



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, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

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. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 12, 2024 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 12, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-7
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3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report - Draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026 Purpose: To provide Council with a draft of the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026 and that Council review, make recommendations for edits and adopt the plan as the guiding document in achieving Council's objectives. M/S <i>THAT, Council approves the Strategic Plan as presented or with any amendments deemed necessary. This decision reflects the</i>	P. 8-19

	<i>endorsement of the outlined strategies and goals, indicating a commitment to their implementation achieving Council's objectives.</i>	
6.2	CAO Report – Equality Project Delegation Report Purpose: Provide Council with a summary of the Equality Projects delegation presentation and subsequent request of Council. M/S <i>THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft provide a letter of support to the Equality Project recognizing the significance of addressing homelessness and providing essential services during extreme weather events to be put forward in future funding applications; and that Council direct staff to review Ashcroft's Heat Alert Response Plan and consider the addition of severe cold weather events in the plan.</i>	P. 20-21
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	CFO Report – Audit Update Purpose: Provide a brief Audit update – for information	P. 22

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	TCMHA – Request Donation of the Community Hall for Season End Banquet. Purpose: Free Hall use request for March 15, 2024 M/S	P. 23
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	TNRD News Release – TNRD Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw to be Fully Implemented in Spring 2024 Of Note: To educate the public and reduce the risk of noncompliance a public education campaign will be implemented by the Village with information provided by the TNRD.	P. 24-26
7.3	TNRD Board Highlights – February 15, 2024	P. 27-31
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7.5	SD 74 – Board Bulletin – February 2024 Issue	P. 33-34
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	P. 39-41
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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	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report – Notice of Motion	P. 42-43

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 AT THE VILLAGE
OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett – via zoom
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

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

EXCUSED:

Media – 1
Public – 4

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Ashcroft on Monday February 12, 2024, to order at 6:02 pm.

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

1. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

2. **MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, January 22, 2024 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, January 22, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-25
2.2	Minutes of the Public Hearing held Monday, January 22, 2024 M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Public Hearing Held Monday, January 22, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-26
2.3	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 22, 2024 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 22, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-27

3. **DELEGATIONS**

3.1	<p>Equality Project – PowerPoint Presentation – Weather Centers</p> <p>Shelly Magwood – Founder of the Equality Project thanked Council for the opportunity to present to them today, noting the usual presenter sends regrets. The Equality Project (EP) was founded in 2014 Ms. Magwood noticed a need in the community and acted on a solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There seemed to be a shortage of food and hungry people – worked on food security. • Noticed so many useful items were going into the landfill – coordinated a building that could receive donations which could be handed out to those in need. • Now there is a homeless concern. • The Equality Project is meeting weekly with stakeholders to solve the problem. • Cost of living among other issues is displacing many people and our region is seeing an influx from other areas. • EP is working at connecting them to other services and moving them on due to the housing shortage and no shelter services. • In order to help these vulnerable people we must be able to put in some time, love and care. • Many people resorting to living in RV's, tents, hotel rooms, or worse. • Commented on low-income stats provided in the power point for our region. • In 2023 EP saw a drop in services – due to flood but put up 72 people in motels. • Not a good solution as the motel staff is dealing with the stigma, overdoses etc. • EP wants to provide for these people, as a first step EP wants to establish a warming centre in Cache Creek, Ashcroft, and Clinton with the support of the respective Council's. • Need council support to open warming centres with EMCR funding to cover expenses. • EP opened during the recent cold snap staffed by volunteers. • Provided 15 nights accommodation to 3 individuals. <p>Here today to encourage Council to consider developing a new Emergency Plan under the recently revised Emergency Act to address severe weather.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Magwood noted Ashcroft HARS initiative and suggested Council consider adapting the plan to include provisions for extreme cold weather as well. • Ms. Magwood also asked Council for a letter of support to the EP in support of their funding application to BC Housing to develop a shelter and required services. <p>Mayor Roden thanked Ms. Magwood for her presentation and the Equality Projects efforts to provide services to the communities most vulnerable citizens.</p> <p>Mayor Roden asked for clarity regarding the warming centre: wondering if a warming centre in Ashcroft would compliment the Equality Projects services?</p>	
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	<p>Ms. Magwood noted a warming centre in Ashcroft would compliment the EP's services as transportation is challenging. Ms. Magwood also noted the EP's long-term goal is to have an overnight shelter and the EP is working on a 5-year plan; however, she does not want to confuse the overnight shelter with the request tonight. Tonight, she is asking for support for warming centres and a letter of support for funding opportunities.</p> <p>Mayor Roden asked if wrap around services would be needed to support an overnight shelter - Wrap around services would be necessary.</p> <p>Cnclr. Davenport – asked what does a warming centre look like? Drop in facility with Wi-Fi, coffee, socialization opportunity, and other essential services, encouraging each community to establish their own warming centres.</p>	
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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.

No public input was received.

5. **BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	<p>The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 866, 2023 M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 866, 2023 be adopted.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-28
5.2	<p>Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 822, Amendment Bylaw No. 864, 2023 M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 822, Amendment Bylaw No. 864, 2023 be adopted.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-29
5.3	<p>Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 865, 2023 M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 865, 2023 be adopted.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-30

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Development Variance Permit #2023-01/02 Purpose: For Council to consider Development Variance Permit No. DVP 2023-01/02 to reduced front setback from the required 7.5m to 5.49m, reduced interior side setback from the required 3m to 2.17m, and reduced number of parking stalls from 1.4 per unit to 63 off-street and 9 on-street stalls which provides 1 parking stall per apartment unit.</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-31

	<p>M/S Lambert / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Development Variance Permit No. DVP 2023-01/02 to enable front setback of 5.49m, reduced interior side setback of 2.17m, and reduced number of parking stalls (63 off-street and 9 on-street) be approved for Lot 1, District Lot 378, KDYD, Plan 6889 located at 1500 Government Street, Ashcroft be approved.</i></p>	
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Council Attendance at SILGA & UBCM Conventions</p> <p>Purpose: Seeking Council's guidance in accordance with Policy C-05-2021 regarding the selection of Council members who will participate in the SILGA and UBCM Conventions for the year 2024. It should be noted that the Mayors costs are shared with the TNRD at 50%.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT, Mayor Roden, Councillor Lambert and Councillor Anstett attend the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Convention for 2024 and that Mayor Roden, Councillor Davenport and Councillor Clement attend the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention for 2024.</i> <p>It was noted that the Councillors attending SILGA this year would be given the opportunity to attend UBCM next year.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-32</p>
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Council Appointment to Policy Review Committee</p> <p>Purpose: Seeking Council's appointments to Policy Review Committee</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT, Mayor Roden and Councillor Clement be appointed to the Policy Review Committee and that Councillor Anstett be appointed as the alternate.</i> 	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-33</p>
6.4	<p>CFO Report – Curling Club Insulation Upgrades using LGCAP Funds</p> <p>Purpose: To allocate LGCAP funds towards curling club insulation upgrades</p> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport</p> <p><i>THAT, Council approve allocation of \$25,000 to upgrades to insulation for the curling club.</i></p> <p>Clarification provided: Worthwhile investment to maintain our building and the project fits within the LGCAP program. Building would be more energy efficient. It is favourable to retain existing services, until it becomes untenable. Falls within good asset management practices.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-34</p>
6.5	<p>EDT Report – NDI Marketing Initiatives Grant Application</p> <p>Purpose: Request Council rescind Resolution No. R-2024-19 to NDI Marketing Initiative funding stream due the proposed additional items that involved an approximate increase of \$8,000 and that Council support the revised application in the amount of up to \$20,000.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Lambert</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft rescind Resolution No. R-2024-19, previously approved by Council on January 22, 2024, regarding the application to the Northern Development</i> 	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-35</p>

	<p><i>Initiative Trust's Marketing Initiative funding stream in the amount of \$24,965.</i></p> <p>M/S Anstett / Clement</p> <p>2. <i>THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft extends its full support for the submission of an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) Marketing Initiative Funding stream seeking financial assistance of up to \$20,000, and further that Council is committed to matching the funds as a line item in the 2024 Village of Ashcroft budget.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-36</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.6	<p>CAO Report – Capacity Funding for Local Government Housing Initiatives Program</p> <p>Purpose: Provide Council with a brief report outlining the funding allocation for the Village of Ashcroft under the provinces Capacity Funding program to assist with accelerating development processes including scope and guideline limitations.</p>	
6.7	<p>CAO Report – Snow Survey Information from EMCR</p> <p>Purpose: To present an update to Council regarding the snowpack status in the South Thompson region.</p>	
6.8	<p>CFO Report – Preliminary Budget Discussion CFO Bhalla cautioned Council that he feels we are heading into a hard landing and full recession and is budgeting accordingly. Interest rate increases are impacting British Columbians particularly the middle class. Areas of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortis - commodity costs. \$559 but total bill is \$3,125 example I • Cost of living is escalating exponentially, cautioned Council that we must keep this in mind when budgeting and keep property taxes affordable. • TNRD solid waste costs continue to increase, tipping fees are climbing, opting out of Gold Country Communities Society services last year landed Ashcroft's TNRD requisition to a 3.9% increase overall. • Benefits costs and WorkSafe expenses are also increasing. <p>CFO Bhalla presented the Project list itemized from critical to low and highlighted projects for 2024, noting projects require grant funding to leverage costs. CFO Bhalla guided Council through the draft budget with a proposed 3.5% increase discussion guided Council through the impacts to the General Operating, Water and Sewer funds. CFO Bhalla focused Councils attention to the highlighted items which are items that have changed for this year's budget. Utilized surplus to cover unexpected expenses ie: Fire Hall, hot tub, water pumping costs etc. CFO Bhalla will schedule 2 meetings to finalize the budget one at an Open Council meeting the other is the legislated public presentation of the Financial Plan.</p>	
6.9	<p>BEO Report – Bylaw Enforcement Update – 2023 Final Quarter</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with detail updates and status of the bylaw files for the past quarter</p>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) – Sale of Cache Creek Property For Information	
7.2	2024 SILGA Forest and Wildfire Management Webinar Save the Date – February 28th 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Any Council members interested in participating in the webinar should email SILGA directly to receive the link at: yoursilga@gmail.com	
7.3	DSCS 2024 Grad Class – Requesting a monetary donation or donation for a raffle/auction or becoming a Corporate Sponsor for the 2024 Grad Classing M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council donates a basket of Ashcroft swag to a maximum of \$150 - \$200 value to the DSCS grad class.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-37
7.4	Marilyn & Andy Anderson Bloomin Paintbrush Art Studio and Garden – 2024 Street Market (Farmers' Market) M/S Clement / Roden <i>That the Village facilitate a meeting between the Andersons and the Farmers Market coordinators to find a mutually beneficial solution.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-38
7.5	Ashcroft 4H Club – Requesting Free Use of the Community Hall for Monthly Meetings and Special Events such as Speech Night M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft 4H Club request for free use of the Community Hall for monthly meetings and special events.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-39
FOR INFORMATION		
7.6	City of Abbotsford – Letter to UBCM Municipalities re Support for Resolution	
7.7	TNRD Press Release – Thompson Nicola Regional Library Welcomes TRU Nursing Students as Community and Health Navigators	
7.8	Interior Health – News Release – New BC Cander Center in Kamloops Moves Forward	
7.9	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) – New Superintendent of Schools, Vessy Mochikas effective May 8, 2024 M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council sends a letter welcoming Vessy Mochikas the new Superintendent of Schools for School District #74 to the community.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-40

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

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11.1	Mayor Roden	
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11.5	Councillor Lambert Brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council to consider the following at the next Regular Meeting of Council on February 26, 2024: 1. Moving Council Report to verbal format 2. Discuss how Closed Meeting Agendas should be delivered to Council.	

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	M/S Roden / Lambert <i>That Council move to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(c) labour relations or other employee relations.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-41
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Village of Ashcroft Council for Monday February 12, 2024, at 8:15 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday, February 12, 2024.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Draft Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council approves the Strategic Plan as presented or with any amendments deemed necessary. This decision reflects the endorsement of the outlined strategies and goals, indicating a commitment to their implementation in achieving Council's objectives.

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a draft of the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026 and that Council review, make recommendations for edits and adopt the plan as the guiding document in achieving Council's objectives.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Strategic planning serves as a guiding roadmap for Council to achieve its objectives for the community. To establish these objectives, extensive discussions were held involving Council members, staff, and community stakeholders. These sessions focused on identifying the community's needs and contrasting them with its wants, considering what the community can realistically afford. Through this process, a comprehensive list of priorities was generated. Subsequently, Council meticulously reviewed this list, identifying and selecting the objectives deemed of highest priority. These chosen priorities serve as the cornerstone of the Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2026.

DISCUSSION:

The format of the Strategic Plan for this period marks a departure from previous editions. Rather than solely driving priorities, this iteration ties them to seven core values, thereby providing a more cohesive framework for action. These core values encompass:

- Effective governance, community & inter-governmental engagement.
- Safety and protection.
- Community Planning & the natural built environment.
- Managing infrastructure, and assets.
- Enhancing parks, recreation, arts, and cultural amenities.
- Upholding fiscal responsibility and promoting transparency.
- Excellence in service delivery.

Council has meticulously selected twelve priorities aligned with these core values:

- Parks (Mesa, Heritage, Legacy, Pool, Skills).
- Recreation (Arena, Pool, Curling Rink, Skills).
- Water to Ashcroft Indian Band.
- Policy Review Committee.
- Street Safety Committee (includes sidewalks).
- FireSmart.
- Environment (water conservation/herbicides etc.).
- Official Community Plan (OCP) / Zoning Bylaw Updates.
- Branding.
- North Ashcroft Reservoir.
- Museum / Old Fire Hall.
- Trail Plan / Downtown Walking Trail.

However, it's noteworthy that two core values currently lack assigned priorities. Council is encouraged to address this gap by considering the addition of one or two items to each value, thereby ensuring a comprehensive and well-rounded strategic plan. This inclusive approach will further solidify our commitment to addressing the diverse needs and aspirations of our community.

SUMMARY:

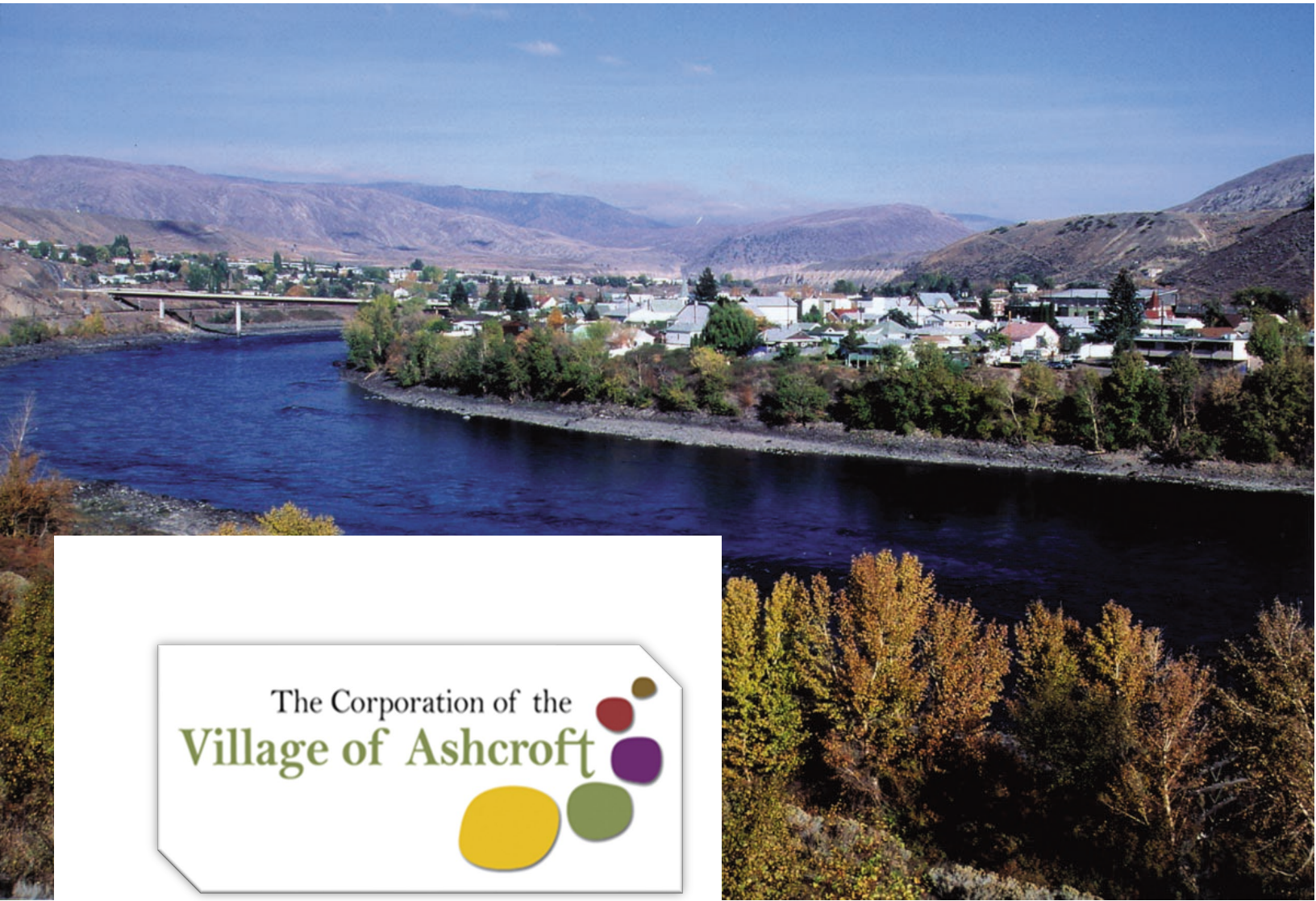
The strategic plan for the period 2024-2026 is informed by extensive discussions involving Council, staff, and community members to identify priorities. These priorities, aligned with seven core values, form the basis of the plan. Twelve priorities have been selected by Council, covering areas such as parks, recreation, infrastructure, and community engagement. However, two core values lack assigned priorities, prompting Council to consider additions for a comprehensive plan.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing



Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026

ABOUT US

Ashcroft is a picturesque oasis nestled along the riverbank of the mighty Thompson River that boasts an abundance of clean air, fresh water, ample hiking trails and locally produced foods. We celebrate four distinct seasons and as Canada's only true desert we are often the hotspot for BC and Canada during the summer months.

As a member municipality of the Thompson Nicola Regional District, with a population of 1670 residents, services delivered by Ashcroft include fire protection, potable water, sewer system, garbage collection, parks and recreation, roads and infrastructure maintenance, governance, financial and asset management and administration.

“insert quote from Barbara”

PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic planning process is crucial for the Village of Ashcroft as it provides a structured approach to setting priorities, managing limited resources, directing staff efforts, and communicating with citizens. By engaging in strategic planning, the village can effectively address current challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and work towards its long-term vision.

This Strategic Plan serves as a tool to identify specific new areas of focus and prioritize ongoing work that the Council has deemed essential during its term in office. While it outlines new initiatives and key priorities, it also acknowledges the importance of ongoing core functions and services provided by the Village, which are not detailed extensively in the plan.

Regular review and monitoring of the Strategic Plan are emphasized to ensure its effectiveness. By conducting annual reviews, the village can assess the progress made towards achieving its goals, identify any necessary adjustments or updates to priorities, and ensure alignment with evolving circumstances and community needs.

In summary, the strategic planning process enables the Village of Ashcroft to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and effectively address the needs of the community while working towards its overarching objectives.

VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement describes the Village's Aspirations, new and for the future.

The Village of Ashcroft is a welcoming, safe, and attractive community characterized by an exceptional climate and a strong sense of history."

MISSION STATEMENT

A mission statement describes the fundamental Purpose of the Village as an organization.

"As stewards of the community, Village Council is committed to providing accountable leadership by addressing our fiscal reality through strategic planning and building effective relationships."



*Standing: Councillor: Jonah Anstett, Doreen Lambert, Jessica Clement, Nadine Davenport
Seated: Mayor Barbara Roden*

Council is dedicated to aligning its actions with the principles and objectives outlined in the Vision and Mission statement, as well as the priorities delineated in the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Throughout 2023, Council's primary focus was on fulfilling the objectives established in the preceding strategic plan. In the fall of 2023, the Strategic Planning process was finalized, involving consultations with Council members, staff, and the public. This comprehensive plan provides a roadmap of the projects and priorities to be addressed throughout the duration of Council's term in office. Committed to realizing this plan, Council pledges to provide transparent updates to the community on progress made. Ultimately, the overarching aim is to foster Ashcroft's development into a sustainable community, offering an unparalleled quality of life for all its residents.

CORE SERVICES

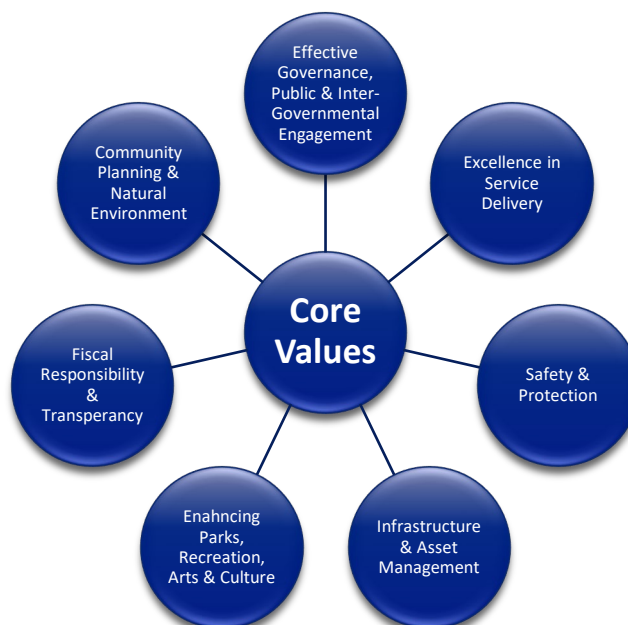
Core services serve as the cornerstone of the Villages' operations, absorbing the bulk (80%-90%) of its human and financial resources. While the effective provision of these critical services often goes unheralded, they constitute the essence of the Village's efforts on behalf of its citizens. The Village of Ashcroft endeavors to excel in six primary service areas:

- Effective governance, community & inter-governmental engagement.
- Safety and protection.
- Community Planning & the natural built environment.
- Managing infrastructure, and assets.
- Enhancing parks, recreation, arts, and cultural amenities.
- Upholding fiscal responsibility and promoting transparency.
- Excellence in service delivery.

VALUES AND OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

The values and operating philosophy encompass long-standing, shared beliefs that steer the actions of both Council and staff. Council and staff uphold and pledge to:

- Deliver responsive and accountable services.
- Foster an open, inclusive, and transparent local government.
- Ensure financial sustainability.
- Champion community sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Integrate meaningful public engagement into all major Village endeavors.
- Foster collaboration with neighbouring local governments.
- Enhance relations with neighbouring First Nations.
- Uphold stewardship of public assets.
- Provide accountable leadership and balanced decision making.



GOAL 1: GOVERNANCE, PUBLIC & INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ENGAGEMENT

We will foster a robust foundation for governance through inclusive public participation and intergovernmental engagement, thereby enhancing trust, responsiveness, and effectiveness in meeting the needs of our municipality both presently and for generations to come.

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
Review and Update of OCP and Zoning Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative changes ○ Increased density ○ Fire Resistant material ○ Other 	Q 2	
Initiate Branding Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Working Group • Engage with community • Review existing brand • Review other designs used in community promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oasis in the Desert, Prickly Pear Cactus, Historic Ashcroft ○ Determine if the existing brands can be amalgamated • Bring report to Council documenting the community's direction for consideration • Implement required action 	Q 2	
Establish Policy Review Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of existing policies • Recommend revisions, deletions, or development of policies. 	Q 1	
Water to Ashcroft Indian Reserve (AIB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop fee structure and policies <p>Next steps, Finance officers and consultant to meet and discuss volume and actual cost of water delivery</p>	Q 1	

Apart from the elements outlined in the aforementioned table, our governance entails a range of ongoing activities aimed at bolstering our relationships with First Nations communities, fostering collaborative initiatives with other governmental bodies to provide shared services, expanding engagement through additional Town Hall and Budget meetings, leveraging social media platforms for direct interaction with residents, disseminating monthly newsletters to keep the community informed

about Council decisions, and advocating for our municipality's interests at higher levels of government. These efforts collectively reinforce transparency, responsiveness, and inclusivity in our governance approach, ensuring effective representation and service delivery for all stakeholders.

GOAL 2: ENHANCING PARKS, RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURE AMENITIES

We will enhance community well-being and quality of life by providing accessible, diverse, and sustainable parks, trails, recreational facilities, as well as vibrant arts and cultural opportunities that promote physical activity, social interaction, and creativity for all residents."

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
Review all Parks and Trail Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group will: • Assess all parks develop Parks master plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement front end redesign of Heritage Park if approved for grant funding ○ Implement Mesa Park revitalization if approved for grant funding • Review finalize and adopt Trail Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop downtown trail - accessible walking path 	Q 2	
Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Working Group • Develop Recreation Facilities Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assess facilities ○ Determine necessary improvements and potential funding sources ○ Determine additional improvements (wish list) and potential funding sources 	Q 2	
Old Fire Hall & Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update exterior of the Museum • Install storyboards at Old Fire Hall Determine what should be done with old Fire Department related artifacts	Q 2	

Additional ongoing initiatives within this core service area involve the comprehensive redesign and submission of grant applications for Mesa Park, with the objective of transforming it into a fully inclusive and accessible park and playground. Furthermore, efforts are underway to revamp the front end of Heritage Park, coupled with the submission of grant applications to support this endeavor. Additionally, enhancements are being made to the Museum through the installation of new displays, and a new art walk map is in development to enrich the cultural experience within our community.

These endeavors collectively contribute to the enhancement of recreational facilities, historical preservation, and cultural enrichment, reinforcing our commitment to providing diverse and accessible amenities for all residents and visitors alike.

GOAL 3: SAFETY & PROTECTION

We are committed to ensuring community safety and protection through proactive measures, collaborative partnerships, and comprehensive strategies aimed at safeguarding the well-being of all residents and fostering a safe and secure environment.

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
Street Speed, Safety & Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish working group Assess speed limits throughout the Village Assess parking issues throughout the Village Identify areas of concern for public safety Update Traffic Bylaw 	Q 1	
FireSmart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish working group to act as a steering committee for the FireSmart coordinator Apply for funding Hire FireSmart Coordinator Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) FireSmart Public Education Engage with AIB re: best practices 	Q 2	

Additional ongoing initiatives encompass the revision of the Emergency Preparedness Plan to align with newly enacted legislative mandates. Furthermore, regular annual reviews are conducted on the Heat Alert and Response Plan to ensure its effectiveness in mitigating heat-related risks. We maintain close collaboration with various organizations, including the RCMP, Ministry of Transportation, Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and the TNRD Emergency Management team, to collectively safeguard the community. Through these concerted efforts, we aim to enhance our preparedness and response capabilities, effectively addressing emergent challenges and ensuring the resilience of our community in the face of various hazards and threats.

GOAL 4: MANAGING INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

We are dedicated to effectively managing our infrastructure and assets to ensure their longevity, reliability, and optimal performance. Through strategic planning, proactive maintenance, and prudent investment, we aim to enhance the resilience and sustainability of our community's essential systems, thereby supporting continued growth and prosperity.

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
North Ashcroft Reservoir <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize land purchase Develop Plans for second reservoir Source funding Construct twin reservoir to increase the water supply in North Ashcroft.	Q 3	

Continual efforts are being made to address climate change and ensure reliable, sustainable water distribution to our community. This involves ongoing planning initiatives aimed at implementing measures to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Furthermore, reserve funds have been established to provide the village with the necessary resources to effectively repair and maintain critical infrastructure such as water and sewer lines, roads, equipment, and public facilities. These proactive measures not only enhance the resilience of our infrastructure but also contribute to the long-term well-being and quality of life for our residents.

GOAL 5: COMMUNITY PLANNING & THE NATURAL BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We are committed to being environmental stewards by implementing sustainable practices, minimizing our environmental footprint, and integrating community planning efforts to ensure a healthier, more resilient community for generations to come.

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
Water Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Xeriscape strategy Develop Native Species plant list Review water conservation Bylaw Explore options for water conservation 	Q 2	
Herbicide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review application processes and risk to the public 		

The village is actively pursuing water conservation strategies through research and updating bylaws to promote eco-friendly construction and establishing higher density zones. Operational improvements, such as transitioning to LED lighting and integrating solar panels, and fleet electrification aim to reduce the village's carbon footprint. These efforts demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship and building a resilient, eco-conscious community for present and future generations.

Below are the two remaining Core Values; however, Council has not yet allocated activities related to these values in the strategic plan.

UPHOLDING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES & PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY

We prioritize fiscal responsibility and transparency to ensure the effective management of public resources. By maintaining prudent financial practices, fostering accountability, and promoting transparency in decision-making processes, we aim to build trust, uphold integrity, and maximize the value of taxpayer dollars for the benefit of our community.

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
TBD		

The Village is committed to maintaining transparency in all financial operations, ensuring that the community is informed and engaged. To achieve this, quarterly financial updates are presented to the Council in open meetings. Furthermore, beyond the legislated public budget sessions, additional public meetings are organized during budget development to encourage community input and feedback. Moreover, our staff remains accessible throughout the workweek to provide clarification and address any queries from both Council members and the public concerning financial matters. This proactive approach underscores our dedication to accountability and transparency fostering trust within the community.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE DELIVERY

We are dedicated to achieving excellence in service delivery by consistently striving to meet and exceed the expectations of our community. Through innovation, continuous improvement, and a commitment to customer satisfaction, we aim to provide efficient, responsive, and high-quality services that enhance the well-being and satisfaction of all residents.

Strategic Priorities and Actions	Proposed Start Date	Proposed Completion
TBD		

As dedicated public servants, the Village staff uphold a commitment to excellence across all facets of our operations, spanning from administration to public works. We take great pride in our daily

responsibilities and the prompt resolution of issues, ensuring seamless service delivery even in emergent situations. Embracing a culture of continuous improvement, our staff actively engage in ongoing training to adeptly operate facilities and equipment, thus contributing to the vibrancy of our community. Whether it's collecting service fees or managing waste disposal, we operate as a cohesive team, driven by a shared goal of serving our community to the utmost of our capabilities.

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Equality Project Delegation Report

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft provide a letter of support to the Equality Project recognizing the significance of addressing homelessness and providing essential services during extreme weather events to be put forward in future funding applications; and that Council direct staff to review Ashcroft's Heat Alert Response Plan and consider the addition of severe cold weather events in the plan.

PURPOSE:

Provide Council with a summary of the Equality Projects delegation presentation and subsequent request of Council.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Shelly Magwood, the Founder of the Equality Project (EP), addressed Council, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to present today. She highlighted the absence of the usual presenter and proceeded to provide insights into the inception and activities of the Equality Project since its establishment in 2014.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Magwood identified a pressing need within the community, particularly concerning food security and the wastage of useful items and wanted to help the regions vulnerable citizens. In response, the EP was founded to address these issues by coordinating donations and distributing resources to those in need.

Over time, new challenges have emerged, notably concerning homelessness. The EP has been engaging with stakeholders regularly to tackle this issue, especially considering the rising cost of living and an influx of people from other areas.

The EP has been actively working to connect vulnerable individuals with essential services while advocating for the establishment of warming centers in Cache Creek, Ashcroft, and Clinton. These centers aim to provide temporary shelter and support during cold weather.

Ms. Magwood emphasized the importance of Council support in establishing these warming centers, noting municipalities are the only entities able to access funding for warming shelters through EMCR.

Additionally, she urged council members to consider developing a new Emergency Plan, tailored to address severe weather conditions, under the recently revised Emergency Act. Ms. Magwood highlighted existing initiatives, such as the Ashcroft HARS initiative, and proposed their adaptation to include provisions for extreme cold weather. Furthermore, she requested a letter of support from Council to bolster the EP's funding application to BC Housing for the development of shelters and necessary services.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, Ms. Magwood reiterated the urgent need for collaborative action to address the challenges faced by vulnerable populations in the community. She emphasized the importance of proactive measures, including the establishment of warming centers in each community and the development of comprehensive emergency plans, to ensure the well-being and safety of all residents urging Council to provide a letter of support for future funding applications to develop an overnight shelter in collaboration with BC Housing.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Yogi Bhalla, CFO
SUBJECT: 2023 Audit in progress

MEETING DATE: Feb 26, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: None

PURPOSE: For information

Respectfully Submitted by:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND: The auditors are busy with the 2023 year-end and have been in the office this Wednesday and Thursday busy conducting their examinations.

DISCUSSION: It currently looks like our work on the Asset Retirement Obligations is adequate and we have avoided incurring considerable consulting expenses. There have been two updates to the audit standards one for Asset Retirement Obligations and another for Financial Instruments. This will minimally affect the notes to the statements and likely have no significant impacts.

SUMMARY: Audit is proceeding well.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives Financial stewardship

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Thompson Cariboo Minor Hockey Association

Village of Ashcroft
PO BOX 129
Ashcroft, BC.
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Dear Mayor Roden and Council Members,

I'm writing on behalf of Thompson Cariboo Minor Hockey Association, with a request regarding our upcoming hockey banquet scheduled for March 15, 2024. As a pivotal event celebrating the achievements of our young athletes, coaches, volunteers, and families, we are in need of a suitable venue.

We are asking if Mayor and Council would be willing to donate the use of the Community Hall for our banquet. Hosting the event at the Ashcroft Community Hall would offer a central and accessible location.

We assure you of our commitment to adhere to all regulations and maintain the Ashcroft Community Hall with utmost care throughout the event.

Thank you for considering our request. We eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

Beth Bastedo

Beth Bastedo

Thompson Cariboo Minor Hockey Association Fundraising Manager and Banquet Coordinator

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NEWS RELEASE

TNRD Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw to be Fully Implemented in Spring 2024

Kamloops, BC – February 15, 2024 – Public education continues for the expanded Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw at solid waste facilities in the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), and in March 2024, the TNRD will fully implement the bylaw.

Most items included in this bylaw are part of the provincial Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program. Consumers pay advanced handling fees when purchasing products that are part of the EPR program, which cover costs for take-back programs at solid waste facilities in B.C. Other items included in this bylaw (cardboard, residential packaging, printed paper, and beverage containers) are easily recyclable and are made into new products when recycled.

The Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw was first implemented in fall 2022 and only applied to corrugated cardboard. Following a bylaw amendment approved by the TNRD Board of Directors in fall 2023, this bylaw now includes all materials regulated by the provincial Recycling Regulation EPR programs and several easily-recyclable items. The full list is as follows:

- antifreeze and antifreeze containers
- batteries, including lead-acid batteries
- electronics and electrical products (including metal appliances)
- flammable liquids and solvents
- fluorescent lights
- gasoline and diesel
- paint and paint containers
- pharmaceutical products and medications
- oil, oil filters and oil containers
- refundable beverage containers
- residential pesticide products
- residential packaging and printed paper (including mixed containers, fiber, styrofoam, flexible plastics, and glass)
- thermostats
- tires
- mattresses and box springs*
- propane tanks*

** These items are expected to be added to the Province of BC Recycling Regulation in 2024, and have been included in the Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw as a result.*

Once fully implemented, penalties may be issued for non-compliance. Loads may be subject to a volume-based fine if they exceed the maximum allowable threshold of 10% of residential packaging, printed paper, cardboard, or beverage containers, or a unit-based fine if load contains any amounts of other EPR materials that are listed above. Volume-based penalties are 50% of

what the disposal fee for the entire load would be, and unit-based penalties are \$50 per unit. (For details, see Attachment “A”).

Enforcement will focus on all commercial, municipal, and residential loads. Enforcement will only be conducted by TNRD bylaw officers. Facility staff, such as scale attendants, will not have the authority to issue fines.

To assist haulers with informing customers of this bylaw, the TNRD has created educational materials and signage for haulers to display. These resources can be ordered free of charge. To access the order form, [click here](#).

“The purpose of this bylaw is to make sure that recyclable materials are properly disposed of and kept out of our landfills. A similar bylaw is in place in other parts of southern B.C. and has proven to reduce landfill waste,” said Adriana Mailloux, TNRD Manager of Solid Waste & Recycling. “Through our public consultation before the bylaw was implemented in 2022, and again in 2023 before it was amended, we also know that there is generally very good support for a disposal ban. We appreciate cooperation and understanding of our customers.”

The expansion of the TNRD’s disposal ban is guided by the 2018 [Regional Solid Waste Management Plan](#). The Plan sets a goal of reducing the TNRD’s annual per-person landfill disposal rate to 500 kilograms per person by 2028. As of 2021, the per-person landfill disposal rate of TNRD residents was 639 kilograms, which was 23% higher than the average in B.C.

For more information on mandatory recycling in the TNRD, visit: tnrd.ca/mandatoryrecycling.

Attachment “A:”

Load Limits for Mandatory Recyclable Materials

Mandatory Recyclable Material	Maximum Allowable Threshold (Volume Based)
Old Corrugated Cardboard	Not to Exceed 10%
Residential Packaging and Printed Paper	Not to Exceed 10%
Refundable Beverage Containers	Not to Exceed 10%

Mandatory Recyclable Material	Maximum Allowable Threshold (Per Unit Based)
Antifreeze and Antifreeze Containers	Any Amount
Batteries, Lead-Acid and Household	Any Amount
Electronics and Electrical Products including Metal Household or Commercial Appliances	Any Amount
Flammable Liquids and Solvents	Any Amount
Fluorescent Lights	Any Amount
Gasoline & Diesel	Any Amount
Mattresses and Box Springs	Any Amount
Oil, Oil Filters, and Oil Containers	Any Amount
Pharmaceutical Products and Medications	Any Amount
Propane Tanks	Any Amount
Residential Pesticide Products	Any Amount
Thermostats	Any Amount
Tires	Any Amount

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Meeting of February 15, 2024

Board Meetings are held in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the TNRD Civic Building in Kamloops, B.C. All meetings are open to the public to attend in person or online. Meetings are live-streamed and can be re-watched on the TNRD YouTube Channel.

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ALC Application 229 (Monte Creek)

The Board supported Agricultural Land Commission Application 229, affecting property at 1524 Bostock Road located in Monte Creek, in Electoral Area "L" (Grasslands).

The application proposes to replace an existing single-wide modular home dwelling with a double-wide modular home dwelling, located on approximately the same footprint as the existing manufactured home. The property is wholly located in the Agricultural Land Reserve, and ALC approval is required for any additional dwelling over 90 square metres in size.

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Zoning Bylaw Amendment 2824 (Lac Le Jeune)

The Board approved first and second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2824, affecting property at 5665 Lac Le Jeune Road located in Lac Le Jeune, in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country).

The zoning amendment proposes to rezone a portion of the affected property from *LRT-2: Existing Lakeshore Resort* to *LR-1: Lakeshore Residential Single-Family Zone*, to create a new residential parcel adjacent to the Lac Le Jeune Nature Resort.

The proposed bylaw amendment will be taken to a Public Hearing in conjunction with a regular Board Meeting.

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Zoning Bylaw Amendment 2833 (Blackpool)

The Board approved first and second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2833, affecting property at 1256 Hern Road located in Blackpool, in Electoral Area “A” (Wells Gray Country).

The zoning amendment proposes to rezone the affected property from *R-1: Residential Single and Duplex* to *CR-1: Country Residential* to allow agricultural and horticultural uses, subject to livestock regulations outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The proposed bylaw amendment will be taken to a Public Hearing in conjunction with a regular Board Meeting.

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Zoning Bylaw Amendment 2837 (Savona)

The Board approved first and second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2837, affecting property at 6578 Buie Street located in Savona, in Electoral Area “J” (Copper Desert Country).

The zoning amendment proposes to rezone 500 square metres of the affected property from *C-3: Highway Commercial Zone* to *C-1: Retail Commercial Zone*, and the remaining 80 square metres of the property would be consolidated with an adjacent property that is also zoned C-3. This would enable the Savona Hotel and Pub to be located on parcels that are all zoned as C-1 and resolve an encroachment from an adjacent building.

The proposed bylaw amendment will be taken to a Public Hearing in conjunction with a regular Board Meeting.

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Zoning Bylaw Amendment 2838 (Pritchard)

The Board approved first and second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2838, affecting property at 1585 Lance Road located in Savona, in Electoral Area “L” (Grasslands).

The zoning amendment proposes to add a site-specific regulation to the affected property to enable subdivision and create a parcel 4,900 square metres in size, to be used for as a residence for a relative.

The proposed bylaw amendment will be taken to a Public Hearing in conjunction with a regular Board Meeting.

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Temporary Use Application 70 (Big Bar Lake)

The Board approved first and second reading of Temporary Use Permit 70, affecting property at 2116 Marriot Road located in Big Bar Lake, in Electoral Area “E” (Bonaparte Plateau).

The TUP proposes to enable a temporary campground for two Recreational Vehicles (RVs) on a non-commercial basis for up to 30 days per year and to continue to use an accessory building on the parcel. The TUP would be in place for a three-year term.

The proposed bylaw amendment will be taken to a Public Hearing in conjunction with a regular Board Meeting.

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Gold Country Services Bylaw

The Board approved first, second, and third readings of Bylaw 2836 and approved submitting the Bylaw to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

The purpose of the Bylaw is to repeal Bylaw 2833, which enabled the TNRD to provide a funding contribution to the Gold Country Communities Society to promote economic development and tourism within the service area.

The service had been established in 2010 and two Electoral Areas were removed from the service in 2021, and in 2023 most other Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities participating in the service advised that they do not wish to continue.

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9-1-1 Call Answering Service Contract

The Board approved a one-year contract extension with the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) to provide primary 9-1-1 call answering service for properties within the TNRD, for a value of \$325,702 for 2024. The RDCO holds a contract with E-Comm 911 for providing primary 9-1-1 service to eight regional districts, including the TNRD.

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Alternate Waste Service Funding Allocations

The Board approved ending the practice of funding four of its Transfer Stations through an alternate waste service. Effective in 2024, these four facilities will be funded through the regional solid waste service like all other Eco-Depots and Transfer Stations.

The four Transfer Stations that had been funded from an alternate waste service are in Black Pines, Brookmere, Lac Le Jeune, and Tranquille Valley. This funding mechanism as an alternate waste service was approved by the Board in 2008, to prevent these facilities from being closed down at the time. With this change in the funding mechanism, there will be no operational impacts to these four Transfer Stations.

Emergency Operations Centre Equipment Grant Application

The Board approved staff to make an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - 2024 Emergency Operation Centres Equipment and Training program. If successful, the grant would fund up to \$30,000 in 2024 for equipment upgrades within the TNRD Emergency Operations Centre.

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2024 SILGA Convention Resolutions

The Board approved two resolutions being made by the TNRD Board to the 2024 Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Convention. Resolutions focus on access to supports for residents rebuilding after a flood or wildfire, and on accessing funding from the Province of BC for small community utility systems using the Property Transfer Tax.

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2024 External Committee Appointments

The following Directors were elected or appointed to TNRD External Committees for 2024:

Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFABC)	Director M. O'Reilly Director T. Thorpe (Alternate)
Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC)	Director R. Stanke Director D. Haughton (Alternate)
Community Energy Association (CEA)	Director M. Blackwell Director T. Thorpe (Alternate)
Kamloops Airport Authority Society (KAAS)	Director L. Morris Director K. Hall (Alternate)

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Official Community Plan (OCP) Initiatives

The Board directed staff to prepare a detailed workplan and cost estimate for the following:

1. Initiate a new Official Community Plan for Electoral Areas “P” and “L” to merge Kamloops North, Kamloops South, South Thompson and Pinantan into one Official Community Plan area;
2. Initiate a new Nicola Valley Official Community Plan for Electoral Areas “M” and “N;” and
3. Initiate housekeeping amendments to all existing Official Community Plans.

A report with background information was presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 19, 2024.

[Read Report](#)

Next TNRD Board Meeting:

March 7, 2024, 1:30 pm

TNRD Civic Building Boardroom (4th Floor)

465 Victoria Street, Kamloops, B.C., V2C 2A9



Upcoming Meetings:

- Electoral Area Directors Committee: March 7, 2024, 10:00 am
- TNRD Board of Directors Meeting: March 7, 2024, 1:30 pm
- Policy and Governance Committee: March 20, 2024, 10:00 am
- Thompson Regional Hospital District Board Meeting: March 21, 2024, 10:00 am
- TNRD Board of Directors Meeting: March 21, 2024, 1:30 pm

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MUNICIPALITIES: Ashcroft | Barriere | Cache Creek | Chase | Clearwater | Clinton
Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

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

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Village of Ashcroft.

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Guns and
 Hoses Charity Hockey Event,
 in support of Ashcroft and District Hospice!
 With your help, we will be able to increase our services and supports
 to Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Spences Bridge and Clinton.
 Working together to help our friends and neighbours when they need
 it most. We are blessed to live in a community with amazing and
 caring people like you!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Deb Seeford

Ashcroft and District Hospice Society





FEBRUARY 2024

BOARD BULLETIN

News from the February 2024 Board Meeting

Strategic Plan Annual Report

Each year the Board of Education receives an Annual Report on the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. Using the measures established by the Board, the report demonstrates the progress being made towards achieving the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. The report can be found at www.sd74.bc.ca

Amended Capital Plan

The Board of Education approved an amended capital plan after the Ministry of Education and Child Care provided an additional \$50,000 in funding towards a solar panel project at Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School.



2023/24 Budget

At the February 6th meeting the Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 amended budget.

The 2023/24 Annual Budget was prepared in the spring of 2023 and is the basis for the 2023/24 Amended Budget. The total operating budget is \$22,958,760 with salaries and benefits being 80% of the total annual expenses. The projected surplus is \$169,612. The Board will determine in September 2024 how to allocate surplus dollars.



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How the Board of Education supports the Strategic Plan

FEBRUARY 2024

Strategic Goal: Team

We have a great team, they feel valued and supported in their work.

Strategic Objectives:

- We recruit and retain great staff.
- We value, acknowledge and support staff.
- We support opportunities for staff to engage in ongoing learning, growth and development.

The Board of Education is supporting this goal and objectives in the 2023-2024 year through the:

- Recruitment and retention strategies such as partnership with Community Futures: Sun Country and commuting vehicle program
- Budget for recognition of years of service program
- Budget to support staff to pursue a Masters Degree
- Budget to support staff to engage in UBC's Transformative Educational Leadership Program
- Budget to support current support staff to become teachers
- Budget for strategic plan book initiative
- Budget for professional learning for all team members



Interior Health statement on the passing of Dr. Doug Cochrane

February 20, 2024

Interior Health president and CEO Susan Brown has issued the following statement on the loss of Interior Health Board Chair Dr. Doug Cochrane:

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Doug Cochrane, Chair, Interior Health Board of Directors.

"Dr. Cochrane joined Interior Health in 2017, and every day since then, he demonstrated a deep commitment to continuous improvement of patient care, quality and safety knowing it would lead to improved health outcomes for the people we serve. Doug leaves a lasting legacy as he guided our reconciliation efforts from a personal commitment to listening and learning from Indigenous peoples in the Interior, their histories and how the current systems in place have impacted them directly. Indigenous health and wellness were of particular importance to Doug as he served as Co-Chair of both the First Nations and Métis partnership leadership tables.

"Doug's contributions to British Columbia's health-care system overall are unparalleled, having chaired the BC Patient Safety Task Force from its inception in 2003 to the creation of the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council (now known as Health Quality BC) and as the provincial patient safety and quality officer from 2008 to 2019. Doug was also past chair of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute.

"Doug was a highly esteemed mentor and educator, with more than three decades of clinical expertise as a pediatric neurosurgeon. He was appointed Professor Emeritus by the UBC department of surgery in 2016 and served as faculty for the Health Quality BC Quality Academy and Clinician Quality Academy programs, as well as the Sauder Physician Leadership program at UBC.

"I will miss Doug as a colleague, mentor, and friend and remember him for his kind and gentle approach to leadership, always willing to take on the toughest of challenges in the most human of ways.

“On behalf of Interior Health, I extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.”

From: [Jacqui Schneider](#)
To: [Mayor, Village of Ashcroft](#)
Cc: [Daniela Dyck](#); [Glenda Fratton](#); [Carly Bielecki](#); [Anna Brace](#); [Jessica Saunders](#)
Subject: RE: HVC 2040 Name Change
Date: February 21, 2024 11:24:12 AM

Good morning, Mayor Roden,

Barbara, the purpose of this email is to inform you that Teck is changing the name of the Highland Valley Copper 2040 (HVC 2040) Project to [Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project](#). Removing the year from the name will clarify the nature and scope of the proposed project, which will extend mine life well beyond 2040. We will work with the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) and Major Mines Office to reflect the new name for the purposes of the regulatory process.

We would also like to take this opportunity to provide a brief update on the project:

- As you are likely aware, the project is required to undergo an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *BC Environmental Assessment Act*. The EA process evaluates the potential environmental, economic, social, cultural, and health effects that may occur as a result of the project.
- HVC's October 2023 Application to the provincial government that seeks EA approval as well as several other authorizations, is undergoing review by Indigenous Governments and Organizations, provincial agencies, and local governments. HVC is actively responding to comments, collaborating with reviewers to resolve issues, and supporting parallel Indigenous-led assessments. HVC anticipates submitting a revised Application in June 2024, for further evaluation. A decision on the EA is currently scheduled for the end of 2024.

More information on the project can be found [here](#). The project name change will be reflected here in the coming days.

Thank you and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,
Jacqui

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NEWS RELEASE

Major New TV Series Features Thompson-Nicola Region to Begin 2024

Kamloops, BC – February 16, 2024 – The Thompson-Nicola Film Commission (TNFC) is thrilled to share that the Thompson-Nicola region featured prominently in another major new TV series, serving as the launch point for this production.

The drama action series *Tracker*, starring Justin Hartley, filmed the opening scenes of its first episode at a location between Walhachin and Cache Creek in Electoral Area “I” (Blue Sky Country) of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD). This is the second recent major motion picture that has utilized world-class film locations in this area of the TNRD, following the debut of *Monarch: Legacy of Monsters* starring Kurt Russell, which premiered in November 2023.

“Desert landscapes of the TNRD are generally a huge draw for film productions of all sizes. This area where *Tracker* was filmed is also conveniently located close to several communities and main amenities for film crews,” said Terri Hadwin, TNRD Film Commissioner.

Tracker, based on the book *The Never Game* by Jeffery Deaver, centres on the story of survivalist Colter Shaw, who travels the country in his airstream to help police and private citizens solve crimes and find missing people – until a new case changes everything. The series debuted on Sunday, February 11, 2024, with new episodes to be released each Sunday. All 13 episodes can be watched on Paramount+, CTV, or CBS.

“To have a premiere immediately following the Super Bowl is generally viewed as a pinnacle for releasing a new series on television,” Hadwin continued. “It’s a feather in the cap for *Tracker*, and for the Thompson-Nicola region. Our landscapes are the feature of the main poster materials for this series. And we are easy to find in the pilot episode, as many exciting scenes were filmed in our backyard.”

About the TNFC:

The Thompson-Nicola Film Commission is a full-time, full-service film commission, and is a department within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. The TNFC markets the Thompson-Nicola region worldwide and facilitates all types of motion picture productions. Learn more about the TNFC at: filmthompsonnicola.com.

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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker					
FEBRUARY					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2023 MOTIONS				
R-2023-06	THAT, Council direct administration to contact the artists Daniel Collett and Marina Papais and request their participation through the Public Art Policy #A-01-2021 to develop a maintenance plan for art on public property.	CAO	Agreement signed Feb 16, 2024		completed
R-2023-72	THAT, Council direct staff to review current Cannabis legislation and bring a draft bylaw permitting the retail sale of legalized cannabis products in Ashcroft; and further that Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018 be amended permitting Retail Cannabis operations.	CAO	Updating the Zoning Bylaw is a strategic priority and Cannabis will be a consideration		complete
	2024 MOTIONS				
R-2024-02	THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to UBCM under the Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2024 FireSmart Community Funding stream in the amount of \$200,000 and further that Council supports the program throughout its duration.	CAO	A grant application be submitted to UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program 2024 FireSmart Community Funding stream		in-progress
R-2024-23	THAT, Council adopts the strategic priority items as identified by Council at the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the 2024 – 2026 Village of Ashcroft Strategic Plan as follows : 1. Parks (Mesa, Heritage, Legacy, Pool, Skills) 2. Recreation (Arena, Pool, Curling Rink, Skills) 3. Water to Ashcroft Indian Band 4. Policy Review Committee 5. Street Safety Committee (includes sidewalks) 6. FireSmart 7. Environment (water conservation/herbicides etc.) 8. Official Community Plan (OCP) / Zoning Bylaw Updates 9. Branding 10. North Ashcroft Reservoir 11. Museum / Old Fire Hall 12. Trail Plan / Downtown Walking Trail	CAO	Draft a Strategic Plan for Council's review and adoption.		completed

R-2024-28	THAT, The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 866, 2023 be adopted.	EA	Update bylaw and file		completed
R-2024-29	THAT, Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 822, Amendment Bylaw No. 864, 2023 be adopted.	EA	Update bylaw and file		completed
R-2024-30	THAT, Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 865, 2023 be adopted.	EA	Update bylaw and file		completed
R-2024-31	THAT, Development Variance Permit No. DVP 2023-01/02 to enable front setback of 5.49m, reduced interior side setback of 2.17m, and reduced number of parking stalls (63 off-street and 9 on-street) be approved for Lot 1, District Lot 378, KDYD, Plan 6889 located at 1500 Government Street, Ashcroft be approved.	CAO/EA	DVP to be signed by Corporate Officer and a copy be emailed to 1204132 BC Ltd. for their signature ; as well as hard copy to be sent in the mail.		completed
R-2024-32	1. THAT, Mayor Roden, Councillor Lambert and Councillor Anstett attend the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Convention for 2024 and that Mayor Roden, Councillor Davenport and Councillor Clement attend the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention for 2024.	EA	Send out registrations to attendees for SILGA. Have information to register for Friday.		completed
R-2024-33	1. THAT, Mayor Roden and Councillor Clement be appointed to the Policy Review Committee and that Councillor Anstett be appointed as the alternate.	CAO	Update Council Committee/WG List		completed
R-2024-34	THAT, Council approve allocation of \$25,000 to upgrades to insulation for the curling club.	CFO	CFO will follow thru advising the curling club		completed
R-2024-36	2. THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft extends its full support for the submission of an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) Marketing Initiative Funding stream seeking financial assistance of up to \$20,000, and further that Council is committed to matching the funds as a line item in the 2024 Village of Ashcroft budget.	EDT	Submit Resolution		completed
R-2024-37	THAT, Council donates a basket of Ashcroft swag to a maximum of \$150 - \$200 value to the DSCS grad class.	EDT	Prepare a basket of swag to donate		completed

R-2024-38	That the Village facilitate a meeting between the Andersons and the Farmers Market coordinators to find a mutually beneficial solution.	EA	Schedule & host a meeting between Andersons & Farmers Market Coordinators	Emails sent to Andersons & Farmers advising Village will host meeting prior to the market start up.	completed
R-2024-39	THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft 4H Club request for free use of the Community Hall for monthly meetings and special events.	EA	Letter to be sent via email advising approval of Community Hall use for 2024.		completed
R-2024-40	THAT, Council sends a letter welcoming Vessy Mochikas the new Superintendent of Schools for School District #74 to the community.	CAO	A letter to be drafted and sent closer to arrival of New Superintendent of Schools in May		completed

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: February 26, 2024
TO: Council
FROM: Councillor Lambert

Deputy Mayor – November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026

Assigned Committees/WG:

Ashcroft Fire Rescue
Communities in Bloom
Finance Committee
Seniors
Water to AIB
Street Safety

Alternate:

Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
HUB Society

Ashcroft Fire & Rescue February 13, 2024

I attended the Ashcroft Fire Rescue meeting and am pleased to report the following:

- Two of our female crew members are eagerly anticipating their participation at the first ever "Fire Service Women BC Symposium" April 4-6, 2024 in Langley BC. They are thrilled at the opportunity to attend the symposium and look forward to the peer learning and networking.

Ashcroft – Cache Creek Seniors February 15, 2024

I participated in the Seniors meeting and am pleased to provide the following updates:

- Potluck lunches will no longer be a part of the meetings.
- Plans are underway to explore bus services for group outings.
- Mark your calendars for the upcoming Strawberry Tea, scheduled for June 15th.
- Going forward, meetings will take place bi-monthly, with the next one scheduled for April 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Lambert,
Councillor

NOTICE OF MOTION

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At the February 12, 2024, Village of Ashcroft Regular Meeting of Council I brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council to consider two items:

1. Changing the format for Council Reports,
2. Delivery method of Closed Meeting Agenda's

COUNCIL REPORT

Over the course of the last few months, I have noticed that there are not many Council reports included in the agenda package. I realize that most Council members have a very busy life, and it is likely challenging to sit down at the end of a long day and write a Council report. I would like to suggest that the format be changed from a written report to a verbal report. I feel that this will provide the transparency that the community wants from Council while removing the chore of writing a report. I feel it is important for the community hear first hand what each of us are doing in our elected roles representing the needs of Ashcroft and its residents.

CLOSED MEETING AGENDA's

As Closed Meeting agendas are confidential in nature, I am uncomfortable with the ongoing practice of delivering these by email. I propose that Closed Agenda packages are provided in the form of a hard copy in a sealed envelope. These can be picked up in person on Friday or will be placed at our designated seat in Council Chambers. The documents should be returned to the Council meeting and left with the CAO after the meeting for shredding. In my opinion emails open the Village to unnecessary risk as emails are often compromised not to mention that many of us have these delivered to our devices and not just the Village assigned laptops.

Thank you for your consideration and discussion of these two items.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Lambert,
Councillor