highway 97C).

**March 18: Interview with Radio Canada**

Did an online interview (in English) with CBC Radio-Canada about changes to the BC Wildfire Service, specifically it moving to a year-round model, and what that might mean for the region. We also discussed the upcoming fire season and what it might bring.

**March 21: Meeting with E. Fry Society**

Met with Trish Schachtel of the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society and a few others to discuss various matters.

**March 23: TNRD Policy Committee meeting**

The committee looked at the proposed new TNRD Policy Framework for developing, reviewing, and updating TND policies. The committee also heard an update on new administrative policies regarding Employee Code of Conduct and Employee Conflict of Interest, an update on progress made on various policies and others that are in development, and an update on the recommendations that came forward from BDO following their forensic audit.

**March 23: Gold Country Communities Society meeting**

Gold Country has released a new video called 'The Tourist', which stars Mavourneen Varcoe-Ryan as the tourist of the title experiencing the sights and amenities and attractions of Ashcroft.

**March 24: Thompson Regional Hospital District meeting**

This meeting took place after this report was prepared. Board members were scheduled to hear an update about Royal Inland Hospital Operations and the new patient care tower, and a recommendation that the Hospital Board decrease its share of the 40 per cent requested for capital equipment by the sum not being received from on-Reserve, non-Band-owned properties in the TNRD, estimated at approximately \$270,000.

**March 24: Tour of new Patient Care Tower at RIH**

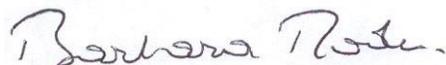
**March 24: Medal of Good Citizenship presentation**

B.C.'s Medal of Good Citizenship was presented to Ashcroft resident Esther Lang in an online ceremony broadcast on YouTube.

**March 24: Open TNRD board meeting**

This meeting took place after this report was prepared. Nothing in the agenda as presented had direct or indirect bearing on Ashcroft, apart from a staff recommendation to award a contract extension of one year for the provision of 9-1-1 call answer service in the TNRD.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,  
Mayor