



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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to add or delete Agenda items

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, September 27, 2021 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 23, 2021 <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 23, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-4

3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

5. BYLAWS

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Outdoor Burning Bylaw Public Meeting <i>Direction to staff.</i>	P. 5
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6.2	CAO Memo – BC Hydro Street Lighting Increase Meeting Brief	P. 6-7
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6.4	Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO) Report – BEO Update	P. 8-9

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	City of Langley – Letter re Appointment of Directors to Regional District Board <i>Motion required.</i>	P. 10-15
7.2	District of Mount Waddington – Letter re Donation to Lytton <i>Motion required.</i>	P. 16-17
7.3	Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) – Request for Letter of Support for Geo Tour Prequel Grant <i>Motion required.</i>	P. 18
7.4	Ministry of Children and Family Development – Foster Family Month in British Columbia <i>Motion required.</i>	P. 19
7.5	South Cariboo E. Fry & Ashcroft HUB – Request for Letter of Support for their application for Sustainable Affordable Housing	P. 20-21
FOR INFORMATION		
7.	Gold Country Highlights – September 2021	P. 22-25
7.	Hon. Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care - Ministry of Children & Family – Child Care Engagement - Applications now open for Childcare BC News Spaces Fund	P. 26
7.	School District No. 74 – Proposed Trustee Electoral Areas – Boundary Change	P. 27
7.	Flip Chart Correspondence	P. 28

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 29
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS



11.1	Mayor Roden - Report	P. 30-36
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 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE
OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021.**

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

EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday August 23, 2021 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 add or delete Agenda items

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Roden / Tuohey

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, August 23, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED – R-2021-191

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 26, 2021 M/S Davenport / Anderson <i>That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 26, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-192
2.2	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, June 14, 2021 M/S Anstett / Tuohey <i>That, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, June 14, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-193

3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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Gloria Mertens – TNRD Area I

13.1 Closed meeting appointment – Why is the Former Chief appointed as in Interim Chief?

7.2 COTW – Comment regarding proposed seating numbers in restaurants.

5.1 – Comment regarding the appearance of perception of conflict.

5.2 – Comment that water Meters would charge actual usage.

5.2 – Bulk Water – Argument for reconsideration.

7.2 Clarification requested – regarding the new CEO at the Ashcroft Terminal. Directed to contact ATL for this information.

7.3 – Pow Wow Pitch – Encouraged Council to nominate.

5. BYLAWS

5.1	CAO Report – Water and Sewer Rate Changes M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That, the CAO Report be received for information.</i> M/S Roden / Anstett <i>That, items 5.2 and 5.3 be deferred to a future meeting and that legal advice be requested.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-194 CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-195
5.2	Bylaw No. 846, Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2021 M/S <i>That, Bylaw No. 846, Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2021 be read a first, second and third time this 23rd day of August, 2021.</i>	
5.3	Bylaw No. 847, Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2021 M/S <i>That, Bylaw No. 847, Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2021 be read a first, second and third time this 23rd day of August, 2021.</i>	

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Legacy Park Maintenance Contract Renewal M/S Anderson / Anstett <i>That, Council approves staff to sign the Legacy Park Maintenance Contract expiring September 30, 2023 with Barry Tripp as the contracted agent.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-196
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – Water to Ashcroft Indian Band M/S Roden / Davenport <i>That, Item 6.2 CAO Report - Water to Ashcroft Indian Band be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-197

6.3	DPW Report – Public Works Updates M/S Tuohey / Anderson <i>That, item 6.3 DPW Public Works Update Report be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-198
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft/Cache Creek Journal – Salute to Hometown Heroes Advertisement Mayor Roden recused herself at 6:20, Deputy Mayor Davenport assumed the Chair; Mayor Roden returned at 6:21 and reassumed the chair. M/S Tuohey / Anderson <i>That, Council approves Ashcroft to move forward with the Salute to Hometown Heroes advertisement in the Ashcroft Journal by purchasing and 8x2 banner full color for the advertisement.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-199
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Ashcroft Terminal Signs Investment Agreement with Canadian Tire Corp.	
7.3	Forest Enhancement Society of BC Accomplishments Update Summer 2021	
7.4	UBCM – Community Works Fund Top-Up	
7.5	Vicci Weller, TNRD Film Commissioner – Dana Foster, Local Indigenous Entrepreneur – Semi Finalist in 2021 Pow Wow Pitch	
7.6	Information Correspondence Flip Chart M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>That, the Information items be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-200

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That, the Task Manager be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-201
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report M/S Roden / Davenport <i>That, Mayor Roden’s Report be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-202
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	

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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Roden / Anderson

That, the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday August 23, 2021 be adjourned at 6:25pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous- R-2021-203

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday August 23, 2021

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: September 27, 2021
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Public Engagement – Outdoor Burning

Purpose

To schedule dates and times for the public engagement sessions to discuss outdoor backyard burning.

Recommendation

N/A

Discussion

At the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council, Council asked staff to schedule public engagement sessions in September. Due to UBCM and other meetings staff was unable to schedule these meetings in September and are proposing these meetings be held in October.

To ensure equal opportunity attendance for all residents, staff proposes one afternoon meeting and one evening meeting, with the opportunity for virtual attendance for those uncomfortable in a public setting. Seating will be limited to 50 people per session. If needed, additional meetings can be scheduled to accommodate all those wanting to attend. Alternately, we could host one meeting requiring proof of vaccination at allow 50% capacity at the Hall (approx. 100 people)

Proposed dates:

Wednesday October 13 – 1:00 pm

Wednesday October 13 – 6:00 pm

or

Thursday October 14 – 1:00 pm

Thursday October 14 – 6:00 pm

Once date and times are confirmed, staff will publicize the meetings and invite resident participation.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Prepared by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMO

DATE: September 2, 2021
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT **BC Hydro Street Lighting Increase – Meeting Brief**

Meeting Date – September 2, 2021
Meeting Time – 10:00 am
Place – Teams Meeting in Council Chambers

In Attendance: Yogi, Bhalla, CFO
Brian Bennewith, DW
Daniela Dyck, CAO
BC Hydro – 3
Other – 24

Keith Anderson, BC Hydro VP of Customer Service welcomed everyone to the meeting. BC Hydro opted to host the Teams meeting due to the high volume of requests for meetings at UBCM to discuss the same issue. BC Hydro felt it would be better to host one all inclusive session and provide open dialogue between similar minded communities and BC Hydro experts, program leads and finance department.

Keith went on to say that BC Hydro is replacing/upgrading 90,000 street lights province wide beginning Jan 2021 and concluding Mar 2023.

DJ Feinstadt – Project lead

- The reasoning behind the conversion to LED includes being in compliance with federal PCB regulations, energy conservation, better lighting quality and more ease for replacing fixtures. While an estimated 20 per cent of current sodium lights contain PCBs, it is not known which ones, so BC Hydro wants them all replaced
- Status of current conversion to LED is 25%
- Customers have the option to choose design and lighting temperatures. Typically Kelvin temps being installed are 3000 Kelvin – warm white (yellowish similar to what we have now) , and 4000 Kelvin – cool white (brighter bluish white) brightness will affect the cost factor.
- Brian has received Ashcroft’s design file and will work with BC Hydro to select the best option for cost and illumination needs.

Anthea Jubb – Finance Dept.

- The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) approves all rates charged by BC Hydro and is currently at the decision making process whether to approve the proposed rates for RS 1701. Interim rates were approved by BCUC and are currently be charged to affected communities.
- BCUC invited communities to provide feedback in regard to the proposed rate schedule by establishing an intervener process.
- All information and feedback received by the deadline is under consideration. BCUC may choose to change the proposed rate structure.
- BCUC is currently deliberating all information received and a decision is expected by mid September.

- Cost recovery of lights being replaced prior to the asset expiry from HSP to LED is projected at 6Million dollars. This cost is being charged back to the users at approximately \$2.06/light per month.

Conclusion:

Although BC Hydro hosted the meeting to share information with us and to provide an opportunity for us to ask questions, at this point in time, communities are at the mercy of the BCUC's decision. If they approve the proposed rate structure our costs will increase even though LED lights use less power and require less maintenance. Staff asked several questions to BC Hydro in regards to asset replacement costs being charged to the end user, it appears to us, that although we have paid rent for the lights for all these years, they have not set reserves aside for replacement as we are mandated to do. Instead, Hydro has allocated a \$2.06 charge for each light per month in the rate structure RS1701 to the end of 2024. There does not appear to be any cost savings under the proposed structure, nor does there appear to be any opportunity for further discussions to relating to the proposed costs.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: September 27, 2021
TO: Council
FROM: Samuel Sidal, Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer
SUBJECT: Bylaw Enforcement Update

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update in regards to establishing and implementing Bylaw Enforcement in Ashcroft.

Recommendations:

For Information

Alternatives:

N/A

Discussion:

1. TNRD – Contacted the Legislative Coordinator and Bylaw Coordinator

- a. Confirming the necessary background check for a Bylaw Enforcement Officer – acquired.
- b. Process and documentation required for being designated as a Peace Officer along with proper identification.
- c. Acquiring access to systems to aid in my role (i.e., ICBC database for dealing with abandoned vehicles).

2. Uniform

- a. BEO uniform has been ordered.
- b. Supply chain challenges are delaying delivery.
- c. Expecting delivery in 1 month.

3. Bylaw Records

- a. Created a log for tracking and monitoring all open bylaw issues.
- b. Created a detailed form for recording the steps of my investigation for each bylaw complaint.
- c. Consolidated bylaw complaints from 2021. All complainant letters, village correspondence and photos are stored in one location.
- d. IT is working on granting me access to the Villages network so I can have access to older bylaw records when necessary.

4. Building Trust and Awareness in the Community

- a. Live in the community and contributing to the local economy.
- b. Attended local events.

- c. Introduced myself as the new BEO and spoke with members of the community.
- d. Engaging with citizens and answering questions.

5. Approach to Bylaw Enforcement

- a. Seeking voluntary compliance through education.
- b. Allowing reasonable amount of time for the bylaw infraction to be resolved and following up.
- c. Ticketing is an available tool used where cooperation and compliance cannot be reasonably achieved.
 - i. Bylaw Office Notice / Tickets have arrived
- d. As BEO - in the field maintaining visibility in the community and encouraging bylaw compliance for issues such as:
 - i. Backyard hens
 - ii. Unsightly premise
 - iii. Uninsured Camping trailer on village street
 - iv. Living in RV on private property

6. Bylaw Enforcement Policy – In progress

The intention of the Bylaw Enforcement Policy is to describe the Village’s approach to bylaw enforcement, including how bylaw enforcement investigations are prioritized and what steps are taken to ensure consistency and fairness.

The policy will also define what is considered a valid complaint including issues of confidentiality as set out in the Freedom of Information & Protection Act.

Strategic Municipal Objectives:

Bylaw Enforcement

Financial Implications:

N/A

Attachment Listing:

N/A

Prepared by:



Samuel Sidal
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

September 15, 2021

Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Municipal Affairs

VIA Email: MAH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister:

Re: Appointment of Directors to Regional District Board

The following resolution was passed by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board at its July 30, 2021 meeting:

That the MVRD Board request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to amend the Local Government Act in section 198 [appointment and term of office for municipal directors], as necessary to require municipal councils to appoint the Mayor, or the Mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board

Metro Vancouver's background report to this motion, entitled "Municipal Director Appointment Process", is attached for reference.

At its September 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting, the Council for the City of Langley passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Local Government Act sets out the procedure for the appointment of directors to the regional district board;

WHEREAS section 198 of the Local Government Act states: After the first appointment under section 41 (2) (e) [first board for regional district], each municipal director is to be appointed at pleasure by the council from among its members and that the Local Government Act does not stipulate any criteria in making those appointment decisions;

WHEREAS the appointment of directors to the regional district board under the Municipal Act (now Local Government Act) was changed after 2000 to "at the pleasure of Council" and that there have been no criteria constraining municipal council's appointment decision since 1965;

WHEREAS the governance structure of regional districts has been lauded as a model structure that provides for "a regional federation of autonomous partners, representing both municipal and non-municipal territory and allows each Regional District to tailor most of its individual functions, both regionally and sub-regionally, to its own evolving needs. The Regional District legislation was designed to promote inter-municipal cooperation, to provide services to non-municipal urban fringe or rural communities, and to stimulate consensus-based planning and co-ordination across regions;"¹

WHEREAS regional districts are "part of the municipal system not separate from it. The regional district does not sit over the municipalities with the municipal units serving the region. Rather it is the reverse: the regional district exists to further the interests of its municipal members;"²

WHEREAS the current section 198 of the Local Government Act provides ability, accountability, autonomy, and a democratic process for each municipal council to appoint the director to the regional board that best represents the views of majority of council on regional-scale services matters;

WHEREAS the Metro Vancouver Regional District is a federation of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation that collaboratively plans for and delivers regional-scale services;

WHEREAS the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board, at its July 30, 2021 meeting, passed a resolution to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to amend the Local Government Act in section 198 [appointment and term of office for municipal directors], as necessary to require municipal councils to appoint the Mayor, or the Mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver Regional District Board has not outlined the impetus and rationale for the proposed amendment to section 198 of the Local Government Act;

WHEREAS the proposed resolution passed by the Metro Vancouver Regional Board to amend the Local Government Act to require municipal councils to appoint the Mayor, or the Mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board would affect all regional district boards in BC and that a broad consultation with all local governments in BC is necessary and required to consider this amendment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs conduct a broad consultative process in partnership with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Lower Mainland Local Government Association, and all local governments in BC to solicit feedback with tangible and objective rationale to support the amendment to section 19 of the Local Government Act to require municipal councils to appoint the Mayor, or the Mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board; and that this motion be forwarded to Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and all municipal councils in BC.

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY



Kelly Kenney
Corporate Officer

Cc BC Municipalities

Enclosure

To: MVRD Board of Directors

From: Mayors Committee

Date: July 9, 2021

Meeting Date: July 30, 2021

Subject: **Municipal Director Appointment Process**

MAYORS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to amend the *Local Government Act*, in section 198 [appointment and term of office for municipal directors], as necessary to require municipal councils to appoint the Mayor, or the Mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board.

At its July 9, 2021 meeting, the Mayors Committee considered the attached report titled "Municipal Director Appointment Process", dated June 18, 2021. The committee discussed seeking a statutory amendment to the provisions in the *Local Government Act* to require the appointment of the Mayor or designate as the municipal director on the regional district board. The Committee subsequently adopted the recommendation as presented above in underline style.

This matter is now before the Board for its consideration.

Attachment

"Municipal Director Appointment Process", dated June 18, 2021

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To: Mayors Committee

From: Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer

Date: June 18, 2021

Meeting Date: July 9, 2021

Subject: **Municipal Director Appointment Process**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayors Committee receive for information the report dated June 18, 2021, titled “Municipal Director Appointment Process”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BC’s regional districts are each governed by a board of directors which is composed of municipal directors, Treaty First Nations directors, and electoral area directors representing their local jurisdictions. As set out in the *Local Government Act*, the electoral area director is elected to the board, while the other directors are appointed. The decision to appoint rests with the municipal council or the treaty first nation governing body. The Act does not stipulate any criteria in making those appointment decisions, such as the Mayor should be the default appointment. To do so would require a statutory amendment to the *Local Government Act*.

PURPOSE

To outline the process and procedures related to the appointment of municipal directors to the Metro Vancouver board.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of May 26, 2021, the Mayors Committee discussed the process by which directors, particularly Mayors or their designates, are appointed to the regional district board, and adopted the following resolution:

That the Mayors Committee direct staff to review the process and procedures for Mayor or their designate and Director appointments and report back.

This report provides for the committee’s consideration information on the municipal director appointment process.

REGIONAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

The 27 regional districts in BC are modeled as a federation composed of municipalities, electoral areas, and Treaty First Nations, each of which has representation on the regional district board. The board is the governing body of the regional district, and is ultimately responsible for the services provided and the actions taken. This board is composed of one or more directors appointed from each member municipal council and each Treaty First Nation governing body, and of one or more directors elected from each electoral area, based on the population of the jurisdiction represented.

Metro Vancouver's Boards

In Metro Vancouver's case, the MVRD board represents 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation, composed of 40 directors as follows:

- 38 municipal directors
- 1 treaty first nation director
- 1 electoral area director

It is important to note that in addition to the MVRD Board, Metro Vancouver is also governed by 3 other boards. The *GVS&DD Act* provides that the GVS&DD board comprises those persons who are directors for each jurisdiction within the GVS&DD on the MVRD board, together with the electoral area director. The *GVWD Act* contains a similar provision. Finally, the *MVHC Articles of the Company* stipulate that the directors for the MVHC board will mirror those appointed to the MVRD board.

Appointment Process

The *Local Government Acts* sets out the procedure for the appointment of directors. For municipal directors, section 198 of the Act states:

After the first appointment under section 41 (2) (e) [*first board for regional district*], each municipal director is to be appointed at pleasure by the council from among its member.

There is a significant phrase in this section and that is that each municipal director is to be appointed at pleasure by the council from among its members. This means that the decision to appoint (or remove) municipal directors rests entirely with the municipal council (as does the appointment of Alternate Directors, which is not addressed in this report). The Act does not stipulate any criteria in making those appointment decisions, such as the Mayor or Mayor's designate should be the default appointment, followed by councillors.

Since 1965, the *Municipal Act* (now *Local Government Act*) stipulated that municipal directors were appointed annually (after 2000, this provision was changed to "at the pleasure of council"). And since 1965, there have been no criteria constraining municipal council's appointment decision.

Electoral area directors and treaty first nation directors follow different provisions. The electoral area director is directly elected for a four-year term until the next general local election, as set out in section 199 of the Act. The treaty first nation director is appointed by the nation's governing body and does not follow the "at pleasure" provision described above, but rather the term is set in accordance with section 254 of the Act.

If the MVRD Board wishes to make changes to the appointment process presented above, the next step would be to seek legislative change to the *Local Government Act*. In this case, the statutory change would affect all regional district boards in BC. The Ministry would have to consider the effect of this more global change, and may restrict this provision to Metro Vancouver only and/or conclude that the same amendment is appropriate for other regional district boards.

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Directors appointed to the regional district board are remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Bylaw. The process to appoint directors to the board does not affect the remuneration budget.

CONCLUSION

The process to appoint directors (municipal directors, treaty first nation directors, and electoral area directors) to regional district boards is prescribed by the *Local Government Act*. While the electoral area directors are directly elected to the boards, the municipal directors and treaty first nation directors are appointed by their municipal council and governing body respectively. The Act does not stipulate that the municipal director appointment must be the Mayor or the Mayor's designate. As such, to introduce any appointment selection criteria for municipal directors would require a statutory amendment. This information is brought forward for the committee's information.

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Regional District of Mount Waddington

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File No. 310.01

August 27, 2021

By e-mail to BC Local Governments

Dear Regional District Chairs and Boards, Mayors and Councils:

The people of the Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) are independent, resilient, and compassionate. Although we may be a little geographically and politically isolated, we are caring, and community oriented. When trouble befalls one of our friends, we show up to help.

The Village of Lytton suffered a catastrophic loss this summer. The RDMW would like to remind the population of Lytton and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District that they do not stand alone in their time of need.

To help Lytton rebuild, the Electoral Area Directors of the RDMW will contribute one dollar for every person in their representative areas. In doing so, the Electoral Area Directors of the RDMW wish to challenge all other local governments to make a similar gesture.

This is a time for solidarity and the rebuilding of community, lives, and dreams. The Regional District of Mount Waddington is honoured to contribute.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hory
Chair and Area B Director

Sandra Daniels
Area A Director

James Furney
Area C Director

Rod Sherrell
Area D Director



BC CLIMATE ACTION
COMMUNITY
SINCE 2012

INCORPORATED JUNE 13, 1966

MUNICIPALITIES: VILLAGE OF ALERT BAY, VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE, DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY, TOWN OF PORT MCNEILL
ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" (BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO, SOINTULA / MALCOLM ISLAND, MAINLAND); "B" (COAL HARBOUR, HOLBERG, QUATSINO, WINTER HARBOUR);
"C" (FORT RUPERT, HYDE CREEK, TSULQUATE); "D" (CORMORANT ISLAND, TELEGRAPH COVE, WOSS)

Regional District of Mount Waddington

VILL001 VILLAGE OF LYTTON

DATE 27-Aug-2021

CHEQUE NO.

3956

DATE	INVOICE #	DESCRIPTION / VOUCHER NO.	AMOUNT
27-Aug-2021	VILLAGE OF LYTTON	VILLAGE OF LYTTON - COMMUNITY REBUILD DONA LYTTON	3,413.00

TOTAL

3,413.00

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SECURITY FEATURES

SEE DETAILS ON REVERSE

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

P.O. BOX 729, PORT McNEILL, BC V0N 2R0
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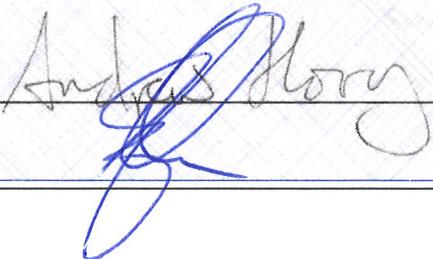
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PAY Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen AND 00/100 Dollars

\$*****3,413.00

TO THE ORDER OF **VILLAGE OF LYTTON**

380 Main Street
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Mayor Roden and Council
Village of Ashcroft, BC

September 15, 2021

Mayor Roden & Council

Gold Country GeoTour Prequel letter of support request.

The Gold Country GeoTour Prequel event is being planned for August 5 - 8, 2022 (tentatively). The goal of the event is to introduce the sport of geocaching to new and returning participants. Geocachers visit the area and enjoy the accommodations, shopping, and restaurants while on their adventures year-round. The Gold Country Geotour hosts geocache sites through the area that highlight places of significance, including historical sites, geological wonders, and tourist spots of interest. We are therefore applying for the Fairs Festivals Events Recovery Fund from the BC Provincial Government to secure funding to enable us to move forward with the Gold Country GeoTour Prequel event and launch.

Gold Country will be undertaking the task of creating a whole new GeoTour to supplement the existing program. With this new phase, we would like to have all the new geocaches to have greater accessibility and be inclusive to all generations, including those with mobility concerns. This addition to the Geotour will make our annual event even bigger and better, focusing on inclusivity and accessibility. This undertaking creates employment opportunities for writers, photographers, students, and others.

The past phases of the program have attracted 1000's of visits and the spin-off benefits for the local economies are very noticeable. This event and the launch of the new geocaches at the GeoTour Prequel, will be an extra attractant to help in the recovery in our area after the terrible wildfires and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are kindly asking our communities and stakeholders to support the Gold Country GeoTour Prequel by sending us a letter of support for this grant application. Letters are needed by Sept 25th, 2021. Thank you, and if you have any questions at all please contact the office.

Marcie Down,



Executive Director
Gold Country Communities Society

From: MCF Info MCF:EX [<mailto:MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: September 10, 2021 11:36 AM

To: Maike Mayden <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>

Subject: Letter from the Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development

VIA E-MAIL

Ref: 262443

Her Worship Mayor Barbara Roden and Council
Village of Ashcroft
E-mail: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Dear Mayor Roden and Council:

I am pleased to announce that October will once again be declared Foster Family Month in British Columbia. This marks the 31st year of celebrating the caregivers who have stepped up time and time again when they are needed most. As a caregiver, they have accepted a vital role in the lives of the children they care for and an important role in the fabric of the communities where they live.

I wish to express my gratitude for the time, love, and energy that these foster families have given to the young people in British Columbia. Every day, these incredible caregivers work hard to ensure that the young people in their care are provided with a safe and healthy home and are cared for and nurtured in times of personal and global uncertainty. Their dedication to improving the lives of some of our province's most vulnerable children and youth is recognized and honoured as an integral part of the young person's journey.

Please join me in celebrating October as Foster Family Month to show those in your community how important the role of a foster caregiver is. I encourage you to celebrate foster families for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued support in recognizing extended family and foster caregivers.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Dean
Minister of Children and Family Development

Sent on behalf of the Minister by:



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From: Trish Schatchel <trish@scefry.ca>
Sent: September 10, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: re: letter of support

Hi Daniela,

Vicky and I are putting the final touches on this grant in the hopes of sending off our bid really soon. We are hoping to secure wages to hire a staff to being the process of looking at housing in our community. We are looking for a letter of support from the Village, is this something we need to request from the Council? I am hoping you can point us in the right direction?

Here is a link to the grant we are applying for.

<https://fcm.ca/en/funding/gmf/planning-early-support-grant-sustainable-affordable-housing-projects>

Thanks,
Trish

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Trish Schachtel
Executive Director



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From: Vicky Trill <executivedirector@ashcrofthub.com>
Sent: September 17, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Cc: Trish Schatchel <trish@scefry.ca>
Subject: Re: Letter of Support

Hello Daniela,

The grant application is for planning purposes. Our hope is to hire someone to do complete an affordable housing project plan.

Some specifics within the plan"

- Financial assessment and creation of a funding strategy,
- Stakeholder engagement,
- Property evaluation,
- Evaluation of energy-efficient approaches,
- Design considerations

Vicky Trill

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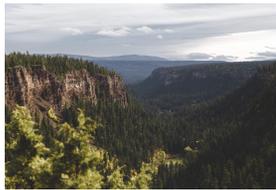
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Gold Country Highlights

September 2021

A Word From The Chair



And this time I am in a chair. Spent this week virtually at the Union of BC Municipalities Conference. I actually like the format for voting on Resolutions, every vote gets recorded and there are no questions about the number of votes. Sometimes tech works. Our communities are no longer threatened by wildfire and with the 4th wave of COVID upon us I plan to get to work on firesmarming and planning on the eventual re-opening of our trails.

Mapping and cleaning up trails is going to keep us all busy and ready for more outdoor activities no matter what happens next. Hoping that you all are well and masked up for all our safety.

[Sally Watson]

Executive Directors Message



Greetings from Gold County, BC!

I thought 2020 was an adventure and then along came 2021! With a few months left of this year the GC team are busily working to finish projects for 21/22 and to start working on plans for 2022 and 2023. Always moving forward! We have been rebooking events that were cancelled last year and this year and are eagerly looking forward to attending the Outdoor Show in March, 2022 in Calgary, GeoWoodstock in Abbotsford in August and HQ in Seattle to promote the Gold Country Geotour and all of the intriguing golden

treasures there are to see and do in this multifaceted region we are blessed to live, work and play in!

Have you been to the Painted Chasm just outside of Clinton, BC? This is one of our iconic Gold Country Treasures! Be sure to look for the Gold Country Geocache that is there and learn more about this incredible area and interactive program! Geocaching is a great way to see the region, to learn about the people and communities and is a great family activity. Be sure to know before you go as a few of these caches have sadly been in the recent wildfire activity. When it is safe to do so the fabulous GC Road Crew will be out in about to fix and restock these. Be sure to stay tuned for the upcoming announcement of the date of the next Gold Country Geotour event! Check out the photo above and on our website.

Well, two of our summer staff have gone back to school. They will still be assisting as they have become valued members of the GC Road Crew and Team. Keep an eye open for them as they and their work will be featured in upcoming promotions and marketing products.

[Marcie Down]

First Response Tourism

Know before you go! For updates on road conditions see the Gold Country Road Report on Facebook, and for updates on evacuations, alerts and orders go to www.exploregoldcountry.com. The Road Report will be starting up again today! First Response Tourism - getting the information out to travelers in one source!

Happening In Gold Country



A Weekend in #GoldCountryBC,
What's Happening Here?

Cache Creek Farmers Market
Every Saturday 9am - 1pm
Until October
@ Intersection Lights

Clinton Farmers Market
Every Sunday 10am - 2pm
@ Hunnies Parking

Lilloet Market
Every Friday 8:30am - 1pm
Until October 8th
@ Mainstreet

Local Markets

Make sure to adventure out this weekend and check out these amazing local markets!
Keeping in mind new and changing COVID-19 protocols!



HUB FALL MARKET

Sunday Oct 3rd | 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Ashcroft HUB, 711 Hill St

FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS, HOME BASED BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN

Vendor space still available
55 sq ft
Call: 255 453 6177
Email: ashcrofthub@gmail.com



#BehindTheScenes

Welcome to Ashcroft!
Behind the scenes of our latest production. Capturing the beauty, authenticity and the whimsical in [#AshcroftBC](https://www.instagram.com/ashcroftbc). [#GCRoadCrew](https://www.instagram.com/gcroadcrew)

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#GoldCountryBC has gorgeous beaches to enjoy!



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In Gold Country are coming to Gold Country? Be sure to use the hashtags #RealTime and #GoldCountryBC during your visit or staycation. You may just end up with a guest spot on our newly branded website and will have a chance to win a Gold Country, BC prize pack! Be sure to follow our social media platforms for more details! Special thanks to those who have already started tagging us!

First Response Tourism Information Bulletin Board:

[BC Vaccination Card Details for Businesses](#)

[BC Vaccination Card Guide for Businesses](#)

[Destination BC Wildfire Travel Information Know Before You Go](#)

[Evacuee Supports](#)

[Travel Advisory for BC Interior](#)

[Travel into Canada Checklist](#)

[Small Business Supports](#)

At Your Leisure:

[BSAFE Training - BC Safety Assured For Everyone](#)

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[Business Evaluation Survey](#)

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[Tourism Sector Restart Step 3 Toolkit](#)

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Geotour Blog

Gold Country: St. Peter the Apostle Church

Log By: nbrendzy

Awesome cache! Beautiful location! What a lovely little church! I wish I could have seen the earlier churches too! I would have been interested in going in to see the interior! Some of the nicest and best preserved buildings in this area are the churches! I've even seen some that have been converted into different types of buildings! I think that doing this is a much better option than letting the buildings disintegrate! Thanks for adding a little bit of adventure to our journey!

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From: MCF Info MCF:EX [<mailto:MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: September 13, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Maike Mayden <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: E-mail from the Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care

VIA E-MAIL

Ref: 263194

Her Worship Mayor Barbara Roden and Council

Village of Ashcroft
E-mail: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Dear Mayor Roden and Council:

Families throughout British Columbia are looking for access to inclusive, affordable, quality child care. As leaders, I know you are acutely aware of the needs in your community and share our government's concerns and ambitions of providing access to an inclusive universal system of care. Although we have made significant progress over the last three years with nearly 26,000 new licensed child care spaces approved for funding across Childcare BC's space-creation initiatives, too many families still struggle to find the care they need in their local communities. With this in mind, I am emailing today to ensure you have received information about the opening of the [Childcare BC New Spaces Fund](#), our province's largest child care space creation initiative.

In the 2021/22 intake for the New Space Fund program, we are focusing our efforts on expanding quality, inclusive, community-based child care in areas with the greatest need in alignment with provincial priorities and commitments under the [Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement](#). This means that only School Districts, Indigenous and local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and Indigenous not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$3 million in grant funding per project.

As an eligible organization, I encourage you to visit [Childcare BC](#) to review the New Spaces Fund program guidelines, FAQ, application form, and other resources. Further, I encourage you to seize this opportunity to partner with the Province to help address your community needs and serve families in your community with more affordable, quality child care.

Note that the deadline to apply is November 16th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. PST.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Capital Funding program staff at MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca or 1 888 338-6622 (option 5) for any additional questions you may have.

Thank you for the work you do for families in your community.

Sincerely,

Katrina Chen

Minister of State for Child Care

Sent on behalf of the Minister of State by:



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Proposed Trustee Electoral Areas – Boundary Change

The Board of Education is considering potential changes to trustee electoral areas in Gold Trail. In accordance with Board Policy 2.100 *Community Consultation*, the Board is requesting public feedback on the proposed changes.

The proposed changes are:

From:	To:	Communities Impacted by Proposed Change
Trustee Electoral Rural Area C - Clinton, Loon Lake, Indigenous communities of Canoe Creek, High Bar, Pellt'ig't	Trustee Electoral Rural Area D - Village of Cache Creek, Walhachin and Indigenous communities of Bonaparte and a portion of Skeetchestn	Community of 16 Mile
Trustee Electoral Rural Area E - Village of Lytton, Spences Bridge, Venables Valley and Indigenous communities of Ashcroft, Cook's Ferry, Lytton, Kanaka Bar, Nicomen, Oregon Jack, Siska, Skuppah	Village of Ashcroft Trustee Electoral Area.	Venables Valley, Highland Valley and the Indigenous community of Ashcroft Indian Band

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Please share your feedback by September 30th, using one of the following options:

Email: district74@sd74.bc.ca
 Survey: www.sd74.bc.ca
 Mail: PO Box 250, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0
 Phone: 1-855-453-9101 Fax: (250) 984-077

Feedback will be presented at the Open Board meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. The Board will debate and vote on the proposed changes at the November 2, 2021 Open Board meeting.

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

September 27, 2021 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Interior Health

- IH updates COVID-19 orders related to events
- Overnight closures at Ashcroft Emergency Department

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker - 2021		August			
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
2020 MOTIONS					
R-2020-160	"That Council approve staff to research and develop an updated Business License Bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft and bring it back to Council for consideration."	CAO/EA/AA	Research and draft ongoing		in-progress
2021 MOTIONS					
R-2021-80	"That Council direct staff to develop a communication strategy for public engagement and not amend Bylaw No. 834, and include a guideline of what and how information can be communicated by Council on social media."	CAO	Develop a communication strategy for public engagement including guideline for information communicated by Council on social media		in-progress
R-2021-182	That, Council approve the Ashcroft Fire Rescue Service Constitution as presented include under definition a "member in good standing".	CAO	Add "Member in Good Standing" definition to Constitution		completed
R-2021-195	CAO Report – Water and Sewer Rate Changes - That, items 5.2 and 5.3 be deferred to a future meeting and that legal advice be requested.	CAO	Request for clarification submitted to lawyers, waiting for written response.		in-progress
R-2021-196	That, Council approves staff to sign the Legacy Park Maintenance Contract expiring September 30, 2023 with Barry Tripp as the contracted agent.	CAO	Signed		completed
R-2021-199	That, Council approves Ashcroft to move forward with the Salute to Hometown Heroes advertisement in the Ashcroft Journal by purchasing an 8x2 banner full color for the advertisement.	EA	Ad placed		completed

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: September 27, 2021

TO: Council

FROM: Mayor Roden

Assigned Committees:

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

Alternate Committees:

Health Care
Communities in Bloom (CiB)
Working Groups:
Economic Development/Tourism WG
Storm Drainage & Run Off WG
Trails Master Plan WG
Fire Department Sustainability WG

August 22: TNRD wildfire information session

August 23: EMBC meeting

Emergency meeting with the provincial EOC, TNRD, BC Wildfire Service, and Emergency Management BC regarding evacuation alert rescinds connected with the Tremont Creek and Sparks Lake wildfire.

August 25: EMBC meeting (2)

The first meeting was about more evacuation alert rescinds connected with the Tremont Creek wildfire; the second was looking at the wildfire and weather situation for the upcoming days.

August 25: Historic Hat Creek closed board meeting

August 25: TNRD wildfire information session

August 26: EMBC meeting

General update about the fire situation in the region. All evacuation orders associated with the Sparks Lake and Tremont Creek wildfires have been downgraded to alerts, and all alerts associated with those two fires have been rescinded to all clear.

August 30: Interview with Radio NL Kamloops

Discussion was around the recent closures at the Ashcroft Emergency Department. There was also talk about this year's wildfire season.

September 1: Interview with Willie Lowry of *The National*

The National is the leading English language paper in the Middle East, which will be running a feature about the wildfire season in B.C. I was asked to talk about this year's wildfire season in the B.C. Interior and what steps might be taken in the future to deal with/mitigate the threat of wildfires.

September 1: TNRD regular board meeting

The meeting was postponed from August because of the wildfire situation in the TNRD at that time. The CFO gave some updates about changes to the Community Building fund (formerly the federal Gas Tax fund), which mean that municipalities can now use these funds for fire halls and fire hall infrastructure (defined as anything that cannot be moved around from place to place). There is a possibility that under certain prescribed circumstances, the funding might be used for fire vehicles; information has been forwarded to our CAO and CFO.

September 1: Gun club raffle draw

I was asked to draw the winning tickets in the South Cariboo Sportsmen Association fundraising raffle. Funds will go towards improvements at the club's range near Ashcroft.

September 2: TNRD closed board meeting**September 2: Mayors' vaccine roundtable**

As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a regular roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance around the COVID-19 vaccine. I raised the matter of poor communication regarding vaccine clinics in small communities (i.e. there is one every Wednesday from Aug. 25 through Sept. 29 at the Ashcroft Hospital and Health Centre, but there has been no communication with the public/media about it). There were also a number of questions - but not many answers - about the COVID vaccine passports. Many participants expressed concern about enforcement of the passport requirements and the burden on small businesses.

September 2: Meeting with Nicole Bellay

Nicole Bellay is the Green Party of Canada candidate for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon, and we met at her request to discuss challenges and concerns in Ashcroft from a local government perspective.

September 7: UBCM Minister's meeting (TNRD)

My two fellow TNRD directors who are also part of the Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee, TNRD staff, and I met with the Ministry of Forests and Ministry of the Environment to discuss/push for provincial funding for invasive plant management in the TNRD. The 'ask' was for stable, long-term funding for invasive plant management, to better plan strategies going forward, particularly in the wake of this year's fire season, which has left huge areas of burned/disturbed soil and grassland which will almost certainly mean the spread of invasives.

September 7: UBCM Minister's meeting

Council and CAO Dyck met with Forests Minister Katrine Conroy to discuss Ashcroft's application for a Community Forest licence. The discussion centred around the importance of community forests for long-term economic viability and diversification for the community, a partnership with Ashcroft Indian Band, the need to quickly salvage logs following this year's wildfires, and the importance of community forests in providing fire protection and fuel management. The 'ask' was for the Province to look at fast-tracking community forest applications to enable communities like Ashcroft to quickly begin work on salvage and fire protection/prevention.

September 8: UBCM Minister's meeting

Council, CAO Dyck, and CFO Bhalla met with Minister of Public Safety Mike Farnworth to discuss the chronic staffing issues at the Ashcroft RCMP detachment, which is currently being staffed largely by out-of-town members, and often attracts members fresh out of depot who are not 'roadable' (i.e. not able to police on their own) for several months after arriving. We also discussed the need for better/more comprehensive/more easily accessible resources for volunteer highway rescue first responders suffering from PTSD and other issues. Councillor Anstett was able to give first-hand information on this topic, and CFO Bhalla spoke to the need for a less cumbersome reporting system, and better compensation, for highway rescue.

September 8: UBCM Minister's meeting

Council, CAO Dyck, and CFO Bhalla met with the Minister of Finance, Selina Robinson, about the need for changes to BC Assessment classification (for tax purposes) of some industrial properties associated with railways, as well as a change to the way in which major improvements to industrial properties are assessed (i.e. at completion, which can take several years).

September 8: COVID-19 helpline round table

Members of the group met via Zoom to discuss post-wildfire challenges, such as the need for long-term support for those severely impacted by fire such as the Lytton evacuees. A 'volunteer organization job fair' will be held in conjunction with a market at the HUB on Oct. 3; local non-profits, sports organizations, community groups, and more will be able to set up tables and advertise their services/appeal to new members.

September 11: Gold Country Communities Society video

GCCS is doing a 'virtual' familiarization tour of Ashcroft this year, which will be able to be viewed online and will feature an overview of what Ashcroft has to offer visitors. As part of the virtual tour I was asked to do a brief filmed interview, talking about Ashcroft and promoting the community.

September 13: UBCM Minister's meeting

Council, CAO Dyck, Coun. Coomber from Cache Creek, and MLA Jackie Tegart met with Minister of Health Adrian Dix to discuss the planned Urgent Primary Care model being proposed for Ashcroft, and to urge the ministry to facilitate its implementation. There was also discussion around the ongoing issues with the

limited hours/closures at the Ashcroft emergency department and the pressure on an overtaxed Royal Inland Hospital.

September 13: Interview regarding potential film studio in the TNRD

As chair of the TNRD Economic Development and Recreation Committee, I was asked to meet by phone with Nordicity (who have been commissioned by the TNRD to provide a feasibility study regarding the demand/need for a film studio in the region), to discuss the need for, and benefits of, a film studio within the TNRD. Many film and TV production companies come to the region for outdoor location shooting; a film studio would enable them to spend more time in the region, since at the moment there is only one other film studio (in Kelowna) outside the Lower Mainland, resulting in more economic benefits and potentially increased filming in the region as productions stay longer and make use of a studio.

September 15: Interview with Radio NL Kamloops

The discussion was about the changes to ambulance station staffing which will see Ashcroft go to a 24/7 Alpha model of staffing, meaning 24-hour staffing (no on-call) at the station.

September 16: Discussion about Ashcroft vaccine clinics

Spoke with Interior Health about confusion surrounding vaccine clinics in Ashcroft (specifically one that was advertised as a drop-in clinic but did not accept drop-ins). I stressed the importance of making vaccines easily available in rural communities, and received reassurances that there would be more/better communication about clinics in Ashcroft and more assistance for people looking to book vaccines.

September 16: TNRD closed board meeting

September 16: Mayors' vaccine roundtable

As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a regular roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance around the COVID-19 vaccine. There was discussion around the new vaccine passports, staffing shortages as a result of the vaccine mandate for health care workers, staffing at vaccine clinics, and continuing issues at Royal Inland Hospital.

September 17: Discussions with IH

Spoke with Interior Health about the continued short-notice closures of the Ashcroft emergency department, specifically their causes and how IH is trying to mitigate the situation. Also discussed the necessity to inform the community in-person about proposed changes to the ED (i.e. changing the service model to something more in line with what people want/need) and the proposed Urgent Primary Care model.

September 22: TNRD Policy committee (vice-chair)

The committee discussed the now 20-year-old 'Disposal of Assets' policy (which needs updating/revision) and a proposed new 'Anti-Racism and Anti-Racial Discrimination' policy, which has been sent back to staff for further development.

September 22: TNRD Economic Development and Recreation committee (chair)

The committee considered the TNRD's application for a community forest, regional highway entrance signs, and a report from the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission about TNFC activities. In 2020, filmmakers spent approximately \$4.6 million in the TNRD, with 16 projects filming over 79 shooting days in the region. So far in 2021, the spending has been approximately \$4 million, with 13 projects filming over 161 shooting days in the region. The spending is only what has been directly spent in the TNRD (i.e. no airplane tickets), and does not include what cast and crew members spend while they are here. The trend in 2021 has been more filming by B.C.-based filmmakers, and they are hiring more locals to work on productions and are willing to train on the job.

September 22: Historic Hat Creek open board meeting

It has been a better year than anticipated at HHC, although staffing has been a challenge, particularly in September. I presented a report based on a conversation I had with a staff member while I was volunteering as an interpreter at the roadhouse (see staffing challenges above), which detailed the thoughts of staff members about the site and what could be done there.

September 23: Mayors' vaccine roundtable

As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a regular roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance around the COVID-19 vaccine. An email address to report businesses not adhering to the public health order about vaccine passports - EPHCOVID19@interiorhealth.ca - was given out to share with those who request it, and the procedure when a violation is reported was clarified. There were also numerous concerns raised about protests at local government council meetings.

September 23: TNRD regular board meeting

The only item of local interest on the agenda was in regard to a proposed zoning bylaw amendment to enable the construction and use of open-air amusement rides/attractions, including a miniature passenger train, at Horsting's Farm Market north of Cache Creek. There were also letters from a resident of the Lytton area and a resident of the Deadman-Vidette area about the response to, and aftermath of, this season's wildfires.

September 24: Interview with Radio NL Kamloops

The discussion was about the recent UBCM convention (in general) and my participation in the 'Global Warning' workshop (specifically).

September 13 to 17: Union of BC Municipalities annual convention and AGM. I have not listed informal chat sessions, administrative sessions (i.e. AGM, voting), resolution sessions, and speeches I attended/took part in.

(UBCM) September 13: MIABC AGM

Attended the Municipal Insurance Association of B.C.'s AGM as a voting delegate.

(UBCM) September 14: Plenary session

Attended the plenary session 'Pathways to Truth and Reconciliation'. A key point was the need for more education in the reconciliation process, and the need for First Nations to be allowed to manage and direct their own affairs. Murray Sinclair, Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, noted that when he was at school, not only were First Nations students told they were savages, heathens, and in need of 'saving' by white society, non-Indigenous students also learned this message, hence the need for more and better education for everyone.

(UBCM) September 14: Financial Resiliency workshop

Attended a workshop examining a 2021 UBCM policy paper looking at cost drivers for local governments (such as increasing policing costs, continued downloading from other levels of government, and the post-COVID landscape), and the way in which the property tax system is having to be used as a tool to fix a multitude of finance issues it was not designed to cover.

(UBCM) September 14: BC Liberal Caucus roundtable

Attended this roundtable on 'Safe and Inclusive Communities', about the impacts of crime and the underlying causes of crimes on communities across the province. The opioid crisis - which shows no signs of abating - and the fact that 'career criminals' are often released back into the community rather than incarcerated were key issues raised by several municipalities.

(UBCM) September 15: Housing workshop

Attended the workshop 'Housing Prospects, Trends, and Key Issues'. Speeding up the approvals process was identified as a key, as was transparency in development costs and a comprehensive housing needs assessment for your community.

(UBCM) September 15: Heat wave workshop

Was one of six panelists on the 'Global Warning: Lessons from the 2021 Heat Wave' workshop. Notes from my presentation are available on the Village of Ashcroft website, and were made available to anyone who wanted a hard copy of the suggestions I put forward about how small municipalities can prepare for a heat wave. Adrian Dix noted that the heat wave in June primarily affected people living alone who tended to be low-income; Dr. Bonnie Henry made the point that heat waves that occur earlier in the year (like this year) are the most destructive, as people have not yet built up tolerance to the heat. Dr. Sarah Henderson (BC Centre for Disease Control) said that there was a 100 per cent mortality increase in B.C. over the period of the heat wave, with the majority of people who succumbed doing so in their homes, and that a heat wave of that magnitude was virtually impossible without climate change. Meteorologist Johanna Wagstaffe said that while this year's 'heat dome' was classed as a one in 1,000-year event, we will experience more heat domes, and not every 1,000 years. Councillor Patrick Johnstone of the City of New Westminster pointed out the importance of trees in mitigating the effects of a heat wave/heat dome, and said that we have to realize we are leaders in a time of climate crisis.

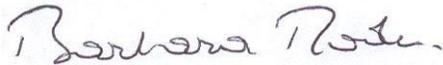
(UBCM) September 16: Cybersecurity workshop

Attended the workshop 'Is Your Local Government Safe From a Cybersecurity Attack?', which looked at vulnerabilities in online systems, what to do in the event of a cyberattack, common threats (phishing schemes, fake emails, stolen information), and simple ways to keep safe online (mandatory safe passwords, finding and fixing holes in your system, having backup information in a safe location, mandatory password managers).

(UBCM) September 17: Cabinet town hall

Attended the town hall 'Supporting Resilient Communities', which discussed items such as emergency preparedness and response, FireSmart communities, improved/increased Internet connection in rural and remote communities, forestry management (such as the role of Community Forests in reducing fuel loads and keeping communities safe), tackling climate change, and more.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Roden".

Barbara Roden,
Mayor