



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 27, 2023 be adopted as presented.*

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 13, 2023 <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 13, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-4
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**3. DELEGATIONS**

3.1	Shawn Birkenhead, Grant Thornton, LLP – Audit Conclusions	
3.2	Anne McKague – Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC – April is Earth Month <i>(information at Council's chairs)</i>	P. 5

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

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

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	CAO Report – Board of Variance <b>M/S</b> <i>THAT, Council approves an advertisement be placed in the newspaper and on village social media sites advising that Council is accepting applications for Board of variance members.</i>	P. 6-16

6.2	CAO Report – Gold Country Communities Society <b>M/S</b> <i>THAT, Council is in favour of the Village of Ashcroft withdrawing as a member of the Gold Country Communities Society effective January 1, 2024.</i>	P. 17-19
6.3	CAO – Report – Mr. Drinkwater – Delegation <b>M/S</b> <i>THAT, Council direct staff to write a letter to Highland Valley Copper (TECK), CN Rail and Trimac expressing the concerns raised to the Copper Concentrate dust in the area of Hollis Rd.; and further that the letter include reference to the requirement of a Fugitive Dust Management Plan for mining operations, request clarification if the plan includes the Hollis Rd. industrial site, and if included request a copy of the FDMP.</i>	P. 20-21
6.4	DPW Report – Spring and Fall Clean Up <b>M/S</b>	P. 22
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.5	CAO Report – Bylaw Officer	P. 23
6.6	Josh White, Fire Chief Report – Xeri-scaping Workshop Recap	P. 24-25

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	Office of the Mayor, City of Williams Lake – Invitation to Mayor Roden to attend the Williams Lake Stampede <b>M/S</b>	P. 26
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.2	Minister of Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister – Growing Communities Fund Grant	P. 27-30
7.3	TNRD – TNRL’s One Book, One Community Feature Announced for 2023 – Ashcroft Library, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	P. 31-32
7.4	TNRD – New Bat Packs Help TNRL Patrons Learn About Nocturnal Neighbours	P. 33
7.5	UBCM – Annual Membership	P. 34
7.6	Gold Country Communities Society March 2023 Highlights	P. 35-44
7.7	Information Correspondence – Flip Chart	P. 45

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	P. 46
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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. 47-48
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report	P. 49

**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**

**REGULAR MINUTES**

**FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023, AT 6:00 PM**

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

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

Media – 3  
 Public – 1

**EXCUSED:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday March 13, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm

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

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S Clement / Anstett**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 13, 2023 be adopted as amended to include a Memo from CFO Bhalla to be discussed under section 9.1 New Business.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2023-31

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 27, 2023 <b>M/S Anstett / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 27, 2023, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-32
2.2	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2023 <b>M/S Davenport / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, February 27, 2023, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-33

**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.*

There were no questions were received from the public.

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	<p>CAO Report – Draft Proclamation Policy No. C-02-2023  <b>M/S Clement / Anstett</b>  <i>THAT, Council adopts the Village of Ashcroft Proclamation Policy #C-02-2023 as amended to include the discussion items below:</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b>  <i>Mayor Roden clarified the intent of the policy  Amend the policy to include the following items:</i></p> <p><i>4. Council will not consider requests that are defamatory, hateful, racist, discriminatory, homophobic, sexist disrespectful, commercial, or contrary to Village policies or bylaws.”</i>  <i>Include statement:</i>  <i>5. For transparency purposes all approved or refused proclamations will be included on the following agenda under Information Correspondence.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimously  R-2023-34</p>
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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – BC Legislated Requirement to form Accessibility Committee  <b>M/S Anstett / Davenport</b>  <i>THAT, Council establishes a committee of which half of its members are persons with disabilities or are individuals that support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities; at least one of the members is an Indigenous person and the remainder of the committee is comprised of two Council members and two staff members.</i></p> <p><b>Amendment</b>  <b>M/S Roden / Davenport</b>  <i>THAT, a terms of reference be developed as a guideline prior to establishing the Accessibility Committee.</i></p> <p><b>Comment</b>  Determine guideline or terms of reference to steer the committee prior to establishing the committee</p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimously  R-2023-35</p> <p>CARRIED  Unanimously  R-2023-36</p>
6.2	<p>CFO Report – Section 168 Council Remuneration &amp; Expenses  <b>M/S Anstett / Lambert</b>  <i>THAT, Council approves the Section 168 Council Remuneration &amp; Expenses report as requested.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimously  R-2023-37</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		



**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	Jacob Cable - Iron Diesel Fabrication – Request delay in sidewalk and curb installation at 124 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street <b>M/S Roden / Lambert</b> <i>THAT Council agrees to postpone the sidewalk construction on 3rd Street as per Mr. Cables request until such time as Council and Mr. Cable can meet and discuss the sidewalk after the year has passed.</i> Caveat If parking conflict continues the Village will move forward with construction of the sidewalk and curbing and provide notice of intent to Mr. Cable.	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-38
7.2	The Ashcroft HUB – Invitation to Council to schedule a tour of the HUB <b>M/S Lambert / Anstett</b> <i>That staff contact the HUB to arrange a tour of the HUB for Council.</i>	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.3	UBCM – Provincial Response to 2022 Resolutions	
	Items 7.1 – 7.3 are Received for Information	

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	Task Manager / Motion Tracker – Receive for Information	
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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1	CFO Memo – Financial CFO Bhalla provided a brief update in regard to the financial crisis with US bank failures and the potential impacts to the Village of Ashcroft. CFO Bhalla confirmed that Credit Unions have 100% deposit insurance and reassured Council that Ashcroft is well protected and not exposed at this time.	
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**10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS**

10.1	EDT Report – 2023 Thompson Okanagan Tourism Summit: Biospherology Master Class Recap – receive for information	
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**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

11.1	Mayor Roden – Mayor – receive for information	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport – Report – receive for information	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report – receive for information	

**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**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:37 pm.

Certified to be a true and copy of the Minutes  
for the Regular Meeting of Council held  
Monday, March 13, 2023.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

## INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

In order to appear before Council as a delegation, please take the time to complete this form. It will help you in providing Council and staff with an overview of your presentation and the key points you wish to bring to their attention. We ask that you keep your presentation to a MAXIMUM of ten (10) minutes so that there will be a reasonable amount of time for Council to address any questions that may arise. Delegations are generally scheduled for Committee of the Whole meetings that are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, however exceptions are reviewed on a case by case basis.

1. Name of Organization or Group (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The topic of your presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What are you seeking from Council as a result of your delegation's presentation? (i.e. funding, a letter of support, a change in a bylaw or policy, to provide information only):  
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5. If you or your group are seeking some form of financial assistance, please explain why you feel that the Village should be funding your request:  
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6. If seeking financial assistance please attach a budget for your project and expected sources of revenue.
7. If you require a power-point projector or other presentation tool, please advise staff in advance. Paper copies of your presentation should be brought as back up in case of system failure.
8. If you have additional printed materials that you would like Council to read as support for your presentation, please have 7 copies delivered to the office NO LATER THAN the Thursday morning prior to your date of presentation. This will ensure that all Council members receive your materials prior to the meeting and can be better informed as to the background of your presentation.
9. Date requested to make presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate date (if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_
10. You should not expect a decision from Council the same night as your presentation unless it is a time sensitive item.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare yourself and Council members for your presentation. This form and attachments can be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to [admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)



## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** March 17, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Board of Variance

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### Purpose

Council requested staff to research the status of Ashcroft's Board of variance.

### Recommendation

*THAT, Council approves an advertisement be placed in the newspaper and on village social media sites advising that Council is accepting applications for Board of Variance members.*

### Alternatives

### Discussion

At the February 27, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, Council asked staff to research the current status of Ashcroft's Board of Variance and Bylaw.

Requirements for a board of variance:

- 1) A local government that has adopted a zoning bylaw must, by bylaw, establish a board of variance.
- 2) A person is not eligible to be appointed to a board of variance if the person is:
  - (a) a member of the local government or the advisory planning commission, or
  - (b) an officer or employee of the local government.
- 3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5) an appointment to a board of variance is for a 3-year period.
- 4) If no successor has been appointed at the end of the 3-year period referred to in subsection (3), the appointment continues until the time that a successor is appointed.
- 5) A local government may rescind an appointment to a board of variance at any time.
- 6) If a member of a board of variance ceases to hold office, the person's successor is to be appointed in the same manner as the member who ceased to hold office, and, until the appointment of the successor, the remaining members constitute the board of variance.
- 7) Members of a board of variance must not receive compensation for their services as members but must be paid reasonable and necessary expenses that arise directly out of the performance of their duties.
- 8) A local government must provide in its annual budget for the necessary funds to pay for the costs of the board of variance.

The Village of Ashcroft's Board of Variance Bylaw attached to this report meets all legislated requirements and does not appear to require updating; however, I would like to append schedules for application to the board of variance and a process guide as schedules in the bylaw to keep the information all inclusive.

The most recent board of variance members appointed by Council November 14, 2016 are: Deb Tedford, Sheila Corneillie and Christopher Roden, these appointments should have expired or been extended by

Council on December 31, 2019; however, as new members have not been appointed by Council the board stands.

As we move forward with a review of, and appending schedules to the board of variance bylaw it would be the appropriate time to advertise that the Village is accepting applications for board of variance members and move forward with appointing a new board of variance. Administration will contact the current board of variance members thanking them for their service and inviting them to submit a new application.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative Authority**

**Financial Implications**

**Attachment Listing**


Board of Variance Bylaw No. 750, 2007

Application

Process Guide

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

## BYLAW NO. 750

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A bylaw to provide for the establishment of a Board of Variance.

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**WHEREAS** the Municipal Council of the Village of Ashcroft has adopted a Zoning Bylaw;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 899 of the Local Government Act R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 323, as amended, there shall be established by Bylaw a Board of Variance;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Village of Ashcroft, in open session assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. TITLE**

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Board of Variance Bylaw No. 750, 2007”.

**2. REPEAL**

The following bylaw is hereby repealed in its entirety:

**2.1** Bylaw No. 170 – “Board of Variance Bylaw, 1972”.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF VARIANCE**

**3.1** A Board of Variance for the Village of Ashcroft (the “Board”) is hereby established.

**3.2** Council shall appoint members for a three year term.

**3.3** The members of the Board of Variance shall elect one of their number as Chair.

**3.4** The Chair may appoint another member to act as chair in the absence of the Chair.

**4. SECRETARY**

The Chief Administrative Officer of the Village of Ashcroft shall be the Secretary to the Board of Variance. The responsibilities of the Secretary are:

**4.1** To receive Notices of Appeal.

**4.2** To notify the Chair and Members of the board of the receipt of Notices of Appeal.

**4.3** To ensure that proper notifications are given in compliance with this Bylaw.

**4.4** To maintain records of the proceedings of the Board.

**5. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- 5.1 Meetings of the Board shall be held at the call of the Chair of the Board.
- 5.2 A hearing on a particular Appeal may take place at a meeting of the Board and shall be held not more than forty (40) days after the date of receipt of the Notice of Appeal unless an extension is allowed by the written consent of the Appellant.
- 5.3 A Notice of Meeting for each regular and special meeting of the Board shall be posted in the Village Office by the Secretary and the Board shall be convened by the Chairperson on the date and at the time and place set out in the Notice of Meeting.
- 5.4 All meetings shall be open to the public and the Board shall hear all representations made to the Board at a meeting.

**6. NOTICE OF APPEAL**

- 6.1 Every person exercising a right of appeal to the Board shall file a written Notice of Appeal with the Secretary of the Board.
- 6.2 The Notice shall state clearly the grounds under Section 901 of the Local Government Act upon which the Appeal is based and the relief sought, and shall give an address to which all notices respecting an Appeal Hearing may be mailed or otherwise delivered.
- 6.3 Where the Appeal is based upon a determination of the amount of damage made pursuant to Section 911(8) of the Local Government Act the Notice of Appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board within Thirty (30) days of the making of determination.
- 6.4 The Secretary, upon the filing of the Notice of Appeal, shall forthwith notify the Chair and Members of the Board of the Appeal.
- 6.5 The Secretary shall, upon receipt of any Notice of Appeal or of any written evidence entered before the Hearing, permit all such documents to be inspected at the Secretary's office during regular office hours.

**7. NOTICE OF HEARING**

- 7.1 Upon receipt of the Notice of Appeal by the Secretary, and the determination of the Hearing date, the Secretary shall send by registered mail or otherwise deliver, not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Hearing, Notice of the Hearing to:
  - 7.1.1 all Members of the Board;
  - 7.1.2 the Appellant;
  - 7.1.3 the registered owners as shown on the last revised Assessment Roll and occupiers of all real property located adjacent to the parcel which is the subject to the Appeal; and
  - 7.1.4 an official whose interpretation is being appealed under Section 902.(1).

- 7.2 The Notice of Hearing shall state the date, place and time of the Appeal Hearing and shall include a copy of the Notice of Appeal.
- 7.3 Public Notice of a Hearing, if ordered by the Board, shall be given by publication of Notice stating the time and place of the Hearing and the general nature of the Appeal in not less than two (2) consecutive issues of a newspaper published or circulating in the Village, with the last of such publications appearing not less than three (3) days nor more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Hearing.

**8. CONDUCT OF HEARING**

- 8.1 A quorum for the Hearing is a majority of the members.
- 8.2 Any person or body residing or with an interest in property in the Village is entitled to be heard at the Hearing and is entitled to be represented by a solicitor or by an agent duly appointed in writing.
- 8.3 Any person represented in accordance with Subsection 8.2, whether or not also attending in person, shall be deemed to be a party attending the Hearing.
- 8.4 Evidence at a Hearing may be given orally or in writing.
- 8.5 The Appellant shall be afforded the first opportunity to present evidence and arguments, and thereafter, evidence and arguments shall be presented in such sequence as the Chairperson may direct until all persons interested in the Appeal have been afforded an opportunity to present their evidence and arguments.
- 8.6 The Board may adjourn a Hearing from time to time and may examine the property affected by the Appeal and surrounding properties.
- 8.7 The Board and its members shall not receive representations or evidence except at a properly constituted Hearing.
- 8.8 No member of the Board shall discuss the merits of the Appeal other than with a member of the Board, the Secretary, or a legal advisor to the Board, before the Board has reached a decision.
- 8.9 If the Appellant fails to appear at the Hearing or any adjournment thereof, the Board may proceed to decide the Appeal in the Appellant's absence.

**9. DECISION OF THE BOARD**

- 9.1 The decision of the Board shall be by a majority of those members present and made within seven (7) days of the Hearing.
- 9.2 The Secretary shall:
  - 9.2.1 Within seven (7) days of the Board making its decision on an Appeal, send by registered mail or otherwise deliver the written decision of the Board to the Appellant, all persons who made representation at the Hearing, and the Manager of Building, Bylaws and Licensing.

9.2.2 Maintain a record of all variances and decisions given by the Board.

9.2.3 Ensure that the decisions shall be available for viewing by the public at all times during normal office hours.

**10. COMPENSATION**

10.1 Members of the Board must not receive compensation for their services as members but must be paid reasonable and necessary expenses that arise directly out of the performance of their duties.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	13 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	November	, 2007.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	13 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	November	, 2007.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	13 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	November	, 2007.
RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS	26 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	November	, 2007.

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Morley H. (Andy) Anderson, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy  
of Bylaw No. 750 as adopted by Council.

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Thomas H. Clement, Chief Administrative Officer

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Thomas H. Clement, Chief Administrative Officer

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## SCHEDULE "A"

### BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION

#### OWNER INFORMATION

(add additional page if more than two owners)

Registered Owner:		Registered Owner:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
Province:	Postal Code:	Province:	Postal Code:
Tel. (Home):	Tel. (Work):	Tel. (Home):	Tel. (Work):
Fax:	Email:	Fax:	Email:

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

(if different from owner)

Applicant:		Applicant:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
Province:	Postal Code:	Province:	Postal Code:
Tel. (Home):	Tel. (Work):	Tel. (Home):	Tel. (Work):
Fax:	Email:	Fax:	Email:

#### SUBJECT PROPERTY

Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# PROPOSED VARIANCE

Reason for Variance request:

\_\_\_\_\_ Expanding Non-Conforming Use      \_\_\_\_\_ Hardship      \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify)

Proposed variance to the by-law requirements. On your attached site plan, show the existing by-law requirement and your proposed variance with accurate dimensions.

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Submit a detailed site plan and other drawings drawn to appropriate scale (no larger than 11" x 17" that can be reproduced by photocopier) that must include the following:

- ⇒ The legal boundaries & dimensions;
- ⇒ The location of existing building, structures and their uses;
- ⇒ The location of proposed buildings, structures or additions;
- ⇒ Existing by-law requirement and proposed variance with accurate dimensions ;
- ⇒ Dimensions and/or floor areas of existing and proposed buildings;
- ⇒ Height of existing and proposed buildings/additions;
- ⇒ Elevation plan.

In addition you will have to include the following documents:

- ⇒ State of Title Certificate of Title Search (not more than 6 months old);
- ⇒ Copies of all covenants and rights-of-way registered against the property;
- ⇒ Fees (if applicable).

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Applicant Name(s))

Make application to the Board of Variance. I/we also certify that the information contained herein is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application, including any plans submitted, is public information. I authorize reproduction of any plans/reports for purposes of application processing and reporting. I authorize reproduction of plans/reports for purposes of application processing and reporting. I understand that personal information collected on this form is collected for the purpose of processing this application and for administrative purposes. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Local Government Act.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)    Applicant's Signature    Applicant's Signature

This application is made with my full knowledge and consent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)    Owner's Signature    Owner's Signature

<b>Office Use Only:</b>		
Date Received: _____	Fee Paid: _____	Receipt #: _____



## **SCHEDULE “B”**

### **BOARD OF VARIANCE— APPLICATION GUIDE**

#### **What is a Board of Variance?**

Zoning is the most important regulation used to manage the development of land and implement the goals and objectives of the Official Community Plan.

Zoning by-laws impose uniform regulations on all properties within a defined zone. Features such as topography and lot shape may be unique and as a result a variance may be required on a property- specific basis whereby the applicant seeks relief from the zoning requirements.

All local governments that have adopted a zoning bylaw must appoint a Board of Variance. For communities with a population of 25,000 or less the board consists of three members who are appointed by the local government. The Village’s Board of Variance Bylaw No. 750 establishes rules for appointment of members and the board’s procedures.

The purpose of a board of variance application is essentially the same as a development variance permit application. However, Board of Variance applicants are required to demonstrate “undue hardship” as a reason for the variance. Further a development variance permit application is submitted directly to the Village Council and is approved or rejected by resolution.

#### **The application process:**

An application to the Board of Variance must follow a process that is outlined in the *Local Government Act* and in the Village’s Board of Variance By-law.

A Board of Variance application must be considered by the Board of Variance and a notification of the consideration of the permit must be given to neighbouring property owners as identified in the by-law.

The time required to process a Board of Variance application varies depending on the scale of the proposed development and the number of issues that need to be addressed. Generally, the process takes from one to three months to be completed.

#### **Step 1 Speak with Village Approving Officer or Deputy**

Prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to speak with the Approving Officer about the proposed development. Staff can provide information on the application requirements and the review process. This will help ensure that a complete application is submitted and prevent unnecessary delays.

## **Step 2 Submit a Complete Application**

To start the Board of Variance process, a complete application with the required supporting documents and fees (if any) must be submitted to the Village.

## **Step 3 Staff Report**

Staff review all of the information related to an application and prepare a report for the Board of Variance. The staff report will include a summary of the proposed development, an analysis of the potential impacts and may include a list of conditions to be satisfied if the variance is to proceed.

## **Step 4 Scheduling & Notification of Meeting**

The Board of Variance members are contacted by staff to determine the date of the hearing. A notice stating the subject matter of the application and the time and place where the application will be heard is then mailed or delivered to nearby property owners/tenants. If the proposed variance is deemed by the Board of Variance to be of sufficient importance to the community at large, public notice of the meeting will be given by publication in the local newspaper. This is done to allow those who feel their interests are affected by the proposed variance to comment on the application.

## **Step 5 Board of Variance Meeting**

The Board of Variance meeting is held at the Ashcroft Village Office. The applicant is expected to be in attendance and be prepared to describe the requested variance and to answer any questions that the Board of Variance may have. Remember you are asking the Board to vary the Village's Zoning By-law for your benefit. Any other person who believes that his/her interest in property is affected by the application will also be heard as directed by the Chair of the Board.

The Board of Variance makes the final decision on the application. The Board can issue a minor variance provided that, in the opinion of the Board, it does not:

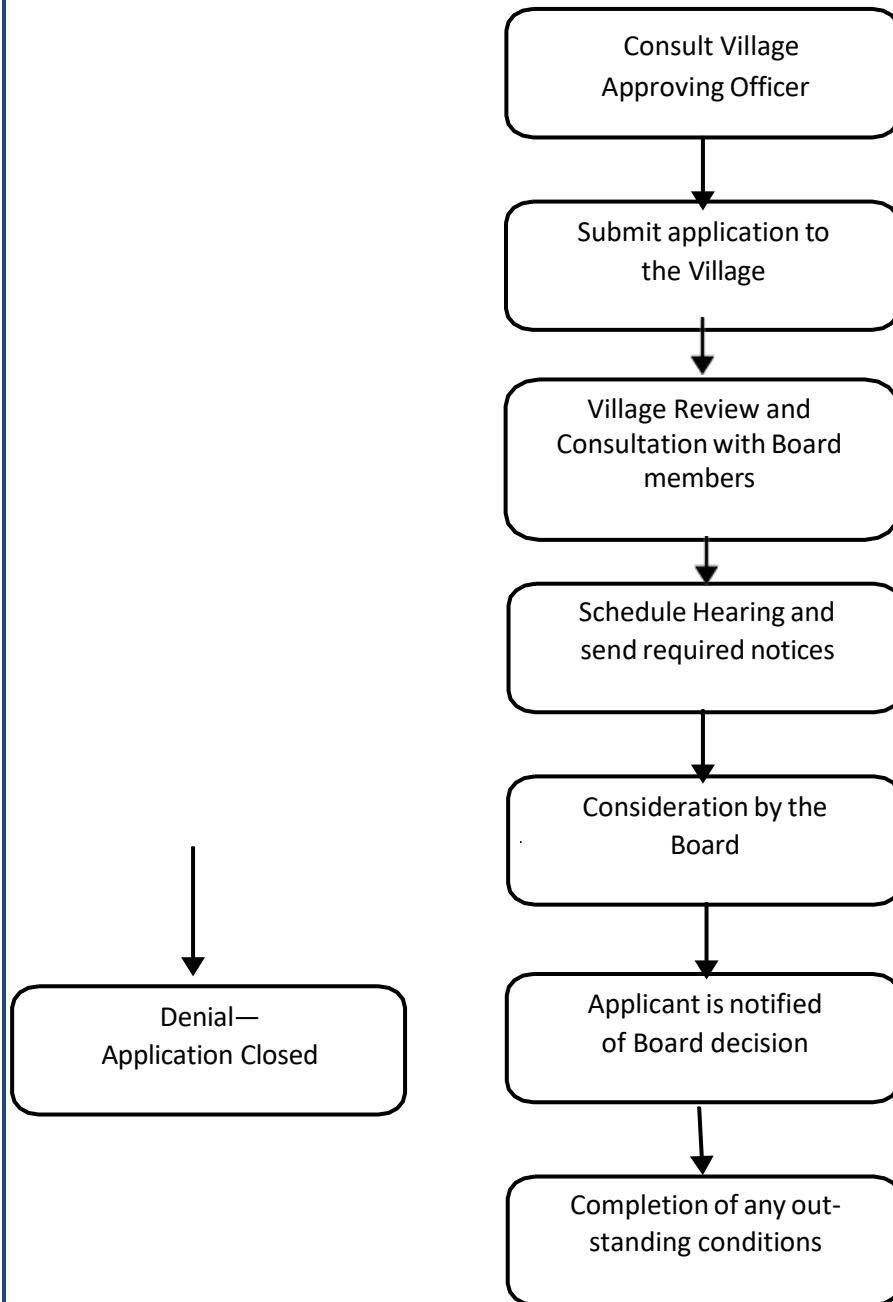
- ◆ Result in inappropriate development of the site;
- ◆ Substantially affect the use and enjoyment of adjacent lands;
- ◆ Vary permitted uses and densities under the applicable by-law.

The Board has the option of denying the variance or authorizing the variance subject to any conditions. Any conditions attached to the authorization are the responsibility of the applicant to satisfy.

## **Step 7 Notice of Decision**

Once the Board of Variance has made a decision, staff will notify the applicant of the decision in writing. This is usually done within 14 days of the hearing. The Board of Variance may order that, unless the construction of the building structure or mobile home is completed within a fixed time, the permission or exemption terminates.

**Board of Variance Approval Process:**



**Note:** A Board of Variance Permit is not a building permit and does not ensure that a building permit will be issued if the variance is granted.

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** March 27, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Gold Country Communities Society

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### **Purpose**

To provide Council with an opportunity to discuss continuing participation as a member of Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) in 2024.

### **Recommendation**

*THAT, Council is in favour of the Village of Ashcroft withdrawing as a member of the Gold Country Communities Society effective January 1, 2024.*

### **Alternatives**

### **Discussion**

Notwithstanding the Gold Country Communities Society presentation to Council on February 27, 2023, and the robust plans shared for marketing and tourism promotion, the society continues to struggle maintaining support from TNRD member municipalities and the electoral areas in the region.

Over the course of the past three years, electoral areas and member municipalities continue to withdraw membership from GCCS. The 2023 remaining participants are:

- Electoral Area “E”
- Electoral Area “I”
- Electoral Area “J”
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek
- Village of Clinton
- Village of Lytton

Notice has been given to the TNRD by Electoral Areas “E”, “I”, “J”, and the Village of Clinton that they are withdrawing from the GCCS service effective 2024, which leaves the Villages of Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Lytton to determine if they wish to assume full financial contribution or also withdraw from the service.

With the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator (EDTC) and working group well established and with the EDTC having assumed the role of marketing and promotion for the community, staff is confident that ongoing promotion will not be affected. Staff does have a concern in regard to the Geo Cache program established by GCCS and would be interested in participating in discussions how the program could be sustained.

Ongoing participation in the GCCS service is cost prohibitive for Ashcroft with only three communities remaining; therefor, staff recommends that Council support the Village of Ashcroft's withdrawal from the GCCS service.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative Authority**

**Financial Implications**

**Attachment Listing**

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Gold Country Contribution Based on the Bylaw No. 2333, 2010**

<b>Clinton and Area J Removed</b>						
<b>Service Areas</b>	<b>2023 Total Payable</b>	<b>Service Areas</b>	<b>Assessment Value</b>	<b>% of Assessment</b>	<b>Total Should Pay Without Area J and Clinton</b>	<b>Bylaw Not to Exceed</b>
Electoral Area "E"	\$ 21,806	Electoral Area "E"	109,618,204	46%	\$ 39,698	\$ 87,500
Electoral Area "I"	\$ 12,790	Electoral Area "I"	64,297,118	27%	\$ 23,285	\$ 87,500
Electoral Area "J"	\$ 37,069	Electoral Area "J"			\$ -	\$ 87,500
Village of Ashcroft	\$ 8,335	Village of Ashcroft	41,901,777	18%	\$ 15,175	\$ 87,500
Village of Cache Creek	\$ 4,416	Village of Cache Creek	22,199,899	9%	\$ 8,040	\$ 87,500
Village of Clinton	\$ 1,781	Village of Clinton			\$ -	\$ 1,781
Village of Lytton	\$ 1,300	Village of Lytton			\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
	<b>\$ 87,497</b>		<b>238,016,998</b>	<b>238,016,998</b>	<b>\$ 87,497</b>	
	<u>\$ 84,416</u>			<u>\$ 86,197</u>		

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** March 13, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Mr. Drinkwater – Delegation

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### Purpose

To provide Council with a summary report regarding Mr. Drinkwater's presentation as a delegation at the Regular Council meeting on February 27, 2023.

### Recommendation

*THAT, Council direct staff to write a letter to Highland Valley Copper (TECK), CN Rail and Trimac expressing the concerns raised in regard to the Copper Concentrate dust in the area of Hollis Rd; and further that the letter include reference to the requirement of a Fugitive Dust Management Plan for mining operations, request clarification if the plan includes the Hollis Rd. industrial site, and if included request a copy of the FDMP.*

### Alternatives

### Discussion

Mr. Drinkwater's presentation to Council involves the ongoing issue of the copper concentrate particulates that are a result of the CN Rail site located at 417 Hollis Road and the Drinkwater residence located across the street at 410 Hollis Rd.

It appears the Drinkwater's have been advocating for change and pollution reduction since 2012. Many suggestions have been made to the operators at 417 Hollis Rd. with some results including the paving of the lot and the purchase of a vacuum sweeper. However, the issue is ongoing.

The Drinkwater's primary concern is the amount of copper concentrate dust that is accumulated in the area and deposits on the roof, siding, vehicles and ground cover of nearby residences requiring frequent pressure washing of homes and vehicles. Mr. Drinkwater shared concerns of the dust affecting allergies and the possibility of long term health risk.

Over the years Village staff and Council have advocated for dust control in the industrial park with some results, but again, these small successes have not addressed the ongoing dust issue. Most recently the Village coordinated a meeting with the operators of the site inviting representatives from CN Rail, Trimac and Highland Valley Copper (HVC), regrettably CN Rail was unable attend the meeting. At the meeting it was agreed that the large white Quonset structure would not be used for the unloading and storage of the copper concentrate and would be used for equipment storage, in addition it was agreed the lot would be monitored for dust control daily and the lot would be maintained to reduce the copper concentrate dust polluting the area. The other issue is the increased truck traffic and subsequent noise, over the years the truck traffic has increased from three trucks hauling two loads each per day to a seven trucks operating 24 hours per day.

The Drinkwater's have filed petitions, written many letters to CN Rail, HVC, Trimac, WCB, MLA's, Mayor and Council, and various provincial ministries with little result. At the conclusion of Mr. Drinkwater's presentation, he asked Council to:

- Provide positive feedback and solutions;
- Develop a dust bylaw and acknowledge the pollution issue; and

- Forward a letter to CN Rail regarding the negligent copper concentrate dust clean up and request regular lot maintenance.

In preparation of this report, research included Dust Control Bylaws in other British Columbia communities, provincial standards, and enforceability. The industrial zone hinders dust control enforcement, most dust control bylaws address the control of construction dust in residential areas, not dust control in industrial zones. Therefore, the responsibility belongs to the business operators; however, Council is able to advocate on the resident's behalf and encourage better dust management. It was learned that operations such as the CN Rail site at Hollis Rd. should have a Fugitive Dust Management Plan (FDMP). FDMP's are often required as part of the environmental management system for a project where dust may be an issue. For mines, development of a FDMP is required as part of both the Mines Act and Environmental Management Act permit application and environmental protection programs that must be implemented for the site throughout life of the mine. As the site is an extension of mine operations it would stand to reason that a FDMP may be required for the Hollis Rd. operations.

Recommended topics for consideration in the development of the FDMP include, but are not limited to:

- identification and detailed descriptions of project and dust-emitting sources;
- tracking and monitoring of sources, including methods and approaches;
- identification of sensitive receptors and potential effects;
- methods and approaches for controlling/minimizing the production of fugitive dust;
- dust response triggers and contingency plans;
- monitoring of sensitive receptors as appropriate;
- training for staff and assignment of responsibilities;
- record keeping and reporting; and,
- adaptive management process for updating the plan.

#### **Conclusion:**

This ongoing issue has been difficult to resolve with multiple businesses, jurisdictions and ministries involved. Each time the Village attempts to advocate for a solution it seems that hurdles present themselves and we are unable to move forward. Staff recommends that a letter be sent to HVC, CN Rail and Trimac outlining the issue once again and request a copy of the Fugitive Dust Management Plan to clarify if the Hollis Rd. site is included in the document and if it isn't that a plan be developed for the site. As these plans include trigger points for additional cleaning and site management for dust particulates, this may provide a standard of maintenance that will be acceptable by all property owners in the area. In addition, a letter be sent to the Drinkwater's advising of the actions taken.

#### **Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

#### **Legislative Authority**

#### **Financial Implications**

#### **Attachment Listing**

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer



## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

**DATE:** March 27, 2023  
**FROM:** Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Spring and Fall Clean-up

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### Purpose

To inform Council of the costs associated with Spring and Fall Clean-up and whether Council wishes to continue offering this service.

### Recommendation

#### Alternatives

Seeking direction from Council to continue with this public service, go to a Spring pick-up only, a charge for service, or suspend service.

#### Discussion

On average, Spring Clean-Up is 30-loads of yard waste (grass, leaves, branches, etc.). Loads can increase or decrease from year to year. In addition, there are one to two loads of recyclable materials (tires, white metal, etc.). Fall Clean-Up is usually lighter in loads due to Spring being the major clean-up after winter and pruning season.

Over the past several years we have seen our tipping fees at the depot increase from \$30 per load to \$50 per load. Now that the new ECO Depot has opened, loads are calculated by weight and our last invoice for our load of yard waste was \$72.00, which is based on \$40 per ton of weight.

Our typical pick-ups require a 3-person crew, 3 days to complete this task, and has taken 4 in heavier years. An approximate calculation of costs:

- 26 load average x \$72 per load = \$1872
- Fuel for equipment (backhoe and two dump trucks) 610 litres of diesel x \$1.80 = \$1,098
- Wages, 3 days, 3 employees, 72 hrs @ \$50 pr hr = \$3,600

This is a cost of \$6,570, excluding the two loads of other recycling materials, fluctuation in fuel prices and maintenance to equipment. If you add a Fall Clean-up, the overall approximate cost for this service is \$14,000 per year.

### Strategic/Municipal Objectives

#### Legislative Authority

#### Financial Implications

#### Attachment Listing

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Prepared by:



Brian Bennewith,  
Director of Public Works

Approved for submission to Council by:



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** March 27, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Bylaw Officer

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### Purpose

Provide Council with a status update regarding the Bylaw Officer position.

### Recommendation

*For Information*

### Alternatives

### Discussion

The Bylaw Officer position posting closed on March 1, 2023. The Village received ten applications, one was from overseas, two from other cities in BC and six from the local area. CAO Daly, CAO Couture and I met to shortlist the applicant narrowing it to two individuals.

I am pleased to report that Reggie Amyotte is the successful applicant. Reg resides in the Clinton area and brings a strong background in corrections to the position. Reg will begin his position as the Inter-Community Bylaw Officer on Monday March 27, 2023. We look forward to Reg joining the team and he is excited to be working with our communities.

Reg will be attending a Council meeting in his first month to meet Council.

### Strategic/Municipal Objectives

### Legislative Authority

### Financial Implications

### Attachment Listing

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** [Ashcroft Fire Department](#)  
**To:** [Daniela Dyck](#)  
**Subject:** Xeri-scaping workshop  
**Date:** March 15, 2023 5:23:15 PM

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To Mayor and Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Xeri-scaping workshop. It was very informative. Here is some main points of what I learned:

One of the number one points made is the Okanagan Xeri-scape Association (OXA) has an online searchable plant database. [www.okanaganxeriscape.org](http://www.okanaganxeriscape.org)  
This database identifies what plants grow in different zones and their needs, such as water resistance, partial shade or sun, or do they grow well on a slope or not. It is a wonderful resource and this should be used in the future when planning landscaping for Village properties.

I learned the impact of heat-related stress during the heat-dome event in 2021 is still having effects on plants, shrubs and trees to this day. For example, how many of you have noticed there is still orange tips on a lot of the cedar trees in our community. This impedes the growth of the tree.

I learned a bit about how climate change is affecting plants and trees. Did you know that out of the past 1000 years, the last 8 have been the hottest? One of the interesting points talked about is that weather is year-to-year, but climate change is long term. We all know that pests, such as the pine beetle or other bugs that affect our gardens, are thriving right now in this current climate because it does not get cold enough to impact them. Experts say -26 to -37 is what is needed for a minimum of 2 weeks to kill these pests. When it comes to selecting the plants for our specific area, it is wise to keep them as close to native species as possible, or at least trees that will adapt to our environments. I.e: Cedar trees should not be here, because they are a coastal shrub.

When planting something new in a xeri-scaped setting, proper care is paramount for the success of the plant, shrub or tree. Consistent frequent watering as per that particular plant's needs, weeding, plant food, and anything else noted per plant. This must be continued for four years to allow plants to take root. Two years is good, but four years is best.

The last point is regarding irrigation and soils. Audit your irrigation watering systems. Make sure your plants are getting enough water. Plants that were watered more during the heat dome event of 2021, sustained the higher temperatures far better than the ones not as frequently watered. We need to improve our soils with more organic matter. This improves water retention. The recommended amount of organic matter is 5 percent in your soil. "Be healthy, use more compost." Use compost at the time of planting for far better water retention. When it comes to irrigation, soil types, temperature of the irrigation zone(sun or shade etc), and site conditions all need to be considered. Irrigation must reduce overspray, watering of hard surfaces such as concrete, and must not have excessive runoff. Drip irrigation is the best type of irrigation when it comes to xeri-scaping. There are things we can do such as using seasonal adjust in our sprinkler control boxes to conserve water during the cooler times, and apply more water during the hotter times. Installing pressure regulator type sprinklers across an irrigation zone keeps the pressure at each sprinkler head the

same. Some other neat things are moisture sensors attached to wifi control systems. These allow the person monitoring the irrigation systems to know which areas are getting over-watered or under-watered. At the end of the day, irrigation management is key.

Five quick tips:

1. Use draught resistant plants/shrubs/trees.
2. Check ranking of trees for draught resistance.
3. Check if the plant/tree/shrub could be invasive in our area.
4. Planting native species benefits wildlife and helps out the bees.
5. Recommend fall planting to avoid weeds and gives the plant the best chance for survival.

There was so much knowledge presented in 8 hours, I took pages of notes. I look forward to working with the Village when it comes to xeri-scape planning within our community.

Thanks once again.

Yours truly,

**Joshua White**  
**Fire Chief, L.A.F.C.**  
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March 14, 2023

File No. 2-49-11

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



Dear Mayor Roden:

**Re:** Williams Lake Stampede: June 29 – July 2, 2023

This year marks the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Williams Lake Stampede! On behalf of City of Williams Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to join us for this year's celebrations, which kick off on June 29<sup>th</sup> and run through to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In addition to the rodeo events, there will be a parade, Canada Day celebrations in Boitanio Park, a Rustlers Rugby Tournament, events at Thunder Mountain Raceway, pancake breakfasts and steak dinners, entertainment on the concert stage, downtown events including the Street Party, and so much more. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with your neighbours in the heart of British Columbia's Cowboy Country!

This year's Stampede is shaping up to be another exciting event, featuring pro rodeo performances from Thursday through Saturday with an amateur bull riding event on Sunday. Pro rodeo events will include bull riding, steer wrestling, three roping events (tie-down, team and breakaway), barrel racing and bareback/saddle bronc riding. Once again, we will be on the edge of our seats watching popular local events such as the Mountain Race and Wild Cowgirl Race held during each performance. Be amazed by the display of working cowboys during the Ranch Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday mornings. All of the top cowboys and cowgirls from Canada and the United States will be here for four days of action-packed rodeo excitement.

This year's Stampede parade takes place on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and I encourage you to join in the fun. More information and the online registration form will be available in the coming months at [www.wlstampede.parade.com](http://www.wlstampede.parade.com).

After you enjoy the parade, we hope you can join us in the VIP Stand at the Stampede Grounds to watch the Rodeo events on the afternoon of Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. **If you could please let Kim Dressler, Manager of Administrative Services, know if you will be able to attend, we will reserve up to 2 VIP tickets on a first come, first served basis. She can be reached at 250-392-1775 or [kdressler@williamslake.ca](mailto:kdressler@williamslake.ca).**

We look forward to welcoming you to the Williams Lake Stampede and sharing our Cariboo hospitality. Hope to see you here!

Yours truly,

Mayor Surinderpal Rathor  
City of Williams Lake





March 16, 2023

Ref: 271994

Their Worship Mayor Barbara Roden  
Village of Ashcroft  
PO Box 129  
Ashcroft BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor Roden:

The population of B.C. has increased consistently over the past decade and is projected to keep growing in the next 10 years. The provincial government understands the need to facilitate greater housing supply for our growing population. The province will support local governments in addressing the multiple funding and financing constraints to aid in the construction of infrastructure and amenities for all B.C. communities. Local governments' investment in core community infrastructure and amenities increases the amount of land that is ready to be developed to a higher density.

The Government of B.C. has invested considerable resources in infrastructure and amenities in the past 10 years and has strategically leveraged federal funding to that effect. More than \$1.6 billion in federal and provincial funding have been invested in our communities since 2018 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. However, as there is still more to be done for infrastructure and amenities, the provincial government is pleased to provide the Growing Communities Fund (GCF) for local governments province-wide.

As a one-time grant, the GCF will provide up to \$1 billion through direct grants to local governments to support all B.C. communities, with a focus on those communities that need to increase the pace and scale of housing supply. The principal objective of the GCF is to increase the local housing supply with investments in community infrastructure and amenities. Municipalities are encouraged to work closely with adjacent local First Nations, in recognition of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, as this collaboration strengthens our communities and regions.

The funding provided through the GCF should be limited to one-off costs needed to build required infrastructure and amenities rather than funding ongoing or operational activities. These funds are to be incremental to currently planned investments and should accelerate the delivery of capital projects.

Eligible costs are as follows:

- Public drinking water supply, treatment facilities and water distribution;
- Local portion of affordable/attainable housing developments;

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- Childcare facilities;
- Municipal or regional capital projects that service, directly or indirectly, neighbouring First Nation communities;
- Wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities;
- Storm water management;
- Solid waste management infrastructure;
- Public safety/emergency management equipment and facilities not funded by senior level government;
- Local road improvements and upgrades;
- Sidewalks, curbing and lighting;
- Active transportation amenities not funded by senior level government;
- Improvements that facilitate transit service;
- Natural hazard mitigation;
- Park additions/maintenance/upgrades including washrooms/meeting space and other amenities; and
- Recreation-related amenities.

Further to the above-noted capital costs, one-off costs can include:

- Costs of feasibility studies (including infrastructure capacity assessment); other early-stage development work; costs of designing, tendering and acquiring land (where it is wholly required for eligible infrastructure projects); constructing eligible infrastructure projects; and, in limited situations, non-capital administrative costs where these are necessary, for example adding staff capacity related to development or to establish complementary financing for local government owned infrastructure or amenities.

I am pleased to advise you that the Village of Ashcroft is the recipient of a \$1,076,000 grant under the Growing Communities Fund. This amount will be directly transferred to your local government by March 31, 2023.

Under part 7 of the Local Government Grants Regulations, the amount of the grant to each local government is set by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The determination of this amount was based on a formula that applies to all municipalities.

This formula is based on three components: a flat funding amount, an “adjusted population” amount and a “population growth” amount. The flat amount is \$500,000. The “adjusted population” amount is \$365 per adjusted population. The population adjustment ensures smaller municipalities get a higher per capita share of funding despite larger municipalities receiving more funding in absolute dollars. The “population growth” amount is \$1,000 per capita population growth between 2016 and 2021.

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As a condition of this funding, the grant must be placed in a segregated reserve fund established by bylaw under section 188 of the *Community Charter* for the Capital and Planning purposes of the GCF. This fund must be separate from other existing reserve funds. To ensure full transparency regarding the use of funds, your local government will be required to annually report on how it spends this grant. This will be part of the annual financial reporting required under section 167 of the *Community Charter*. Your local government will provide a schedule to the audited financial statements respecting the amount of funding received, the use of those funds and the year-end balance of unused funds. Your local government must continue to annually report on the use of grant money until the funds are fully drawn down.

Further to the financial reporting, an annual report that identifies work-related Housing Needs Reports and pre-zoning requirements, as applicable, is required. The province also encourages highlighting projects that align with provincial priorities such as CleanBC and childcare; as well as those that align with the province's Environmental, Social and Governance framework for capital projects.

Finally, requirements will include parameters for public recognition of the funding related to projects. The province must be consulted prior to any proactive media events or news releases related to the project. Funded projects must also acknowledge the province's contribution through temporary and permanent on-site signage. The provincial government anticipates that the funds will be expended within approximately five years of receipt.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please feel free to contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch by email at: [LGIF@gov.bc.ca](mailto:LGIF@gov.bc.ca). Further information on the program will be available on the following webpage:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/bc-s-growing-communities-fund>.

The province welcomes this opportunity to support the growth of the supply of housing throughout British Columbia. We believe that this funding will contribute to the capacity of B.C. local governments to provide critical services as our province and economy grows.

Sincerely,



Anne Kang  
Minister

pc: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Ashcroft  
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer, Village of Ashcroft



**Attachment with Example Calculation for a Municipality with 15,000 People**

Population Range	From	To	Adjustment Factor
1. Very Small	0	2,000	100%
2. Small	2,001	5,000	80%
3. Small-Med	5,001	10,000	60%
4. Medium	10,001	20,000	40%
5. Large-Med	20,001	40,000	20%
6. Large	40,001	150,000	10%
7. Very Large	150,001	900,000	5%

To illustrate, for a city of 15,000 people, the adjusted population is:

- For this first 2,000 residents, adjustment of 100% =  $2,000 \times 100\% = 2,000$
- For the next 3,000 (up to 5,000), adjustment of 80% =  $3,000 \times 80\% = 2,400$
- For the next 5,000 (up to 10,000), adjustment of 60% =  $5,000 \times 60\% = 3,000$
- For the last 5,000 (up to 15,000), adjustment of 40% =  $5,000 \times 40\% = 2,000$

Thus, the city of 15,000 people has an adjusted population of 9,400 (=2,000 + 2,400 + 3,000 + 2,000).

If the city grew by 4,500 people between 2016-2021, the total grant amount is calculated as follows:

Component	Calculation	Result
Flat Funding	\$500,000	\$500,000
Adjusted Population	= 9,400 x \$365	\$3,431,000
Population Growth	= 4,500 x \$1,000	\$4,500,000
Total Grant		\$8,431,000



## PRESS RELEASE

### TNRL's One Book, One Community Feature Announced for 2023

**Kamloops, BC – March 17, 2023** – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is thrilled to launch its second One Book, One Community (OBOC) shared reading experience. *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* is by award-winning author and renowned UBC forest ecologist, Suzanne Simard.

Simard's scientific memoir is a moving and personal journey of discovery. She brings us into the intimate world of trees, transforming the way we understand forests – not just a source of timber or pulp, but an interdependent circle of life. She teaches us how trees live social lives, communicating and caring for each other through fungal networks, sharing nutrients and information. At the center of the forest is the eldest mother tree – the one that is in tune with the rest and nurtures them.

This ground-breaking work on symbiotic plant communication has far-reaching implications for sustainability and stewardship of forests.

Dr. Simard is from an Interior BC logging family and has been a long-time resident of the region. More than 10 million people have viewed Simard's TED talks, and her work has influenced filmmakers including James Cameron and his "Tree of Souls" in *Avatar*.

Simard will deliver readings at select TNRL libraries between April 26 and 29, 2023, including an evening at the Paramount Theatre on Wednesday, April 26. Full schedule of events as follows:

**Wednesday, April 26:** Chase Library, 2-3:30pm and the Paramount Theatre in Kamloops, 6:30-8pm

**Thursday, April 27:** Ashcroft Library, 3-4pm and Logan Lake Library, 5:30-7pm

**Friday, April 28:** Merritt Library, 6-7:30pm

**Saturday, April 29:** Barriere Library, 11:30am-1pm and Clearwater Library, 2:30-4pm

For event details, or to join a book discussion group, visit: [tnrl.ca/oboc](http://tnrl.ca/oboc).

*Finding the Mother Tree* is available in various reading formats at the library or online by visiting [tnrl.ca](http://tnrl.ca)



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## PRESS RELEASE

### New Bat Packs Help TNRL Patrons Learn About Nocturnal Neighbours

**Kamloops, BC – March 21, 2023** – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is offering a fun new program to get outside and explore the mysterious world of bats, which is free to access with your library card!

Our brand-new Bat Packs are an engaging tool to learn all about bats and their role in nature. Patrons can also download the free Echo Meter app to identify bat species by their calls and to record their sounds!

The Bat Packs are free to borrow with your library card from any TNRL location, and can be signed out for up to six weeks at a time with one renewal per patron.

Each TNRL Bat Pack contains:

- An Echo Meter Touch 2 (for use with Android devices)
- Micro-USB Adaptor
- *Bat Citizens: Defending the Ninjas of the Night* by Rob Laidlaw
- Bat-Friendly Communities Handbook

To celebrate the launch of our new Bat Packs, the TNRL will be hosting a special Storytime & Craft: All About Bats. This event will take place at the North Kamloops Library on March 31, 2023 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Bats have a lot to offer in local ecosystems; bats eat half of their body weight in insects each night, which helps the local agricultural industry. Bats are the only mammal that can fly, they sleep upside down and they see using their ears!

There is so much to learn about bats, so be sure to borrow a TNRL Bat Pack, get outside search for the sounds of bats in your neighbourhood. For more information on the program, and for tips when approaching bat habitats, please visit: [tnrl.ca/bat-packs](http://tnrl.ca/bat-packs).

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March 17, 2023



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

Dear Council Members:

**Re: UBCM Membership**

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

Local governments everywhere throughout the province are delivering services to support healthy, safe and complete communities. As we do so, we are facing significant challenges related to a lack of attainable housing, the complex care needs of unhoused populations, public safety issues related to random violence, aging infrastructure, inflationary pressures and the impacts of climate change and associated extreme weather events.

These are challenging times, and the need for a close effective relationship with other orders of government will be critical for navigating our way forward. UBCM is working with the Province of B.C. on the most urgent issues facing B.C.'s communities, guided by the common interest of every local government in the province.

UBCM has been a longstanding advocate for better infrastructure funding and streamlined delivery. Last month I was pleased to join Premier Eby when he announced \$1 billion in new funding to expand and upgrade the core facilities for every local government in the province. As I write this, we are just three weeks away from a housing summit hosted by UBCM to bring together local elected leaders, the Province and key stakeholders from across the housing sector to reimagine housing policy. Plans are also underway for UBCM's administration of doubled funding for emergency preparedness. Preparations are also underway for negotiations to deliver the multi-billion-dollar Canada Community-Building Fund. These examples, drawn from the past few weeks provide a window into our year-round efforts to advocate on behalf of our members and deliver funding that is critical for strengthening B.C.'s communities.

Our strength as an organization is grounded in the support of our membership. For over 40 years, UBCM has attained 100% support from local governments in B.C. I thank you for the renewal by Village of Ashcroft this past year. Over the coming year, I am dedicated to working with my fellow Executive members and our secretariat to maintain the support of communities across the province.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JCFord". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Jen Ford  
UBCM President



# Gold Country Communities Society

## March 2023 Highlights



[Wendy Coomber]

### A Word From The Chair

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.” - Lewis Grizzard

March has indeed been windy here in Gold Country as we watch for signs of Spring – the happy chirping of songbirds as well as the flocks of geese way overhead, the joyful pairing of eagles, the arrival of osprey, the first flowers jutting through the receding snow, noisy creeks, more, travelers on the highways, gardeners deciding which seeds they will plant, and just a general quickening sense of anticipation.

From Lytton to 70 Mile House, Lillooet to Savona and beyond, Gold Country is an endless and marvelous place of both hidden beauty and conspicuous breath-taking sights. Fans of snow activities have many offerings to get them out of their chairs, but the promise of warmer weather to come has most of us already planning where we’re going to go this summer, and what we’re going to do.

Gold Country’s marketing manager, Brandy, and myself have been planning our own road trip of sorts: We’ve been travelling to municipalities around the region to tell mayor and councils what Gold Country has been up to, what we’ve been doing for them, and to hear what else we can be doing for them. There is no better way to connect than person to person, and we’ve really enjoyed connecting with people in Cache Creek, Ashcroft and Logan Lake. We are looking forward to visiting many more councils, and to driving on winter-free roads!

Whoever coined the term, “Together we’re better” has explained in a nutshell the benefits of the collective over the individual. Visitors who travel on our highways rarely stop at just one place and then quickly return home! They take their time, stopping at a park here, a restaurant there, a gas station or EV charging station at regular intervals.

As a Destination Marketing Organization, Gold Country has an easier (and possibly way more fun) task of attracting visitors to a rich and varied experience that involves many stops and even more enjoyable adventures than any one town, tourist destination or site could offer. Everybody wins – the towns, the tourism sites

and, most of all, our visitors!

In fact, to those of us who live here, Gold Country is more like a community than a region. We are constantly travelling back and forth for social, economic and recreational reasons, and it only makes sense to us that visitors will be attracted to the awesome places where we work and play every day.

It's time to wipe off winter's grit and polish up those Welcome signs. Spring is here and we're all looking forward to spending time in some of the best weather that this province can offer!

**Wendy Coomber**  
GC Chair



*[Brandy Cooper-Chardon]*

## A Word From The Marketing Manager

When I first started with Gold Country Communities Society, I thought I had a good idea of scope of work that happens here. It is just a hub for producing a few guides, right?

Was I ever wrong, yeah we are known for our iconic Visitors' Guide but that is just one facet of the scope of work that comes out of this building. When thinking about our 2023 initiatives, I decided to go back into the archives to learn about the past to be inspired for the future.

Gold Country Communities Society was formed in 1991 between Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Logan Lake, Lytton and Clinton to pool their resources and access funding for the marketing of this remote area as a destination. Regionalism – the concept of coming together to build strength – was key and has proven through the years that with collaborative thinking comes great power. This is especially true when applying grant opportunities that gives us the dollars to create the assets we share to entice people to come visit this area. It was through collaborative thinking that TOTA (Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association) was able to create a series of 7 Celebrations inspired by the 7 generations concept of Indigenous people. Gold Country made application to be considered as a partner to host one of these reconnecting events in a community within Gold Country. Our application was chosen, and venue was decided to be the Cache Creek Community Hall.

March 24, 2023 at 6 pm will start the weekend off with Juno award winning artist, George Leach. Saturday March 25 will see the talented works of Indigenous artisans coming together for an artisan market, and more performers will entertaining us in the evening. Saturday musical talent, is coming from The Melawmen Collective, Richie and The Fenderman, story telling with Kenthen Thomas and esteemed hoop dancer, Daniel Wells. Sunday will see some more community organizations come out for demonstrations and another fantastic local group, Jenny and Gents will be closing the show. During all of this fine entertainment we will be having the Lions group run the concession, there will be some local food artisans at the market, a talented face painter for anyone, and a super inflatables fun zone for ages 2 - 17.

Gold Country Communities Society is so thankful to be part of this event, and our organization has been recently contracted to provide grant writing services to community groups in the TNRD electoral areas E, and I. If your community group would like to enquire about this free service please contact our office at (250)457-6606 or email [goldcountry@telus.net](mailto:goldcountry@telus.net)  
We hope to see you out and about and at the fun free event during March 24 - 26, 2023.

We live in amazing times, filled with extraordinary people within a remarkable region. I hope everyone is ready for spring time.

**Brandy Cooper-Chardon**  
**Marketing Manager**

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## Explore Gold Country During The 7 Celebrations

Thank you to the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA) for hosting this amazing weekend event that will be happening at the Cache Creek Community Hall.

This will be a showcasing of local artisans, artists, storytelling, and of course the culture that is here within Gold Country.



FREE EVENT!!

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FREE EVENT!!

**Friday, March 24, 2023**

**6:00 pm**—Opening Acknowledgements

- Elder Blessing



George Leach

**6:15pm**—Sage Hills Singers and Dancers



Sage Hills Singers

**6:30 pm**—Juno Award Winner—George Leach Performance

**FACE PAINTING!**

**PHOTO BOOTH!**

**FUN INFLATABLES!**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Artisans Market—10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**1:45 pm**—Opening Welcome and Blessing



The Melawmen Collective

**2:30pm—3:10pm**—Kenthen Thomas, Secwepemc Storytelling



Kenthen Thomas—Storyteller

**3:50pm—4:30pm**—Daniel Wells, Hoop Dancer

**5:10pm—5:50pm**—The Melawmen Collective

**6:30—7:45pm**—Richie and the Fendermen



Jenny and the Gents

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**11:30am — 11:45am**—Gold Country Media Presentation

**12:00pm—12:45pm**—Bonaparte Youth Jingle Dancers

**1:00pm—1:20pm**—Thompson-Nicola Shotokan Karate Demo

**1:25pm—1:45pm**—Krush Dance Performance

**2:00pm—2:45pm**—Jenny and the Gents

**2:50pm—3:00pm**—Closing Remarks

**At The Cache Creek Community Hall**

7 Celebrations Reconnecting Gold Country—Learn more at [ThompsonOkanagan.com/7Celebrations](http://ThompsonOkanagan.com/7Celebrations)



**7 CELEBRATIONS**  
Reconnecting in Gold Country

Celebrate and learn about the culture and traditions in Cache Creek through a showcase of local artists, artisans, and storytellers.

**March 24th-26th, 2023**

Learn more at [ThompsonOkanagan.com/7Celebrations](http://ThompsonOkanagan.com/7Celebrations)

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TOTA



**Come Explore With Us~ Gold Country Services**

Did you know?

Here at Gold Country we offer grant writing services to community organizations within the TNRD area E and I

*Please feel free to give us a call or an email with any questions that you may have-*

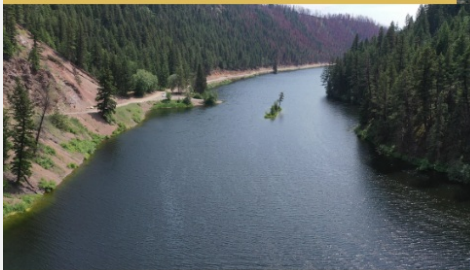
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Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)

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Or Email [info@exploregoldcountry.com](mailto:info@exploregoldcountry.com)



Here's what's happening in Gold Country:

Seedy Sunday | Lillooet  
March 05, Rec Centre (11:00am- 3:00pm)

International Women's Day | Lillooet  
March 08, Rec Centre (4:30 pm- 7:00pm)

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Classes | Lillooet  
March 15, The HUB or Online classes- Register Online\* (6:30pm-7:30)

Two Rivers Farmers Market AGM | Lytton

[Daffodil Tea](#) | Clinton  
March 08, Memorial Hall (1:30pm- 3:00pm)

[Karaoke Night](#) | Ashcroft  
Thursdays, UniTea & Lounge (7:00pm- 9:00pm)

[Community Drum Circle](#) | Ashcroft  
March 11, UniTea & Lounge (4:30pm-6:00)

[Job Fair](#) | Kanaka Bar  
March 14, Community Centre (10:00am- 7:00pm)

[Game Night](#) | Ashcroft  
March 14, UniTea & Lounge (7:00pm-9:30pm)

March 16, Vis Zoom (7:00pm-8:00pm)  
[Royal Purple Bingo](#) | Cache Creek  
March 19, Community Hall (6:30pm- 10:30pm)

[Invasives & Local Farming](#) | Lillooet  
March 22, Via Zoom (4:00pm- 5:30)

[7 Celebrations](#) | Cache Creek  
March 24-26, Community Hall

[Leos March Teen Night](#) | Logan Lake  
March 24, Rec Centre (6:30pm- 9:00pm)

[Spring fling of Homemade Things](#) | Lac La Hache  
March 25, OAPO Pioneer Centre (10:00am- 4:00pm)

## Gold Country Rear View Mirror

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Big Sky Gas Station- located halfway  
between Savona and Walhachin  
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## #Geocaching



North American river otters  
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Happy International Women's Day  
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## Geotour Blog

### Gold Country Geo Tour: The Mighty Salmon - The Prequel #7

Log By: **kootenay pirates**

We were so excited about being back in Gold Country seeking out the new treasures and some of the old as well. 41

It was a pleasant surprise to learn that Sole Seeker and Ijg-47 were also in the area doing the Prequel caches.....the "Fun Factor" suddenly rose when we teamed up with the two of them for a day of caching. What an awesome campground.....it really made us wish we had our camper. It's a beautiful spot on the river.....and it just happened to have a couple of pretty awesome Geocachers there when we visited.

Thanks for the cache.  
Kootenay Pirates 🏴‍☠️ 🏴‍☠️



Log By: **dhoward**

It was a pleasure to get out and find this, after failing last fall. We even ate our lunch at the picnic table..

TFTC Doug

Log By: **TobianoDon**

Caching with D Howard on a gorgeous winter day. We were going to concentrate on the prequel caches until Mother Nature decided otherwise 😞. We were stopped by shiny slippery ice in the Ashcroft area!! This one we found after our second try!



## Gold Country Geo Tour: Goldenrod - The Prequel #49

GC3PAMG

Log By: **sole seeker**

This is our 5th day of our trip visiting the Gold Country from Victoria. We've spent 4 days in Cache Creek, and surrounding areas, working on the Prequel caches. We hit halfway yesterday and hope to finish it up tomorrow. Today we joined up with the Kootenay Pirates again and our target was all the Prequel caches north of Hat Creek. We had an amazing time traveling up highway 97 as far as 70 Mile House where we had lunch at the Sugar Shack. Along the way up we went out to Loon Lake, Green Lake, and a detour to Chasm Provincial Park. After lunch I stopped for gas at 70 Mile House before turning our attention to the west side of highway 97. We stopped for caches at Beaverdam Lake, Kelly Lake and Pear Lake. Plus we explored the back roads including the Pavilion-Clinton Road which was a very exciting and beautiful drive. That lead us back to our temporary home of Cache Creek. We added another 16 Prequel caches to our total and tomorrow we go along highway 99 to Lillooet where, if all goes well, we should complete this marvelous cache series. Today we travelled 438 kilometers.

Thanks for the hide and the fun Gold Country



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## The Gold Country Team



**Brandy Chardon**  
[Marketing Manager]



**Leith McLean**  
[Social Media Coordinator/Drone Pilot]



**Jordan William**



**Jocalyn Doleman**

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**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART**

**March 27, 2023**

TNRD

- Area "I" Spring 2023 Newsletter

School District No. 74

- Board of Education Board Bulletin March 2023
- Board of Education Spring Break Message March 2023



March					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
<b>2023 MOTIONS</b>					
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	CAO met with Daniel on Feb 23, 2023. Daniel took a copy of the Public Art Policy with him to review and detail. Daniel will schedule a future meeting (spring) to discuss policy participation.		in-progress
R-2023-18	THAT, Council provide a gift basket valued at \$100 with locally purchased items to raffle at the SILGA Convention.	EDTC	Local items to be purchased to fill a gift basket for SILGA		In-progress
R-2023-34	THAT, Council adopts the Village of Ashcroft Proclamation Policy #C-02-2023 as amended to include the discussion items below: 4. Council will not consider requests that are defamatory, hateful, racist, discriminatory, homophobic, sexist disrespectful, commercial or contrary to Village policies or bylaws.” Include statement: 5. For transparency purposes all approved or refused proclamations will be included on the following agenda under Information Correspondence.	CAO	Update Policy accordingly		Completed
R-2023-35	THAT, Council establishes a committee of which half of its members are persons with disabilities or are individuals that support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities; at least one of the members is an Indigenous person and the remainder of the committee is comprised of two Council members and two staff members.	CAO	An Accessibility Committee be established		In-progress
R-2023-36	THAT, a terms of reference be developed as a guideline prior to establishing the Accessibility Committee.	CAO	A Terms of Reference Guideline be established prior to ACC		In-progress
R-2023-38	THAT Council agrees to postpone the sidewalk construction on 3rd Street as per Mr. Cables request until such time as Council and Mr. Cable can meet and discuss the sidewalk after the year has passed.	CAO	Mr. Cable be advised of Council's position		Completed



## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** March 27, 2023  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Roden

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**Assigned Committees:**

Finance Committee  
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)  
Historic Hat Creek Ranch  
TNRD  
Municipal Insurance Authority (MIA)

**Alternate Committees:**

Para Transit  
School District No. 74

**Working Groups:**

Bylaw Enforcement

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**March 13: Meeting with SD74**

Council and CAO Dyck met with members of the board of trustees of School District No. 74 and senior staff at SD74 to discuss the district's long-term facilities plan. There was a good deal of discussion around the Ashcroft HUB, from which Councillor Clement recused herself.

**March 15: Class visit to village office**

Students from the Grades 1/2/3 classes from Desert Sands Community School visited the village office and heard about what council and staff do. All the students got colouring books and pins, and were able to sit in the mayor's chair and bang the gavel. Staff provided cookies and juice boxes for all.

**March 15: Lunch with Rotary Club**

CAO Dyck and I met with members of the Rotary Club of Ashcroft and Cache Creek to discuss how the club could work with the village in enhancing green spaces throughout Ashcroft.

**March 17: TNRD strategic planning session**

Along with the rest of the TNRD board and senior staff, attended a strategic planning session to set goals and direction for the next four years.

**March 21: Gold Country Communities society meeting**

The directors discussed the recently-announced resignation of executive director Brandy Cooper-Chardon and the future direction of the society in the light of several partners withdrawing from the funding arrangement with the TNRD.

**March 22: Meeting with Ashcroft RCMP**

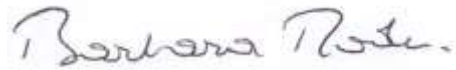
Met with Cpl. Cory Lepine, who has been acting detachment commander in Ashcroft for the past 18 months, and Cpl. Denise Bendfeld. Cpl. Lepine is returning to the RCMP Livestock Unit at the

end of the month, and Cpl. Bendfeld will be acting detachment commander until a permanent person is found for that position.

**March 23: Historic Hat Creek board meeting**

The meeting took place after this report was submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** March 27, 2023  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Councillor Lambert

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

**Assigned Committees/WG:**

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

**Alternate:**

Cache Creek Environmental Assessment  
HUB Society

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**March 16: Seniors Meeting**

There were 9 members present at the meeting. Topics of discussion were the Annual Mother's Day Tea to be held Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and a time change for meetings. Meetings will now be held at 12:30 pm instead of 11:00 am.

**March 22: Thompson View Manor Society Meeting**

There were approximately 20 people in attendance. Topics of discussion were an outdoor garden space, replacement or repair on cement walkway, and a possible independent living expansion.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Lambert,  
Councillor