



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, NOVEMBER 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 adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S

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

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 <i>That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-2
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 3-8

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	None	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	None	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – Legacy Park – End of Season Report	P. 12-13



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6.4	CFO Report – Financial Presentation	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
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7.5	Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) – Fall Highlights – New Chair	P. 20-34
7.6	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Board Bulletin	P. 35-36
7.7	Interior Health – There’s still time to get your influenza vaccine	P. 37
7.8	Interior Health – New care model connects people across region to opioid use disorder treatment	P. 38-39
	M/S <i>THAT, the Information Correspondence items for November 28, 2022 be received and filed.</i>	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker M/S <i>THAT, the Task Manager – Motion Tracker be received for information.</i>	P. 40
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	COTW - Maintenance Proposal for Ashcroft Mosaics M/S	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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



12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

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

EXCUSED: CFO, Yogi Bhalla
Councillor, Jonah Anstett

CAO, Daniela Dyck
DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1
Public – 2

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for Monday November 14, 2022 to order at 5:00 pm.

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

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

THAT, the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council for Monday November 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.

M/S Clement / Lambert

CARRIED – Unanimous – COTW-2022-04

3. **MINUTES**

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council

4. **DELEGATIONS**

	NONE	
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5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1	CAO Memo – Council Committee and Other Appointments Council discussed preferences for committee appointments and have agreed to the following: Liaison: Ashcroft Fire Rescue – Lambert / Clement Emergency Support Services – Anstett / Davenport Northern Development Initiative Trust – Clement / Davenport Gold Country Communities Society – Roden / Clement Historic Hat Creek – Roden / Davenport	
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	Cache Creek Environmental Assessment – Anstett / Davenport Para Transit – Davenport / Roden Communities in Bloom – Davenport / Clement Health Care (HAWC) – Clement / Davenport School District #74 – Clement / Roden Seniors – Lambert / Anstett Municipal Insurance Association – Roden HUB Society – Davenport / Lambert Working Groups: Water to AIB – Lambert / Davenport North Ashcroft Reservoir – Anstett / Davenport Economic Development & Tourism – Clement / Davenport Bylaw Enforcement – Roden / Davenport Special Professional Services: Engineer – Urban Systems Ltd. Legal – Fulton & Company LLP	

6. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

	NONE	
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7. STAFF REPORTS

	NONE	
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8. CLOSED MEETING

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

	NONE	
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9. TERMINATION

M/S Roden / Clement

THAT, Council rises from the Committee of the Whole meeting and reports the proposed Council appointments to the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 14, 2022.

CARRIED – Unanimous – COTW-2022-05

M/S Roden / Clement

THAT, the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for Monday November 14, 2022 be adjourned at 5:34 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous – COTW-2022-06

Certified to be a true copy of the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday November 14, 2022.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 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 amended.

M/S Clement / Lambert

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 14, 2022 be adopted as amended to include the TNRD Invitation and the Telus request under new business.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-244

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-245

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	David Rhodes, Quality Manager, Dawson Road Maintenance – Winter Road Conditions David Rhodes congratulated Council on their recent election and provided a winter road maintenance update:	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David is the Quality Manager for Dawson Roads Maintenance • Previous Ashcroft Foreman in Ashcroft • The Superintendent for Clinton and Ashcroft is Chris Mayhew • Ashcroft's existing Foreman is on leave; Acting Job Forman position temporarily filled until foreman returns • Division Manager structure has changed – Elsie LePage • Dawson has divided into North and south divisions for better management purposes • Short staffed in Ashcroft – difficulty in finding staff; HR is working on recruitment initiatives • Summer shoulder erosion being continuing to be repaired on Hwy 97C • Barnes Lake road scour being worked on hope to move forward soon • Brine is being used in the area (rock salt 23.3% salt / 76.7%water by weight volume) • Brine prevents compact snow from binding to the road, enabling the plow trucks to plow the snow off the road; increasing plowing efficiency by 35% • Brine does not assist in snow melt • Brine can put down at 80kmh up to -10* temperatures • Shift schedule change – ran 3 shifts in the past – moved to a staggered shift 4 on 3 off, due to staffing issues have moved back to 3 shifts per day. • Night shift will focus on main corridors • Start times 5:00am, 1:00pm and 9:00pm • Brine system holds 15,000 L mixed and held in storage system with secondary containment in a bladder, hauling from Clinton not stored here due to proximity to the river. <p>Council thanked Mr. Rhodes for his presentation and welcomes him back in the spring for another update.</p>	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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Cam Tedford – Railway Ave, Ashcroft

- Comment congratulating Council on their election
- Questions re: Council Meeting Procedure – Clarification in regards to how questions are to be directed, can Councillors and staff answer questions or does the Mayor answer all questions?
- Clarification requested in regards to questions relating to previous meetings, comments and personal opinions

Gloria Mertens – Rattlesnake Rd., TNRD Area I

- CEPF funding clarification - does this include the FireSmart Home Partners Program
- Question in regards to status of trees at the cemetery
- Question in regards to public inclusion at Planning and Budget sessions
- Request for copy of Aboriginal Housing document
- Comment encouraging all members of Council participation in LGMA training session



- Comment that the new Council consider adding an additional question period towards the end of Council meetings
- Clarification in regards to the previous finance committee meetings
- Comment indicating appreciation for Council written reports

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Fire Department CEPF Grant Application M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the submission of a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) grant application to UBCM on behalf of Ashcroft Fire Rescue for ongoing training funding.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-246
6.2	CAO Report – 2022 Election Results M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, the report from the Chief Election Officer on the October 15, 2022 General Local Election for the Village of Ashcroft be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-247
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	CAO Presentation – Organizational Update M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, the CAO Organizational Update be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-248
6.4	DPW Report – Public Works Project Updates M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, the DPW Public Works Project Update report be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-249

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft HUB – Santa Parade Street Closure Request for Friday, December 2 nd from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Councillor Clement recused herself as in a conflict as the parade organizer at 6:58, returning at 7:00 pm M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the request to have Railway Avenue closed from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, December 2nd for the Annual Santa Parade</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-250
7.2	CFO Report and Twisted Desert Music Society – Grant in Aid Request Application M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the Grant in Aid request to Twisted Desert Music Society for \$500.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-250
7.3	Ministry of Children and Families – November is Adoption Awareness Month in BC – newsletter M/S Clement / Lambert	

	<i>THAT, Council declare November as Adoption Awareness month in Ashcroft and that the declaration be included in the November Newsletter.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-251
7.4	AFR – Request for donation of ice time for annual Charity Hockey Game to be held Saturday, January 21, 2023 M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Ashcroft Fire Rescue request for free ice time at the Drylands Arena be approved for their annual Charity Hockey Game on January 21, 2023; and that, an additional two hours of practice ice time be included.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-252
7.5	2023 Council Meeting Dates M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the 2023 Council Meeting Dates be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-253
7.6	Ashcroft 4H Club – Request free use of the Ashcroft Community Hall for Year End Banquet November 27, 2022 M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, the Ashcroft 4H Club request for free use of the Community Hall be approved to host their Year End Banquet on November 27, 2022</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-254
7.7	Marina Papais & Daniel Collett – Maintenance Proposal for Ashcroft Mosaics M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council defer discussion and invite the artists to the next Council meeting to seek clarification and to provide an opportunity to ask questions.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-255
FOR INFORMATION		
7.8	Aboriginal Housing Management Association – Provincial, Rural & Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy (<i>copy of strategy at CAO's desk</i>)	
7.9	Susan Brown, President & CEO – Interior Health – Congratulations to Mayor Roden on her re-election	
7.10	Gold Country Communities Society – Thank you to outgoing members and appointment of new members	
7.11	Tracy Shymko, Deputy Assessor, BC Assessment - Thompson Okanagan Region – Congratulations in the 2022 Local Government Elections	
7.12	UBCM, LGMA & Ministry of Municipal Affairs Partnership – Working Group on Responsible Conduct	
	M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, the Information Correspondence items for November 14, 2022, be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-256

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, the Task Manager – Motion Tracker be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-257
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	TNRD – Invitation to attend Eco Depot Grand Opening Nov. 21, 2022 M/S Roden / Davenport	
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	<p><i>THAT, all available members of Council attend the Opening of the Eco Depot.</i></p> <p>Advise attendance to the CAO by Tuesday afternoon for RSVP purposes</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-258</p>
9.2	<p>Telus – Letter of Support Request and Congratulatory Letter to Council</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council provides Telus with a letter of support as they apply for grant funding to provide faster and more reliable internet services in Ashcroft.</i></p> <p>CAO to request data from users as supporting documentation</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-259</p>

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

10.1	<p>Council Committee and Other Appointments as proposed by Council from the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 14, 2022</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, the Council Committee appointments for 2023 be as follows:</i></p> <p><u>Liaison:</u></p> <p><i>Ashcroft Fire Rescue – D. Lambert / J. Clement</i></p> <p><i>Emergency Support Services – J. Anstett / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>Northern Development Initiative Trust – J. Clement / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>Gold Country Communities Society – B. Roden / J. Clement</i></p> <p><i>Historic Hat Creek – B. Roden / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>Cache Creek Environmental Assessment – J. Anstett / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>Para Transit – N. Davenport / B. Roden</i></p> <p><i>Communities in Bloom – N. Davenport / J. Clement</i></p> <p><i>Health Care (HAWC) – J. Clement / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>School District #74 – J. Clement / B. Roden</i></p> <p><i>Seniors – D. Lambert / J. Anstett</i></p> <p><i>Municipal Insurance Association – B. Roden / Deputy Mayor</i></p> <p><i>HUB Society – N. Davenport / D. Lambert</i></p> <p><u>Working Groups:</u></p> <p><i>Water to AIB – D. Lambert / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>North Ashcroft Reservoir – J. Anstett / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>Economic Development & Tourism – J. Clement / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><i>Bylaw Enforcement – B. Roden / N. Davenport</i></p> <p><u>Special Professional Services:</u></p> <p><i>Engineer – Urban Systems Ltd.</i></p> <p><i>Legal – Fulton & Company LLP</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-260</p>
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden – Report</p> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport</p> <p><i>THAT, Mayor Roden's report be received for information.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-261</p>
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	



12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

12.1	<p>M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council adjourn to a closed meeting under the Community Charter as follows:</i> <i>Section 90.1(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality;</i> <i>Section 90.1(d) the security of the property of the municipality; and</i> <i>Section 90.1(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-262</p>
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Clement / Lambert

THAT, the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 14, 2022, be adjourned at 8:05 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-263

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

 Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

 Barbara Roden,
 Mayor

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: November 28, 2022
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **BC Rural Health Network**

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary report from the BC Rural Health Network delegation on the September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

Recommendation

Alternatives

Discussion

Paul Adams from the BC Rural Health Network (BCRHN) invited Council to approve Ashcroft's participation in the BCRHN, advocating to include the voice of Ashcroft in the BCRHN united voice for action on the healthcare crisis in rural BC.

The BCRHN consists of healthcare advocacy organizations working in cooperation with healthcare policymakers. The purpose of the Network is to promote and support a health services system that improves and sustains the health and well-being of residents of rural communities across British Columbia.

VISION

The BC Rural Health Network (the BCRHN) is the healthcare voice for all rural residents of British Columbia.

MISSION

To promote and support a health services system that improves and sustains the health and well-being of residents of rural communities across British Columbia

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- All British Columbians are entitled to efficiently provided, timely and effective health services.
- While the rural communities of BC differ widely in terms of needs, desires, strengths, challenges and distinctive characters they share many concerns regarding obstacles to essential healthcare services.
- Residents in rural communities are recognized as authorities on what is best for their community. Grassroots healthcare advocacy organizations exist in rural communities because of the recognized need to improve services.
- Improvement to services will result from collaborative, cooperative relationships developed between community organizations, health authorities, local elected officials, local health workers, and provincial policy makers.
- Together we present a strong and unified voice for change.

GOALS:

- Share successful strategies in an effort to address rural healthcare concerns
- Advocate for policy changes that provide all rural residents with attachment to a health care practitioner
- Identify areas of research aimed at improving access to healthcare in rural communities and to provide fertile ground for research to take place
- Inform the BC Ministry of Health of rural healthcare concerns
- Recommend solutions for the improvement of services to rural BC residents
- Work in partnership with other provincial organizations to influence policy changes that improve access to healthcare services
- Recognize the healthcare concerns of indigenous communities and include their issues and concerns as part of our work
- Improve access to mental health services
- Promote patient-centered, community-based primary healthcare reform.

In summary, the Networks membership is diverse including individuals, community groups, local governments, advocacy groups and various societies supporting health, hospice care, aging in place etc. There are over 60 participating organizations and municipal recruitment is underway. Cost of membership is \$50.00 annually. Level of involvement is at Council's discretion and can be as busy as monthly meetings or simply remain informed of ongoing discussions. The BCRHN is non controversial, the Network meets across party lines with leaders on health care and rural initiatives and would like Ashcroft's voice to be included. The website is a "one stop shop" for rural residents on all health related news and resources. The Network is increasing their social media presence sharing science based information in rural BC. The BCRHN is nonpartisan advocating for all health care needs across all levels of government.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Health Initiatives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Membership fee \$50.00

Attachment Listing

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

From: paul.bcrhn@gmail.com [<mailto:paul.bcrhn@gmail.com>]

Sent: September 2, 2022 10:32 AM

To: Maike Mayden <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>

Subject: Rural Health Care Crisis - Request to Meet

Attn: CAO

Dear Mayor and Council,

The BC Rural Health Network (BCRHN) represents the health interests of rural residents across BC. We seek to include the voice of Ashcroft in our united voice for action on the healthcare crisis in rural BC. We need your help!

We would request a meeting with the council of Ashcroft at your earliest convenience to explain our organization and request the membership of Ashcroft. We would request a 15-minute audience with council via video link where we can provide a slide presentation on our organization and why Ashcroft should join us.

The benefit of membership is the consolidation of the rural voice on their health and the amplification of our voice to authorities. The BCRHN relies on your voice to provide insight into your community's concerns. This allows us to consolidate and amplify the local unique needs and positive initiatives of rural communities to provincial authorities. The BCRHN is a political organization with charitable status. Our purpose is to inform decision makers, policy makers, and rural citizens by providing accurate, science-based, current information on rural health issues in BC. The membership fee is small (and if a hurdle can be waived;) including the voice of Ashcroft would be an asset to rural wellbeing.

If you will be attending the UBCM meeting in Whistler, we hope you have an opportunity to talk with our representatives, Colin Moss, and Leonard Casley from New Denver, who sit on the BCRHN Board of Directors. We believe a rural caucus on rural healthcare is forming at UBCM and we would like to engage with as many communities as possible.

We have several meetings scheduled across party lines with the leaders on healthcare and rural initiatives over the next month. We would like to bring your voice to those and other meetings.

Our website is serving as a "one stop shop" for rural residents on all health-related news and resources. If you haven't been by, please take a look <https://bcruralhealth.org/>. Our membership form can be accessed [here](#).

Please consider this a formal request to meet with the Ashcroft council. We would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt via return email.

We realize that elections are upon us, and that life is very busy at the moment, however the healthcare situation in BC has become a crisis for rural communities and we need to act now!

We hope you will join us!

Yours in health and wellness,

Paul

Paul Adams || Administrator || [BC Rural Health Network](#) ||

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The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.

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STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: November 28, 2022
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Legacy Park - End of Season Report

Purpose

To provide Council with an end of season report for Legacy Park on behalf of Barry Tripp park host.

Recommendation

For Information

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

May Revenues \$ 12,094.20

We were able to open that park on schedule, May 1st with over 40 email reservation taken between January 1st and opening day. Despite record high fuel prices, and cooler than average temperatures, we've had a record month. A large number of our visitors are first time customers which indicates our advertising dollars are working. Our popularity and positive reputation continues to grow as well.

We've had a considerable number of visitors from Europe with the largest number being from Holland and Germany. Tent camping is more popular than ever before.

June Revenues \$ 10,200.75

Although the overall revenue is down from the previous month, the individual usage is up considerably which suggests that RVing remains strong in B.C., despite the high fuel prices and below average temperatures.

The park continues to host a strong flow of European visitors as well as a number of Americans using our province as a corridor for heading to Alaska, as well of course as visitors from across Canada.

Tenting seems to have returned to popularity over the past years.

July Revenues \$ 10,616.00

The Campground Manager was away from the park for 12 days on medical leave. The day to day park duties were handled by the CAO and the Director of Public Works.

The park remained consistently busy and tenting visitors continued to utilize the facility.

August Revenues \$ 11,566.00

The Campground Manager was away from the park for 12 days on medical leave. The day to day activities were covered by the CAO and the Director of Public Works.

The park remained busy and we had quite a few longer term park visitors that were working in the area. Tenting remains popular in August.

September Revenues \$ 15,514.50

The final month of the 2022 season proved to be the busiest and most profitable of a crazy summer. Reservations are becoming the norm for the park however, some of the visitors arrived without reservations, somehow not

believing that they would be required this late in the season. Unfortunately, some had to be turned away. The majority of the bookings that were made were done by phone.

Administration agreed to prolong the season for some of the long term park guests to the end of October.

Total 2022 Revenues \$ 59,991.95

For comparison purposes, 2021 was Legacy Park's best year on record with revenues totalling \$ 46,542.00 It appears that our return on investment for Legacy Park and ongoing promotion and advertisement is proving to be profitable.

**Respectfully Submitted on
Behalf of Barry Tripp by:**



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: October 25, 2020
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Museum - End of Season Report

Purpose

To provide Council with a review of the 2022 season. Captioned below is the information received from Peter Konikow, Ashcroft's curator at the Museum.

Recommendation

For Information

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

'This first year I basically got my feet wet, and thanks to Kathy's mentoring I was able to catch on fairly quickly. I have enjoyed working at the Museum and meeting people from around the world. Likewise, it appears as everyone has enjoyed my style of museum tours.

Total visitors are way up from last year, including, 2 seniors' groups, from Lillooet [8] and Chartwell Residences in Kamloops [18]. Additionally, 2 schools: Savona Elementary [42] on June 24th and Desert Sands Secondary [55] on Sept. 26th.

Many people have remarked how clean and well kept the museum is, and our google rating is 4.7 out of 5.0. We had visitors from 13 countries outside of Canada, including Israel, Argentina and Italy including 1 nice young man from Baffin Island who is travelling all across Canada. I am looking forward to sharing the great history of our area to next year's visitors.'

**Respectfully Submitted on
Behalf of Peter Konikow by:**



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

YOU'RE INVITED

*Ashcroft Library
Grand Reopening*

**Wednesday, December 7, 1-6pm
Ribbon Cutting 2pm
201 Brink Street, Ashcroft**

Everyone is welcome!
Please RSVP to: ashlib@tnrd.ca by December 1



November 24, 2022
Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft St
Ashcroft BC, V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor and Council,

Each year towards the end of January, hundreds of children and adults in Canada celebrate Family Literacy Week by participating in activities designed to promote reading and learning as a family. This special week communicates the important message to children and parents in our community that the reading and learning habits we develop at an early age set the stage for our success later in life.

The members of Bridging to Literacy are committed to seeing children and adults prosper. They understand the importance of learning through family activities and wish to promote many types of literacy, family activities being one.

I am writing to request that you proclaim the week of January 22, 2023, as Family Literacy Week in Ashcroft. Official recognition of this week as Family Literacy Week will serve to reinforce Ashcroft Council's commitment to literacy and to securing a solid foundation for our children.

As a partner in literacy, we would like to ask the mayor and council to donate the use of the Community Skating Arena for a free family skating afternoon on Friday, January 27, 2023, and would like to ask if you would put the information about this event in your Newsletter.

We would also like to invite you to experience Family Literacy Day for yourselves by attending the activities we have planned in our area for the week of January 22, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please feel free to contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,



Jessica Clement
Literacy Outreach Coordinator
Bridging to Literacy
250-453-9177



October 20, 2022

Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC
V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor Roden and Council Members;

I am so pleased to send my congratulations on your election (or re-election) to office. I appreciate the hard work and dedication that it takes to serve in local government positions and wish you all a very productive and rewarding term.

I also look forward to working with you during your term in office and would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with Council in the new year to discuss issues of importance to your community, as well as to provide you with an update from Victoria.

Thank you for your willingness to take on this important responsibility of providing leadership to your community. I know that you will find the issues you encounter interesting and meaningful, the opinions diverse and thought provoking, and your service to community incredibly satisfying.

Once again congratulations!

Yours truly,

Jackie Tegart, MLA
Fraser-Nicola



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PRESS RELEASE

TNRD Board Elects All-Female Board Chair, Vice-Chair for First Time

Kamloops, BC – November 18, 2022 – For the first time in the history of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), the Board of Directors have elected a female chair of the Board and female vice-chair of the Board to serve during the same term.

At the inaugural board meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, the Board elected Village of Ashcroft director Barbara Roden as chair, and District of Logan Lake director Robin Smith as vice-chair.

Roden is the second-ever female to serve as the TNRD Board chair, following former City of Kamloops director Patricia Wallace, who served as Board chair between 1983 and 1986. Roden has been the mayor of Ashcroft since 2018, and also served as a councillor between 2014 and 2018. Roden also became the first-ever female vice-chair of the TNRD Board in 2021.

Smith has been the mayor of Logan Lake since 2018, and also served as a councillor between 2014 and 2018.

“I’m honoured to have been chosen to lead the TNRD Board of Directors for the next year, and very happy to have Director Robin Smith as vice-chair. I know that we will make a good team. We’re both dedicated to listening to what residents have to say, building a strong team around the board table, and doing what’s best for the TNRD,” Roden stated.

“There are a lot of new faces around the board table, and everyone there brings unique skills and fresh ideas. It’s an exciting time for the TNRD, and I’m looking forward to what the next 12 months bring, and acting a guide for that journey.”

During the inaugural board meeting, all 27 elected officials took their Oath of Office for the current four-year term, presided over by the Honourable Judge Lorianna Bennett.

About the TNRD Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the TNRD, and includes 27 elected officials:

- One Director from each of the 10 TNRD Electoral Areas;
- One Director from each of the 10 smaller TNRD Member Municipalities; and
- Seven Directors from the City of Kamloops.

Provincial legislation requires regional district boards of directors to hold annual elections to elect one Director to serve as Board chair and one Director to serve as vice chair. These elections take place at the inaugural meeting, which is the first Board meeting after November 1.

For more information about the TNRD Board, please visit: www.tnrd.ca/board-of-directors.



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Gold Country Communities Society

Fall Highlights



A Word From Our New Chair, Wendy Coomber

With all the grace of a floundering bull moose on an icy highway, our little slice of paradise in the central Interior has suddenly changed into Winter, ready or not. Time for winter tires and skates, snow mobiles and ice fishing huts, crackling bonfires and steaming hot chocolate.

Our rural communities have been in a constant state of change these past few years, seeking new ways to survive and stay relevant in a world that judges us by the size of our economy.

One of the best things about small towns is that we live in a community. We know our neighbours. We know almost everyone that we see each day. You can't go into a store or a public office without stopping to chat with friends. Each and every little town in Gold Country, and all points in between, are connected by the people who live here. Community doesn't stop at the town border. It is not surprising that this community faced its biggest challenge in 2020 with Covid-19 and the requirements to distance ourselves from each other. Stay home, wear masks, don't visit, no organized events... But the bigger the challenges, the greater the opportunities.

We learned new ways of staying in touch, of reconnecting. We learned how much those connections within our community meant to us and

determined never to take them for granted again. We used the solitary enforcement to explore the beauty beyond our backyard once more.

But Covid-19 wasn't the only challenge. Floods, fires, mudslides and highway closures over the past three years have rocked the Gold Country community and tested its resilience beyond reason. While municipalities, businesses, and residents continue to struggle with losses incurred over this period, tourism figures have yet to return to their pre-Covid-19 numbers. We are rebuilding as quickly as we can, reinventing the amazing wonders that attract so many to our region.

Change is good. Change is inevitable. Change brings loss, but it also brings renewal. The local government elections in October have brought many new faces to our Gold Country board, and I welcome each and every one of them and look forward to an influx of fresh ideas.

I would also like to thank out-going members Sally Watson, Steven Rice and Lisa Dafoe for their dedication and passion to our community. What doesn't kill us makes us stronger, so look for Gold Country Strong in 2023!



[Brandy Cooper-Chardon]

A Word From The Marketing Manager

Tourism is a social, cultural and economic phenomenon which entails the movement of people to countries or places outside their usual environment for personal or business/professional purposes. Sometimes tourism can also be defined as movement over a certain amount of kilometers for either business or pleasure purposes.

That got my brain turning, and thinking about what it means to live rurally, and the amount of occasions we get turned into automatic tourists the moment we put our children into organized activities or decide to participate in community activities like sitting on a board or council. How many times have you volunteered, and that position had you traveling 80+ kilometers?

I was turned onto this thought train while I was visiting the Logan Lake Community Information Day that was hosted by the WHY. I

had the good fortune to learn about the Logan Lake Miners from Mike Carlsen. The Logan Lake Miners are an independent BCIHL expansion team based in Logan Lake, BC. The team consists of student-athletes enrolled in full time courses at Thompson Rivers University and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. Their website states that, "The BCIHL promotes academic success, health and safety, and a highly competitive brand of hockey." I was instantly inspired to want to come watch a game, imagining the pace would be quick and full of heart.

I shared this information with my family in hopes we can all meet up in Logan Lake for a game. That means we would be travelling from Kamloops, and Cache Creek, probably purchasing fuel, snacks, souvenirs or memorabilia and checking all the boxes that would make us tourists. I got excited about the ability to be tourist within my own region, as I realized that being a tourist doesn't always mean palm tree destinations. I hope that this inspires you to join some community groups, and with any luck your new role just may have you checking all the boxes that make you a tourist.

We live in amazing times, filled with extraordinary people within a remarkable region.

Brandy Cooper-Chardon

Marketing Manager

Explore Gold Country During Winter Market Season



There are plenty of communities to explore with us during this Winter market season. To view what is happening in the Gold Country Area have a visit online to our event calendar [here](#).

**Ashcroft Legion Christmas Craft Fair
November 19 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

You will find something for everyone at this once a year craft fair. Come out and support local or sell your crafts. Tables are \$15 per with a maximum of 2 tables. Contact Pat Moyer for more information at [250-457-6431](tel:250-457-6431) or [250-457-3081](tel:250-457-3081).

Held at the **Cache Creek Community Hall**.

**Bonaparte Craft Market
November 20 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

A craft market featuring Indigenous vendors will be hosted at the Bonaparte First Nation Reserve at 2610 Spirit Way, November 20, from 10am – 2pm. This market will feature baked

goods, canvas art, drums, beaded accessories, home-based businesses, a concession, bannock, door prizes and more. Vendor tables are by donation. For more information or to register as a vendor please contact Misty Antoine at antionemisty@gmail.com

**Savona Community Association Christmas Bazaar
November 20 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

November 20th 10am – 2pm at the Savona Community Hall Come out and show your community support and get a head start on your Christmas shopping, enjoy catching up with neighbours, have a lunch or beverage at the concession. Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, and door prize! Admission is by donation. To book a table contact Patti at [250-674-1651](tel:250-674-1651)

**Ashcroft and District Health Care Auxiliary Annual Christmas Sale!
November 25 @ 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

The Volunteers at the Ashcroft and District Health Care Auxiliary Thrift store have been saving the best of their donated items and the Christmas items just for their Annual Christmas Sales! Come out to the Seniors Centre at 601 Bancroft Street to shop the fantastic deals that these volunteers have been saving for you and support your local Ashcroft and District Health Care Auxiliary!

Friday November 25th from 3pm – 7pm. Saturday November 26th from 10am – 3pm.

Friday December 2nd from 10am – 2pm. Saturday December 3rd from 9am – 1pm.

**70 Mile House Community Hall Craft Fair!
November 26 @ 9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

This is a phase 2 fundraiser, and there is a \$20.00 deposit for tables- \$10.00 return after the

3pm clean up. 10 tables were available. Interested people can call Ken at [250-456-6050](tel:250-456-6050) or Joy at [250-456-2348](tel:250-456-2348)

**Spences Bridge Community Club Annual Christmas Bazaar
November 26 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

The Spences Bridge Community Club is holding its main fundraising event of the year, the annual Christmas Bazaar, at Clemes Hall (Highway 8), 11am – 2pm November 26th. In addition to the vendors, the event will feature raffles, an auction, a concession, and more.

**Savona Elementary PAC Christmas Bazaar
December 1 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

The Savona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council will be holding a Christmas Bazaar at the school gym (6665 Tingley Street) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (vendor set-up starts at 9 a.m.). A silent auction is planned but has not yet been confirmed. Tables are \$20 each, with all proceeds going to the PAC fundraising efforts. In addition to their usual items, vendors are asked to have some items priced around or under \$5, so that children can shop as well. For information, email savonapac@gmail.com.

**Ashcroft and District Health Care Auxiliary Annual Christmas Sale
December 2 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

The Volunteers at the Ashcroft and District Health Care Auxiliary Thrift store have been saving the best of their donated items and the Christmas items just for their Annual Christmas Sales! Come out to the Seniors Centre at 601 Bancroft Street to shop the fantastic deals that these volunteers have been saving for you and support your local Ashcroft and District Health Care Auxiliary!

Friday December 2nd from 10am – 2pm Saturday December 3rd from 9am – 1pm

Come Explore With Us~

Check out our video productions about shopping local!

- [70 Mile](#)
- [Ashcroft](#)
- [Cache Creek](#)
- [Clinton](#)
- [Lillooet](#)
- [Logan Lake](#)
- [Lytton](#)
- [Savona](#)
- [Spences Bridge](#)

Here's what's happening in Gold Country:

Level 1 Occupational First Aid Training

| Logan Lake

November 19th from 8am – 4pm First Aid Training will be hosted on at the Logan Lake WHY. This one day course will teach you introductory knowledge on how to identify injuries and administer First Aid. No prior First Aid knowledge is required. Registration fee is \$150. Students are recommended to be at least 16 yrs of age and capable First Aid physical activities. Please wear comfortable clothing to move around in and bring your photo ID. A certificate will be issued upon successful completion. For more information or to register please contact the Logan Lake WHY at

250-523-6229 or email at info@loganlakewhy.ca

Fill The Ambulance Food Drive | Lillooet

November 19, 2022 Old Mill Plaza 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Christmas Card Class #2 Bright Series

| Logan Lake

Saturday November 19th or/and Saturday December 3rd from 10am – 1:30pm come join Barb Calbick from Stampin Up and learn the art of card making! You will get to make 3 cards each of a series of 4 designs for a total of 12 cards! All materials will be provided. There also will be the option to purchase stand alone card making packages (adhesive not included) for \$50 each! Registration for these activities is only \$65/each. For more information or to register please contact the Logan Lake WHY

at 250-523-6229 or email at info@loganlakewhy.ca

Santa Parade | Ashcroft

The Ashcroft HUB will be hosting the Santa Parade on Friday December 2, 2022. This year's parade theme is: "What Christmas Means to Me" The organizers hope to see lots of participants this year. Prizes for the best three floats! Bring the whole family down to enjoy this annual fun family event! Parade floats are asked to line at the Blue Haul Truck on Railway Avenue by 5:30 PM facing north (Cache Creek) for a float judging and a 6pm start. For more information or questions contact the

Ashcroft HUB at [250-453-9177](tel:250-453-9177) or email office@ashcrofthub.com

70 Mile Community Club Pancake Breakfast | 70 Mile

December 3 @ 9:00 am - 11:30 am

December 3 from 9am-11:30am the 70 Mile Community Club is hosting their Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Come down to the 70 Mile Community Hall at 2585 North Bonaparte Road and enjoy breakfast with your neighbours and community members. This feast is by donation and all proceeds will be going to the 70 Mile Community Hall renovations. We hope to see you there!

Gold Country Rear View Mirror

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Those Geocaching hikes.

#hikelife #gconthetrail

#geocaching



Abundance Artisan Bakery

#shoplocal #exporegoldcountry



Mission Ridge

#trailingtuesday #explorebc



Today let's visit an endearing general store - The 70 Mile General Store



#wolverine #wildlifewednesday



All about The Prequel.
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GeoTour Blog

Gold Country Geo Tour: The Prequel

What is a GeoTour

A GeoTour is a treasure hunt of sorts that you can do using your smartphone. The goal is to visit specific locations in order to find hidden geo caches. While the appeal of a GeoTour may seem like child's play, it's actually a great way to get some exercise and explore your surroundings. What's more, it's a great way to bond with family and friends. If you're looking for a new adventure, a GeoTour might be just the thing for you.

How to make a GeoTour

A GeoTour is an intentional, GPS-led tour designed to take participants on a journey to discover hidden gems and historic landmarks. The best GeoTours are those that are well researched and thoughtfully designed to provide both a fun challenge and an opportunity to learn something new. When creating a Geo Tour, there



are a few things to keep in mind. First, decide whether you want your tour to be a "park and grab" style, where participants can simply drive up and grab the cache, or a regular traditional style cache that requires a bit more effort to find. Second, consider adding a micro or virtual cache for an extra challenge. Finally, don't forget to sign the log book and exchange some of the swag! Include some fun items in your caches for participants to find, such as stickers, patches, or keychains. By following these simple tips, you can create a Geo Tour that is both enjoyable and educational.

The benefits of GeoTours

Backyard tourists are a growing breed of amateur adventurers, using GPS devices to seek out hidden "geocaches" all over the world. The appeal is simple: anyone can do it, it's a great way to get some exercise, and it's a fun way to learn about your surroundings. Plus, there's the challenge of finding the cache, and the views can be pretty spectacular. In some cases, you might even win a prize. So why not give it a try? Who knows? You might just find yourself hooked.

How to market GeoTours

Geo tours are a great way to get people interested in learning about the history and culture of a community. But how do you go about marketing one? First, identify community partners who might be interested in promoting the tour. This could include businesses, schools, community organizations, and local government agencies. Next, reach out to these partners and explain what a GeoTour is and how it can benefit the community. Be sure to mention that the tour can be customized to fit the interests of each community partner. Finally, launch the GeoTour with a special event. This event could include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, press conference, or community celebration. By following these steps, you can successfully market a GeoTour and get people excited about learning more about their community.

Case Studies

Gold Country was the first organization to host Canada's first GeoTour and we have seen nothing but positive economic spinoffs since. The GeoTour has been an easy way to track how many visitors are coming to the area and where (communities) they are spending their money. We estimate that since the inception of the Gold Country GeoTourism program in 2009, we have interjected close to half a million dollars back into the region. This is thanks in no small part to the amazing Gold Country communities who have graciously welcomed visitors into their homes and businesses. We are so proud to be a part of this program and look forward to continuing to grow Gold Country's economy while promoting sustainable tourism.

In Conclusion

A GeoTour is a series of geocaches, often with a theme, that when completed earns the finder a special Geocoin or other prize. Making your own tour is easy and can be done individually or as a community effort. The benefits to making a GeoTour are many as they get people outside exploring and learning about new places while promoting tourism to an area. Marketing your GeoTours is also fairly simple and can be done through social media, local businesses, geocaching.com, and word of mouth. There are lots of great examples of successful GeoTours all over the world including Gold Country GeoTourism which features two different tours across the Gold Country BC region. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and start exploring! Visit geocaching.com and check out our live GeoTours or click [here](#) to view our newest GeoTour Promo Video.

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Board Bulletin

November 2022



Gold Trail respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux, St'at'imc and Secwépemc First Peoples.

INAUGURAL MEETING

On November 1st a new Board of Education was sworn into office. At the meeting each trustee took an Oath of Office. The members of the new Board are:

- Trustee Larry Casper representing Rural Area A
- Trustee Valerie Adrian representing Rural Area B
- Trustee Jordan Lawrence representing Rural Area C
- Trustee Carmen Ranta representing Rural Area D
- Trustee Donna Aljam representing Rural Area E
- Trustee John Roberge representing the Village of Ashcroft
- Trustee Orra Storkan representing the District of Lillooet

At the Inaugural meeting Larry Casper was elected Board Chair and Carmen Ranta was elected Vice Chair. Together they will lead as Co-Chairs in accordance with Policy No. 1.140 Role of Co-Chair/Chair/Vice-Chair.



DOGWOOD AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year the district was provided nine District Authority scholarship from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The District/Authority scholarship is awarded to 5,500 high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen area. The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets core eligibility requirements and general guidelines; local scholarship committees determine awarding criteria and select their conditional recipients.

Those students who were awarded the scholarship are:

- Ejah Nyman who graduated from David Stoddart School
- Cindy Minnabarriet who graduated from Desert Sands Community School
- Hailey Spinks who graduated from Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School
- Katelynn Spinks who graduated from Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School
- Ethan Horn who graduated from Lillooet Secondary School
- Hayden Elliot who graduated from Lillooet Secondary School
- James Chuong who graduated from Lillooet Secondary School
- Jocelyn Elofson who graduated from Lillooet Secondary School
- Tyson McNeil who graduated from Lillooet Secondary School

For Immediate Release | Nov. 17, 2022

There's still time to get your influenza vaccine

IH WIDE – Public health officials with Interior Health (IH) remind everyone there is still time to get your influenza vaccine (flu shot) and those six months and older are eligible.

It's easier than ever to get immunity for your community. Influenza vaccinations are free for everyone in B.C. six months of age or older, to best protect themselves, their loved ones, their communities and the health-care system this fall and winter.

"With a surge of respiratory illness in fall and winter, we encourage everyone to get an influenza vaccine for protection, especially while more people are socializing or traveling," says Dr. Fatemeh Sabet, an Interior Health medical health officer.

Families can book an appointment through the [Get Vaccinated system](#). Families with a child under 12 only need to book one appointment in a 6 month to 11 year clinic, and the whole family can get their COVID and influenza vaccines at the same time. Immunization appointments for people 12 and older are available at select community pharmacies and IH clinics, and are booked through the Get Vaccinated system. It's safe to get your COVID-19 booster at the same time as getting your influenza vaccination.

Although booking through the Get Vaccinated system is the most efficient way to access an influenza vaccine, limited walk-ins at some pharmacies continue to be available. Alternatively, you can phone the provincial call centre (toll-free) at 1-833-838-2323. If no appointments are available when you book, try again later or expand your search area; new appointments are added daily.

Getting immunized helps protect you and those around you by reducing the spread of influenza. Influenza can cause serious illness requiring hospitalization, which places additional demand on the health-care system that is still also seeing impacts from COVID-19.

Influenza vaccines are safe and effective. They have undergone rigorous review before getting approved by Health Canada.

In addition to getting vaccinated against influenza, frequent handwashing, respecting personal space, cough etiquette and staying home when sick continue to be important methods to limit the spread of germs.

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We recognize and acknowledge that we are collectively gathered on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the seven Interior Region First Nations. This region is also home to 15 Chartered Métis Communities. It is with humility that we continue to strengthen our relationships with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples across the Interior.

For Immediate Release | Nov. 22, 2022

New care model connects people across region to opioid use disorder treatment

CRANBROOK – As the toxic drug crisis continues, Interior Health in collaboration with local prescribers has implemented a new model to help connect people in the East Kootenay region who have opioid use disorder with opioid agonist treatments (OAT), such as methadone and Suboxone.

“When people bravely reach out for help, we want supports to meet them,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “This innovative approach will help more people in the East Kootenays access life-saving treatment, as government continues to build a system of mental health and addictions care across the province.”

A new centralized East Kootenay-wide OAT clinic has been launched in order to maximize OAT prescribing resources in the region. The clinic provides clients with access to an OAT prescriber on any weekday at their local Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) centre, using an innovative blend of in-person and virtual appointments.

The service is available in five East Kootenay communities: Cranbrook; Creston; Invermere; Golden; and Sparwood.

The clinic is comprised of physicians, nurse prescribers and a centralized medical office assistant.

“The provision of OAT medication, and with substance use treatment generally, has unique challenges. By leveraging technology and through working together we continue to remove barriers to treatment. I’d like to thank the prescribers who have stepped up to participate in this program, while encouraging others to do so as well,” said Interior Health president and CEO Susan Brown.

This new model is a unique approach to address several challenges presented by the geography of the region. It also provides more options for clients whose prescriptions run out, who may otherwise rely on illicit opioids.

Call the new OAT intake office at 250-420-2210.

Earlier this year, Interior Health [announced a project](#) to connect people with opioid use disorder with Suboxone in hospital emergency departments.

To learn more about OAT medications in the treatment of opioid use disorder visit interiorhealth.ca.

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Quotes**David**

"Personally it has given me my life back. It was taken away when I had my accident, and again when I became addicted to the pain meds I needed. OAT therapy has taken away the cravings and desire for any other meds because I am now on the right med at the right dose. I am not stigmatized by the physician and we have built a good relationship. Virtual visits have been helpful. I am able to have a physician who does not live in my own community and get the care I need."

Lisa

"I would like to share what the OAT program has done for me. For many years under a doctor's care I was on Oxycodone and needed to come off. I was in the hospital for three weeks and it was the worst thing I ever went through. The Nurse Prescribers at the OAT program were vital in my recovery as I have stayed clean for a year now and don't know what I would have done without them. They are so caring and invested in my recovery that I feel I can share anything with them and they have done everything in their power to suggest support, listen and encourage. I know they are probably overworked, but they never turn their backs. They are wonderful at what they do, and without them, I may have given up and relapsed. Instead, I am very proud to say I have a year in recovery. I could never repay what they have done for me, and in today's world someone who sincerely cares is rare. I would recommend this program to anyone and feel blessed to have this resource."

Jaime

"I've been coming to the OAT clinic almost a year now and it has helped me change my life. The Nurse Prescribers there are easy to talk to, understanding and non-judgemental. With their help and knowledge of what medications would help my withdrawals, they helped find the right program. I am on the Sublocade (buprenorphine) program, and with it I was able to get my life back to normal rather than depending on something everyday just to get me through. I'm able to spend time with my kids and not have to worry about appointments every day. I definitely would not have been able to beat my drug habit if there was no clinic like this to go to. Thank you sooo much."

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November					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsi	Comments	Time line	Status
	2022 MOTIONS				
R-2022-246	THAT, Council approves the submission of a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) grant application to UBCM on behalf of Ashcroft Fire Rescue for ongoing training funding.	CAO	Staff submit a CEPF grant application on behalf of AFR		Complete
R-2022-250	THAT, Council approves the request to have Railway Avenue closed from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, December 2nd for the Annual Santa Parade.	CAO	A letter be sent to the HUB Society that Council has approved their request		Complete
R-2022-251	THAT, Council approves the Grant in Aid request to Twisted Desert Music Society for \$500.	CAO	A letter be sent to Twisted Desert Music Society advising approval of grant in aid and a cheque will follow in the mail.		Complete
R-2022-252	THAT, Council declare November as Adoption Awareness month in Ashcroft and that the declaration be included in the November Newsletter.	CAO	Include in the monthly newsletter & on website		Complete
R-2022-253	THAT, the Ashcroft Fire Rescue request for free ice time at the Drylands Arena be approved for their annual Charity Hockey Game on January 21, 2023; and that, an additional two hours of practice ice time be included.	CAO	That a letter be sent to AFR advising approval of their request		Complete
R-2022-255	THAT, the Ashcroft 4H Club request for free use of the Community Hall be approved to host their Year End Banquet on November 27, 2022.	CAO	That a letter be sent advising approval of free use of the Community Hall		Complete
R-2022-256	THAT, Council defer discussion and invite the artists to the next Council meeting to seek clarification and to provide an opportunity to ask questions.	CAO	Invite Marina Papais & Daniel Collett to November 28 Council Meeting to seek clarification		Complete
R-2022-260	THAT, Council provides Telus with a letter of support as they apply for grant funding to provide faster and more reliable internet services in Ashcroft.	CAO	A letter of support be provided to Telus for the application for grant funding		Complete