



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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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 Tuesday, November 14, 2023 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

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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.

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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 MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett (via Zoom)
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla

EXCUSED: DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1
Public – 4

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting for Monday, October 23, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.

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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, October 23, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED – Unanimously R-2023-147

2. MINUTES

Table with 3 columns: Item number (2.1), Description (Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10, 2023, M/S Lambert / Davenport), and Action (CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-148)

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	<p>Anne McKague – Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC – Information on programs promoting pollinator and environmental health. Ms. McKague introduced Evelyn White, a member of the Butterflyway Rangers and shared a video made by Evelyn with Council. Ms. McKague thanked Council for the opportunity to present and noted she was here to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-acquaint Council with Butterflyway gardens. • Request Council to review the use of herbicide (Round-Up) in Ashcroft. • Encouraged Council to establish a committee that will review Ashcroft climate action goals. • Anne noted that she has achieved Butterflyway project status – 12 gardens. • Pollinator gardens is a planting of native plants which provides food, sustenance and habitat for pollinators. • 30% of bees overwinter in the ground or stems. • Pollinators are declining because of mankind. • Taking courses to achieve Pollinator Steward Certification. • Herbicide must be addressed – shocked and dismayed that pesticide was used in the community garden, Ms. McKague urged Council to please review the use of pesticides. • Develop unused spaces to create shelter for pollinators. • Best thing to do to address the Climate crisis is to talk about it. • Encourages Council to develop a climate committee to establish better policies and practices such as an anti-idling bylaw, pesticide control, provide an urban tree program. • Mesa Park could be green and beautiful, encouraged Council to revitalize the park. • Keystone plants – there are many lists available identifying the plants/trees we should be planting such as saskatoons. • Ms. McKague showed Council images of the pollinator garden at the Cache Creek School where children learned about plants, pollinators and were journaling their experience. • Finally, Ms. McKague asked Council to consider what Ashcroft might look like 50 years from now, versus what they would like Ashcroft to look like. <p>Mayor Roden thanked Ms. McKague for her presentation and provided a brief update of proposed plans for green space, noting some of the items Ms. McKague implored council to consider are being discussed and actioned.</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted setting up committee's is often the go too action, suggested a Climate Action overarching umbrella that views all Village projects through the lens of climate action.</p> <p>CFO Bhalla – commented on the Complete Communities project which focuses on liveable communities – has a tremendous environmental impact, this could fit within that scope.</p>
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4. PUBLIC INPUT



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Linda LaGroix - Ashcroft

Noted she is a strong promoter of Ms. McKague's projects in particular the pollinator gardens and environment.

Rev. LaGroix noted she has a master's degree in Environment and is willing to help if there is ever the opportunity to participate.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – TOLGMA and UBCM Conferences	
6.3	CAO Report – Legacy Park Year End Report	
6.4	CAO Report – Pool Year End Report	
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	Reports received for information	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Courageous K9 Sponsorship Request – Previous Year Business Card Ad attached. M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, the Village approves an ad for \$295.00 plus applicable taxes to purchase a business card size ad in the Courageous K9 publication.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-149
7.2	Al Midgley, President, Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society – Watershed Sustainability – Request to meet with stakeholders M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council directs staff to schedule a meeting with Mr. Midgely to discuss watershed sustainability.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-150
7.3	Daphne Nelson, Cooperative Developer – Union Cooperative Initiative – Request for Letter of Support (sample letter attached) M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council send a letter in support of the Union Cooperative Initiative to Ms. Nelson.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-151
7.4	SILGA – Local Government Accounting 101 Seminar for Accounting and Non-Accountants M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the registration fee if any council members wish to attend the Local Government Accounting 101 Seminar.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-152



	Mayor Roden noted she participated in the session some time ago and encouraged Council to attend.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	School District No.74 Board Bulletin – October 2023	
7.6	TNRD Board Highlights – October 12, 2023	
	Items 7.5-7.6 Received for Information	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

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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
M/S Roden / Clement*

12.1	<i>THAT, Council moves to Closed Meeting to discuss and item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(e) land acquisition and (L) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-153
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	<p>Release motion # C-2023-09 to the Open Meeting M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council moves to release Motion #C-2023-09 to the open meeting.</i> <i>CARRIED – Unanimous – C-2023-12</i> Motion from October 10, 2023 Closed Meeting: “M/S Roden / Lambert THAT, Council direct staff to purchase 406 Brink Street for a purchase price not to exceed \$60,000. <i>CARRIED C-2023-09”</i></p>	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 8:45 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, October 23, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 9:00 AM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

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

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

Media -
Public -

EXCUSED:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Special Meeting of Council for Monday October 30, 2023, to order at 9:01 am
'Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people.'

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended
M/S Roden / Anstett
THAT, the Agenda for the Special Meeting of Council held on October 30, 2023 be adopted as amended to include the invitation from Highland Valley Copper under New Business.
CARRIED - Unanimous - S-2023-04

3. MINUTES

All Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

4. DELEGATIONS

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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10. CLOSED MEETING

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

10.1	N/A	
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11. TERMINATION

Mayor Roden adjourned the Special Meeting of Council for Monday October 30, 2023, at 9:51am.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held Monday October 30, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

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 4th 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: _____

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):

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:

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

Watershed Stewardship for fish, fauna, wildlife, and all stakeholders

With this climate warming in our watersheds water conservation and storage should be prominent in all our minds. I believe and have been vocal in this idea for 15 years plus and believe we need to move forward with the implementation of water storage ideas and put action to the words. I purpose one or more trial areas as a test. The results should be seen in year one and two and following years should accumulate benefits. The background for these proposals follows as do how do we get it done.

What do we purpose?

We are getting faster melts and longer lasting summer heat thus longer drought periods and more fire risk. Our proposal is to slow the runoff from the upper watersheds by depositing gravel beds in the discharges of the upper meadows to slow this part of the watershed by several weeks. This dispersing of the water over a wider area would encourage plant growth, keep the ground cooler, increase plant diversity and increase carrying capacity of higher areas and ultimately reducing fire risk for several reasons, more deciduous growth, more feed on higher meadow and more water for grass and browse eaters.

The downstream benefits should be lessened streambank stress, less stakeholder anguish and cost from lessened flooding and less stress on municipal infrastructure in impacted flood plains thus less strain financially for all stakeholders.

And how do we get there?

Brenda our secretary and Bonaparte Natural Resources person is meeting with the bands of South interior to talk about these thoughts and to ask their support of this idea. I am a member of the BCWWA and EOCP and am forwarding this proposal to them. I am also forwarding this to the BC Cattlemen Association for their support. I will forward this to one of my contacts in the BC ministries for distribution to the ministry of forest, environment parks, Highways, Mines and Agriculture. I will also deliver this to the local Government's, MLA's, and MP's. I will send it also to the local logging companies for their support.

Our next move is meet as many of you as possible as soon as possible and move forward with a source of funds to get a test in place before spring 2024. Cache Creek is in dire need of relief from high stream flow effect, and I would like to offer the Bonaparte Watershed as a trial location at least in this area. The Okanagan and Shuswap are the other two areas that need this action as tests as well.

The First Nation people, the loggers and the range holders and administrators are probably the knowledgeable people to guide the distribution of meadow drainage control points so we need them in the discussion, and this can happen as soon as we have funding in place and permission to do the work.

I believe the mitigation funds are out there, the talent to do the job is there, and time is of the essence to move forward in Watershed sustainability.

Please Email me, write me, text me or mail me your thoughts so we can meet via zoom or in Person at a convenient time and or location.

Al Midgley, President
Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society
E mail: caribooal@gmail.com
Phone: 778 207 7468
Address: Box 767, Cache Creek BC V0K1H0

MEMO TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: November 14, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Deputy Mayor Appointment

Purpose

To advise Council of the Deputy Mayor rotation.

Recommendation

For Information

Discussion

This memo is to advise Council that as per Council Resolution #I-2022-04 Councillor Anstett's term as Deputy Mayor concluded on October 31, 2023 and Councillor Clement is appointed as Deputy Mayor beginning November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024.

Council Resolution:

M/S Roden / Clement

THAT, Councillor Anstett be appointed the Deputy Mayor from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023 followed by Councillor Clement Nov. 1, 2023 – Oct.31, 2024, Councillor Davenport Nov. 1, 2024 - Oct. 31, 2025 and Councillor Lambert Nov 1, 2025 – Oct.15, 2026.

CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2022-04

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMO TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: November 14, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Short Term Rental Legislation

Purpose

Provide Council with a brief summary of the proposed provincial legislation for short term rentals.

Recommendation

For Information

Discussion

The lack of rental housing stock in BC has been a focus for the provincial government for some time. To counter the crisis, the province is taking action to develop legislation which will empower municipalities to develop and enforce bylaws limiting short term rentals (STR's). The inflationary environment we are currently in adds an additional layer of complexity to the problem. STR's are in demand and earn more revenue for the homeowner than a long-term rental unit can. As such, much of the available long term rental stock has been shifted to short term rentals where property owners are registering with Airbnb, Vrbo, and other STR platforms as alternate revenue sources.

The new legislation requires the homeowner to reside at the STR's location where a secondary residence may be established for short term rental. This legislation eliminates the ability of investors to purchase housing stock for the sole purpose of short-term rentals.

At this time the legislation affects communities with a population over 10,000; however, smaller communities can be proactive by developing appropriate bylaws. For you information, in Ashcroft the current STR's are: 4 homes licensed, 1 unlicensed, 2 unlicensed apartments/basement suites, 2 unlicensed condos and 1 unlicensed room. The Bylaw Officer is working on bringing the unlicensed STR's into compliance by purchasing a business licenses. Moving forward we will continue to monitor the situation and if there is a steady increase in STR's a report will be brought to Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: November 14, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC – Delegation Summary

Purpose

Provide Council with a summary of Anne McKague's presentation at the October 23, 2023, Regular Meeting

Recommendation

For Information

Discussion

Ms. McKague appeared as a delegation to re-acquaint Council with the Butterflyway Garden initiative and to ask Council to consider several suggestions for future implementation. To begin the presentation Ms. McKague introduced Evelyn White who created and presented a short video of the Butterflyway Garden project.

Ms. McKague was pleased to advise Council that she has achieved Butterflyway project status in Ashcroft with 12 gardens established throughout the community, noting that she is now taking courses to achieve Pollinator Steward certification. Ms. McKague encouraged Council to utilize unused spaces in Ashcroft to develop additional pollinator gardens, commenting that pollinators are struggling to survive mostly due to mankind and a lack of food which is often linked to herbicides being used to control weeds among other unwanted vegetation. Ms. McKague implored Council to reconsider the use of herbicides in the Village of Ashcroft. In addition, Ms. McKague advised Rev. Linda LaGroix would be taking over as the champion of the Butterflyway Gardens.

Other items Ms. McKague encouraged Council to consider include:

- Establishing a committee to review Ashcroft's climate action goals. Mayor Roden commented that perhaps Council could consider implementing an environmental lens to be applied to all projects and plans moving forward.
- Advised Council that the best way to address climate change is to talk about it.
- Establish committee to develop better polies such as anti idling, pesticide control, urban tree program etc.
- Ms. McKague encouraged Council to plant trees, shrubs and other vegetation that are native to the area.

Clearly Ms. McKague is very passionate about climate change, its impacts on the environment and all living things. She encourages Council to set a new standard of operations, one that considers the environment and leads the community by setting a good example and develop policies and bylaws that reflect good stewardship towards reducing Ashcroft's carbon footprint.

Ms. McKague kindly forwarded a summary of her presentation, which is attached to this report.

Attachment

Follow up letter from Ms. McKague

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Anne McKague
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Ashcroft, BC
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anne.mckague@gmail.com
250-851-6075

October 27, 2023

Daniella Dyck
CAO Ashcroft Village Office
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC
V0K1A0

Dear Daniella,

As promised, I'm sending a follow-up letter to my presentation at the council meeting on Oct. 23/23. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak and be heard.

I wished to inform the council of the success of the Butterflyway Project. We've established twelve pollinator gardens in business, residential and civic properties. In doing so, we enhanced the environment and provided year round interest to the streetscape. Along the way, we've garnered substantial public support. All of the organizations alongside the gardens have agreed to support their vitality. They have become guardians.

[Pollinator Partnership](#), the [David Suzuki Foundation](#), The Ashcroft-Cache Creek and Area Rotary and the Ashcroft HUB have all provided substantial resources and support. Reverend Linda LaGroix (revlinda.stalbans@gmail.com) has agreed to adopt the role of Butterflyway Ranger and act as a points person for maintenance and expansion of the Butterflyway Project. Practicing stewardship rather than gardening purely for the human eye is a new and rapidly developing mode-- there will indubitably be hiccups and setbacks, but we're optimistic and fully engaged.

We are also asking that you review your use of pesticides and herbicide to maintain appearances. Surely we can ask property owners to pull weeds or plant beneficials in their place. Dead plant matter is not attractive or beneficial. Posting pesticide signs on the chain link fence surrounding a community garden is not a good look.

You have a laudable plan for addressing the climate crisis, but it doesn't appear to be active. We ask that you establish a committee on the Climate Crisis, or better still as Mayor Barbara Roden suggested, establish a component on every committee that ensures that addressing the climate crisis is instrumental in all facets of village work.

And finally, please, please devise and initiate a tree planting practice. We should be planting 20 trees a year, in the Mesa Park, in the cemetery, in the pool park, in front of the village office, at the skate board park and hey, maybe even a street tree of two. I am certain that citizens would donate money and time to do so. [Tree Canada of course](#), is another funding source. We need the shade, we need the ecological benefits supplied by trees. We need the beauty and promise to the future that trees embody.

It seems that our brand has morphed from "Where Wellness Awaits" to "Ashcroft-Desert Oasis" Let's work together to make it so for all of creation.

Sincerely,

Anne McKague

From: Dianne Boutilier <bcdragit@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Courtney Dash <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: BC DragiT Challenge 2024

Good Afternoon,

I have an event I would like to bring to Ashcroft, I've been working on this idea with Taylor at the Ashcroft Bakery and have passed it by another business owner in town as well. I would like to bring the participants of BC's only Drag n Drive event to Ashcroft.

The BC DragiT Challenge was created by us and just finished our first year. As it started in Cache Creek Airport (it will again next year) then off to Prince George, 100 mile house, Lillooet and then back to Cache Creek airport for the last day. (Racers arrive in each town the night before the race) During the event Racers have mandatory checkpoints they must go to throughout the route & photo to prove they were indeed there.

What I'm planning for 2024 is the Racers will arrive in Ashcroft June 23rd to see the town, meet some local folks & possibly have dinner (will be announced to racers that food will be available). We will have a tent set up for the Racers to check in.

The plan is to contact local restaurants and stores to let everyone know about the group cool cars that will be arriving. The cars will park in designated parking spots.

If the event location is approved, the racers will have to go into Ashcroft as one of their mandatory checkpoints.

We think this would be great for Restaurants, local shops & tourism.

It would be good to close off Railway st for this event as Taylor has pointed out to me.

thanks for your time.....

Sincerely,

Mark & Dianne

Date June 23

Time between 4-8 pm

This year's event we had 50 cars and we are expecting double that for next year.

Mark & Dianne Boutilier
MBT Holdings Ltd
contact us @ 604-897-4432
fb page...BC Dragit Challenge
bcdragit@gmail.com

From: FUS Emailer <OptaFUSEmailer@verisk.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:02 PM
To: contacts@fireunderwriters.ca
Cc: gabriela.banyi@verisk.com
Subject: Petition in support of Bill C-310

Dear CAO,

Fire Underwriters Survey supports Canada's volunteer firefighters, our first responders. To continue protecting lives and property and ensuring a minimum level of public fire safety in Canada, we strongly invite you to add your voices to this wake-up call initiative of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

Thank you,

Fire Underwriters Survey

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71% of firefighters in the Country are part-time, that's more than 90,000 firefighters. This essential profession no longer attracts these valiant workers we desperately need, because of their low pay, if any. It is only their passion that motivates them: **Protecting our communities**. But that's no longer enough in today's inflationary world. Their remuneration often consists of an annual tax credit of \$3,000 when they fight a minimum of 200 hours per year. And when they exceed that threshold, the tax credit decreases!!

Please take a minute to sign this petition proposed by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs to the Government of Canada <https://cafc.ca/page/Bill-C310-Petition> to support Bill C-310's amendments to the Income Tax Act to increase the amount of the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Petition in Support of Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue personnel

Advocacy » National Issues for the Fire Service » Petition in Support of Bill C-310



Petition in Support of Bill C-310:
An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act
(Volunteer Firefighting and
Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credit)

Pétition à l'appui du projet de loi C-310 :
Loi modifiant la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu
(services de pompier volontaire et
de volontaire en recherche et sauvetage)

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From: Northern W W Hwy <info@nwwr.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <mayor@ashcroftbc.ca>
Cc: Courtney Dash <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Northern Woods & Water Membership

Dear Mayor & Council

The Northern Woods & Water Highway is recognized and signed in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. It officially runs from Dawson Creek to Winnipeg across northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Our Association is striving to extend the highway's reach by going through the province of British Columbia and getting it recognized and signed with our name & logo. The acknowledgment by the British Columbia government would generate the opportunity to market the highway as the 3rd Trans-Canada Highway. This would enhance the tourism economy in all the communities along the highway, thus bringing opportunities and benefits to local businesses and residents.

The concept for the highway was formed in the mid-1970s as a holiday route and as a transportation passage for northern goods. Initially, a group of campers would travel from Dawson Creek to Winnipeg and return each year. The association was formed, and the three provinces recognized and signed the highway. Our Association was revived in 2016 following a hiatus of some 25 years. Since then, we have produced and distributed over 120,000 copies of our highway guide, attended several RV tradeshow, had articles published in several RV newsletters crossing Canada and the US. We developed a website and created videos about the highway experience. We are in the process of restarting guided cavalades to take groups of travelers along the highway.

To reinforce our request to the Government of British Columbia, we are requesting that your community consider an annual membership in support of this initiative. This membership will strengthen our application for signing and provide much-needed funds to expand marketing the highway. Moreover, membership will offer your community an opportunity to help guide and strengthen our marketing efforts. It also comes with an increase in space in our highway guide and a link from our website to the municipalities' website visitor's section. An membership from Ashcroft in the amount of \$550 annually combined with others in support of this initiative would make a significant difference. We are looking forward to your positive response to our request.

Dale Harrison
President
Northern Woods & Water Highway Association
(587) 888-0209
www.nwwr.ca
email: info@nwwr.ca



Northern Woods & Water Highway Association Membership Fees 2024

Municipal Membership

Minimum.....	\$220
includes 1/12 page space in magazine (Value \$170) plus hotlink to website	
Population 500-2000	\$550
includes 1/6 page space in magazine (Value \$320) plus hotlink to website	
Population 2001-5000.....	\$1,100
includes 1/4 page space in magazine (Value \$445) plus hotlink to website	
Population 5001-10,000	\$2,200
includes 1/2 page space in magazine (Value \$850) plus hotlink to website	
Population 10,000 plus	\$3,300
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Corporate Membership

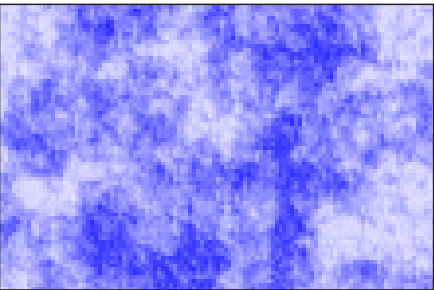
Under 10 employees.....	\$110
10-50 Employees	\$275
51-200 Employees	\$550
Over 200 Employees.....	\$1,100

Organizations

Personal Membership	\$60
Chamber of Commerce	\$110
Community Futures, Regional Economic Development Groups	\$110

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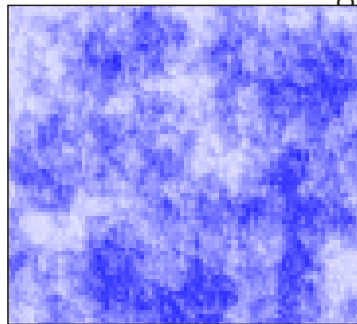
Chetwynd is located in the foothills of the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. The surrounding area contains mountains for hiking and skiing, lakes and rivers for swimming, canoeing and fishing, and a



countryside and park system that produces some of the best camping, snowmobiling, hunting, and wildlife spotting in Canada. The region has a diverse history, ranging from 90 million year old dinosaur tracks to the world famous World War II era Alaska Highway. The area contains

hundreds of years of First Nations history and a century of European homestead history. Thousands flock each year to the Chetwynd International Chainsaw Competition.

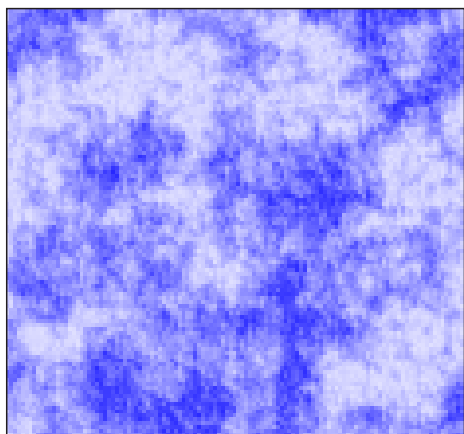
Chetwynd is known worldwide for its fantastic collection of chainsaw carvings. The annual competition has visually shaped Chetwynd into a one-of-a-kind locale. Artists from all over the world



compete in this unique competition. The District of Chetwynd keeps each intricately carved piece from the championship and places them throughout town. The collection includes more than 150 beautiful pieces, with new sculptures added each year. Pickup a free brochure from the Visitor Centre and take a self-guided tour of the carvings.

The Little Prairie Heritage Museum located just south of the community features the family life and rich history of the area. The original General Store houses unique collections from early settlers. The front room was once the retail shop with the living quarters of the proprietor in the rest of the house.

Outside among the several gardens and picnic tables are the BC Rail car with interesting collections of railway memorabilia and local fossils. A trapper's cabin features



trapping and hunting gear used in the territory though the many years. A popular location for weddings and photographers, Little Prairie Museum is also a pleasant stop for travellers.

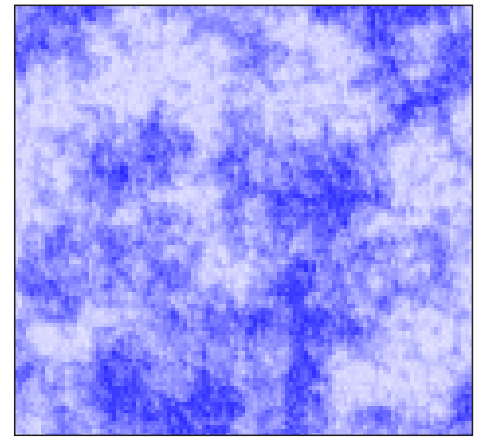
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The Town of Carrot River is located 10 km north of Pasquia Regional Park and it, along with the Rural Municipality of Moose Range, are SASKATCHEWAN'S OUTBACK, a community that boasts year round outdoor activities. The combination of open and wooded terrain offer up

incredible snowmobiling, quadding, and horseback riding trails as well as numerous outfitters to look after your hunting or fishing needs.

The access to lakes and river systems gives great opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and boating in the summer. THAT'S LIFE HERE!

The community has a population of roughly 2,100 ambassadors! More information can be found at www.carrotriver.ca. 24 room hotel located at the south entrance to Carrot River on Highway 23.



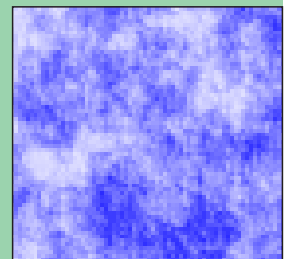
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Swan River Golf and Country Club Located 2 miles west of the Town of Swan River is a golf course ranked as one of the most scenic and well maintained

courses in Manitoba. The signature hole is the third, measuring 413 yards.

Water and bunkers guard the left and trees the right which makes a straight drive a must. The most challenging hole has been the par 4 fourteenth hole at 443 yards. The greens are large and receptive to the average player. and snack carts make the experience enjoyable for all ages and skill levels.





Highway 1 Trans Canada Fraser Canyon

Spences Bridge

Fruit growing and farming. Old Spences Bridge was closed in 2014 after 82 years in service.



Hells Gate

Bridal Veil Falls

Highway #1 services community named for Bridal Veil Falls just a short hike off the highway.



Lytton

Devastated by the 2021 wildfire. It is in the process of rebuilding.

Yale

A large community of 10,000 during gold rush era. Steamers could make it up the Fraser River this far.

Boston Bar

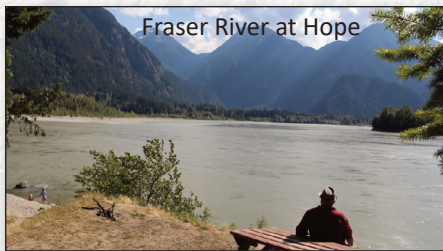
“Centre of the Fabulous Fraser Canyon”. Name dates back to Fraser Canyon Gold Rush era.

Hope

Population 5,969. Most easterly point of “Lower Mainland”. A popular location for films and TV.

Hells Gate

Tourist area located at a narrow gorge on the Fraser River. Was a popular fishing spot for aboriginal communities but a rockslide in 1914 obstructed the salmon run. Fishways have been created since.



Fraser River at Hope

Nature

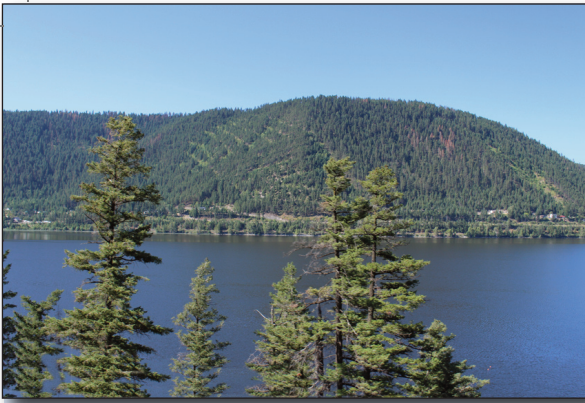


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150 Mile House

Population 893 just 15 km south of William Lake. The name shows the distance from Lillooet via the Old Cariboo Road. It was an important stop during the Cariboo Gold Rush.



Lac La Hache

65 km south of William Lake. This 16 km long lake provides a great place to cool off.

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108 Mile House

There is a large Heritage Site right off of the highway with numerous buildings to explore.



Kokanee Bay

100 Mile House

Main service centre for South Cariboo area. Was named during the Cariboo Gold Rush era. Main industries are forestry, ranching, log home building and tourism.

Clinton

Populationn 650. The Village of Clinton is located 39 km north of Cache Creek. A community with a colorful history of over 150 years. Clinton boasts hosting one of British Columbia's oldest continuously running events; the Clinton Annual Ball, held in May of each year.

Cache Creek

Population 963. Located at junction of Hwy 1 and Hwy 97. Many local farm markets offering a wide variety of locally grown produce and other tasty treats. 12 km north of Cache Creek is the Historic Hat Creek Ranch. A step back in time.



Historic Hat Creek Ranch

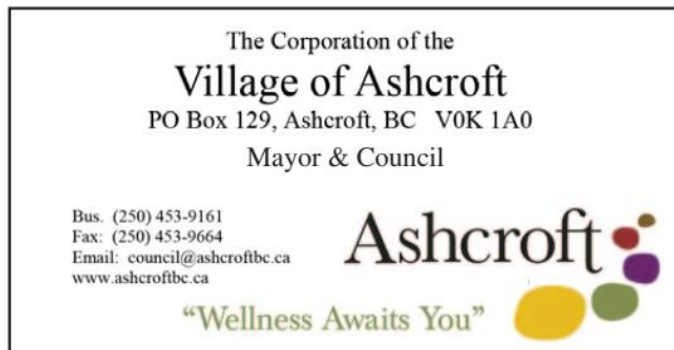
October 30, 2023

Hello Kristine,

Please find enclosed a copy of our **Advertisement Letter** and **Rate Sheet** for the **British Columbia Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion's 19th Annual Military Service Recognition Book** to honor and recognize our Veterans.

This unique remembrance publication includes past and present day Veterans biographies and photographs. With the help of our Veterans, their families and friends, submissions are collected at local legion branches and our next edition is scheduled for release in November 2024, in advance of our Annual Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

Here's your ongoing ad. Still only \$385. tax incl.



It is available for all to see at local legion branches and online at the BC/Yukon Command Legion's website: [Military Service Recognition Book - Legion BC/Yukon Command \(legionbcyukon.ca\)](http://legionbcyukon.ca) It helps us, and our younger generations, appreciate and never forget the Sacrifices made by our Veterans for the freedoms we enjoy today.

We would sincerely appreciate your organization's support and appreciation for our Veterans by purchasing an advertisement in our next edition.

If you require any additional information, please reply to this email or phone me at our toll-free number below. I will follow up with you in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration and/or support.

Sincerely,
Chris Melanson
Advertising Rep/ Military Service Recognition Book
BC/Yukon Command
Royal Canadian Legion Campaign Office
1-866-354-6277





Legion 

www.legionbcyukon.ca

**British Columbia / Yukon Command
The Royal Canadian Legion**

“Military Service Recognition Book”

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the **BC/Yukon Command / The Royal Canadian Legion**, representing **British Columbia** and the **Yukon’s Veterans**. Please accept this written request for your support, as per our recent telephone conversation.

Our **BC/Yukon Command Legion** is very proud to be printing another **5,000 copies** of our 18th Annual **“Military Service Recognition Book”**, scheduled for release by Remembrance Day 2024, to help identify and recognize many of the brave **Veterans** of British Columbia and the Yukon who served our Country so well during times of great conflict. This annual publication goes a long way to help the Legion in our job as the **“Keepers of Remembrance”**, so that none of us forget the selfless contributions made by our **Veterans**.

We would like to have your organization’s support for this Remembrance project by sponsoring an advertisement space in our **“Military Service Recognition Book.”** Proceeds raised from this important project will allow us to fund the printing of this unique publication and will also help our Command to improve our services to **Veterans** and the more than 140 communities that we serve throughout British Columbia and the Yukon. The Legion is recognized as one of Canada’s largest “Community Service” organizations, and we are an integral part of the communities we serve. This project ensures the Legion’s continued success in providing these very worthwhile services.

Please find enclosed a rate sheet for your review, along with a detailed list of some of the many community activities in our **150 Branches and 80 Ladies Auxiliaries** in the **BC/Yukon Command**. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact **BC/Yukon Command Office** toll free at **1-866-354-6277**.

Thank you for your consideration and/or support.

Sincerely,



**Craig Thomson
President of BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion**



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“Military Service Recognition Book”

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Full Page B&W 7" X 9.735"	\$1,257.14	+ \$62.86	= \$1,320.00
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½ Page B&W 7" X 4.735"	\$752.38	+ \$37.62	= \$790.00
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G.S.T. Registration # R10 793 3913

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A complimentary copy of this year's publication will be received by all advertisers purchasing space of 1/10 page and up, along with a Certificate of Appreciation from the BC/Yukon Command.



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Ashcroft & Area Community Resource Society
Christmas Hamper Fund
Box 1137
Ashcroft, B.C.
VOK 1A0



October 15, 2023

Dear Friends,

We would like to sincerely thank you for any support you have given us over the past 20 years. Our goal has been to provide supplies for a Christmas dinner, as well as some extra food and goodies, to those people in our area who are in need. Last year the Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society (CRS) prepared and distributed 172 Christmas Food Hampers within Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton, Spences Bridge and Walkachin. This year we have had a number of new families and single people move into our communities. Many appear to need the food support from the local foodbanks, and so we anticipate that there will be a greater need for the Christmas food hampers again this year. We consider this to be another year of opportunity to serve some of the less fortunate within our communities, and we are inviting you to partner with us, as you are able.

Unfortunately, the cost of basic groceries has increased over the last year, and so it will be necessary for us to carefully use the money you provide to us. If we should be able to raise more money than is necessary for our Christmas Hamper needs, the surplus will be used for other community endeavors. This past year we were able to make the Greensleeves Program available in our areas. This program enhances the ambulance experiences for both the paramedics and the patients. We will be purchasing all of our food items this year, as we no longer have a place to store personal food donations.

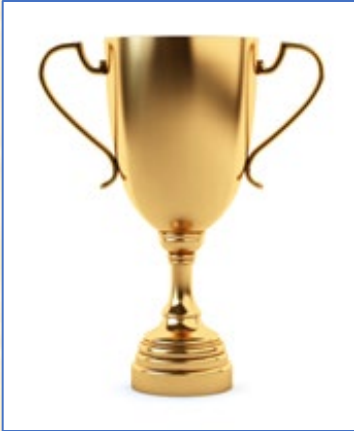
We are reminding you that we have an e-transfer option for contributors. Donations may be made through on-line banking. Our e-mail address is ashcroftcrs@yahoo.com. Subject: Treasurer/Christmas Hampers (code word "hampers"). If you provide us with your e-mail address in the Message line, we will e-mail you a thank you letter, along with an Income Tax receipt. We also welcome cheques made payable to: **Ashcroft & Area CRS/Christmas Hampers** and mailed to: **CRS Christmas Hampers, Box 1137, Ashcroft, B.C. VOK 1A0**. You will receive a Thank You letter and an Income Tax Receipt by return mail.

Over the last few years, we have trained our dedicated volunteers to efficiently pack our hampers. Therefore, we are not in need of any more volunteers for this purpose. However, should any of your people wish to deliver hampers in the Ashcroft/Cache Creek area on the morning of December 16, we would welcome their service. Please call Vivian at 250-457-7081 to sign up. For more information, please contact the CRS Christmas Hamper Committee Chair (Esther Lang - 250-453-9085 or elang123@telus.net). Thank you for everything you do to support our communities.

Sincerely,

Esther Lang

Esther Lang, Chair



SILGA Community Excellence Awards

Are you proud of your community or regional area's accomplishments? Would you like it to be recognized at our convention and more broadly through social media and the news?

To promote the environmental, social, and economic well being of our member communities and to share ideas and best practices throughout the SILGA area, we have created awards to showcase a community in each of these categories.

To nominate your local government, please provide a letter describing a fantastic project, event, or activity that you are proud of. A winner will be chosen in each category and presented an award during our AGM. If your community or area has excelled in any of the following categories, let us know:

- **Environmental Sustainability**
- **Social Responsibility**
- **Economic Development**

The Rules:

Nominations must come in the form of a letter to the SILGA General Manager. We request that you be prepared to provide good quality pictures of the projects or event. Nomination Letters must be received by February 5th, 2024. A high quality logo from the local government also needs to be provided.

1. Letters must clearly state which award the nomination is for.
2. Nominations should be one page in length and should succinctly describe the project and itemize the beneficial outcomes. This information should be in the third person. For the video, please provide 300 words written in the third person describing the scope of the project, the outcomes and the parties involved. SILGA wants to share best practices in our region with the hope that

every local government can learn from the winning submissions. In that regard, please provide contact information for the key individual (s) who worked on the projects/events.

3. These awards are for local governments, not individuals. Recipients must be SILGA members in good standing.
4. Nomination letters can come from anyone representing a local government, and there is no limit on the number of nominations per community. An official resolution is not required.
5. Submissions from previous years may be reused.

What you get if your local government wins:

1. Your local government will be officially recognized at the upcoming AGM.
2. Your local government will receive a beautiful plaque to permanently display at your government office.
3. Award recipients will have their achievements highlighted more broadly through our social media channels, newsletter and via press release to the entire SILGA media network.

These awards are an opportunity for us to share best practices, to get others from local governments thinking outside the box, and to promote knowledge sharing amongst our members. It is our firm belief that our SILGA local governments continue to implement remarkable, unique projects that make their communities a better place to live time and time again. We want to make sure we share our successes as much as possible, so others might benefit.

Please provide a script in “story telling language” of around 300 words which succinctly describes the project outlining why your project should win the award.

Please email your submission to the SILGA office at yoursilga@gmail.com

Good luck!



Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch Society

P.O. Box 878, Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0

Phone: (250) 457-9722

Email: contact@historichatcreek.com

Website: www.historichatcreek.ca

November 3, 2023

To:

Ms. Barbara Roden
Mayor, Village of Ashcroft
P.O. Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Barbara Roden,

The Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch Society has been managing the Historic Hat Creek Heritage Site since 2002. Although the faces around our board table have changed many times over the years, our management strategy remains the same: to maintain a vital piece of our local history while offering its stories, both Indigenous and European, to visitors from both near and far.

Besides being a strong economic driver for the region, Historic Hat Creek Ranch is also a major seasonal employer, employing up to 40 staff during the summer, most of whom live in our nearby communities.

We are requesting a **Letter of Support** from you to accompany our RPF to the Province. Your show of support for us will ensure that Historic Hat Creek continues to be managed with a sure and steady hand. You may email or mail your letter to us per the information below, **no later than Nov. 20, 2023**.

The provincial government selects the site managers for all of its Heritage Sites through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, and it is once again time for the Society to let the Province know that we can and will continue to provide solid, dependable management of TWO of the most important historic assets and tourism draws in our region.

This year, for the first time, the Province has also included the management of the McAbee Fossil Site in the RFP. McAbee was designated a Heritage Site by the Province in 2012. The successful RFP applicant will be managing both Historic Hat Creek Ranch and the McAbee Fossil Site for the next six years.

The Society's board of directors include both appointed representatives from Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton and TNRD's Area E and Area I directors, as well as random members elected at its Annual General Meeting at the end of each year. Our membership is open to everyone.

Tourism in BC is still struggling to recover from the many shutdowns and group tour cancellations that were initiated by the Covid-19 protocols, and our region is still working hard to bring the tourists back. Our 20 years of site management experience will ensure that we can preserve the historic values of Hat Creek Ranch and McAbee while enhancing and promoting their tourism potential.

Thank you for your support,

Jack Jeyes

Director - Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch

P.O. BOX 878

Junction of Hwy 97 & 99

Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0

contact@historichatcreek.com



School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)

Our Goals: Success ♦ Reconciliation ♦ Team ♦ Communication ♦ Sustainability

October 25, 2023

Village of Ashcroft

Via email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Roden, Councillors Anstett, Lambert, Clement and Davenport:

I am writing to inform the Village of Ashcroft and staff of an upcoming community consultation regarding School Trustee Electoral Boundaries.

School District No. 74's Board of Education is proposing changes to the boundaries of two Electoral Areas the School Trustees represent. We welcome your input, should you have any.

Consultation with Constituents

School District No. 74 is engaging in consultation with Rights-holders as well as constituents residing in Gold Trail. **We are soliciting feedback until November 17, 2023.** Information, including maps of the current and proposed boundaries can be found on our website at www.sd74.bc.ca. Constituents can provide input on our website, by email to district@sd74.bc.ca or by phone (1-855-453-9101).

Information on the Proposed Changes

The main benefit of this proposed change is that constituents will be able to vote for a School Trustee in the electoral area in which the students of the constituency are attending school. Specific changes include:

- Increasing the size of Electoral Area G(7) and expanding its boundaries to include Ashcroft Indian Band, Venables Valley and surrounding areas (areas are currently in Electoral Area E(5))
- Area E(5) would decrease slightly
- The Village of Ashcroft, which is currently in Area G(7), would stay in Area G(7)
- If accepted by the community, the proposed Electoral Area change would be **put in place for the 2026 election** for School Trustees
- It's important to note this proposed change is **not related to boundaries of catchment areas** and will **not impact the location where students attend school**
 - This change only means some people vote for School Trustees in different Electoral Areas

If you or your staff have any feedback or questions regarding the proposed changes or consultation program, please contact the School District.

Sincerely,

Teresa Downs
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosure

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



24 October 2023

Village of Ashcroft
PO Box 129
Ashcroft, BC
V0K 1A0

Mayor, Councillors and Staff,

We wish to thank you who serve our village for the use of the Community Hall for our Ducks In a Row Event on 12 October 2023.

It was well attended by people from our communities and much valuable information was given to them about preparing for unforeseen circumstances, during the last leg of one's journey and after death.

Again, many thanks for your support in this endeavour which we hope to have as an annual event.

Blessings,

M. Duncan

Martina Duncan
(for) Ducks Committee

Ashcroft Hospice Society
Community Response Network
South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society
The Ashcroft HUB



THE CURRENT | TNRD BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District [Board of Directors Meeting of October 26, 2023](#)

The TNRD held its Board of Directors Meeting in the Twin Rivers Boardroom of the TNRD Civic Building in Kamloops, B.C. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom, and a recording of the meeting was uploaded to the TNRD's YouTube channel. You can view the recording [here](#).

Delegation: Healing Between Worlds

The Board heard a delegation from Ryan Deneault, CEO of Healing Between Worlds, who introduced his Kamloops-based venture which supports those suffering from addiction and offers training for Truth and Reconciliation.

Whistleblower Policy Amendments

The Board approved amendments to Whistleblower Policy 7.1.6 (previously named Disclosure Policy). The policy amendments ensure transparency and ease of use and understanding, which include updates to the policy name, reporting processes, and confidentiality. Read the report [here](#).

Canada Community Building Fund

The Board approved the following allocation from the Canada Community Building Fund:

- **\$263,500** to fund Phase 2 of infrastructure improvements at Smith Pioneer Park, located in Lower Nicola, within Electoral Area "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley – North). Phase 2 of park improvements is expected to include a perimeter path, outdoor fitness stations, park benches, a basketball court, asphalt parking, and various landscaping additions. Read the report [here](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Receiving Facility

The Board awarded a contract to North-Wood Environmental Services for a maximum value of \$1,000,000 for a five-year term, for a year-round Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) receiving facility in Kamloops. Contract costs will be shared evenly with the City of Kamloops, and the City will reimburse TNRD for half of costs that are actually incurred. The TNRD will continue to operate collection services at all Eco-Depots for in-scope HHW materials, with unacceptable material being directed to the year-round HHW facility. Read the report [here](#).

Flag Protocol Policy

The Board approved amendments to Flag Protocol Policy 1.4.1, which enable flags of host First Nations to be flown at TNRD buildings. Read the report [here](#).

Utility Systems Committee

The Board approved that the Utility Systems Committee Terms of Reference be amended to reflect three meetings per year, instead of two, beginning in 2024. To read the amended Terms of Reference, click [here](#).

The next TNRD Board Meeting is the annual inaugural meeting, on November 9, 2023, at 1:30 pm

Click [here](#) to view archives of The Current.

Please note that The Current is not a substitute for the TNRD's Board meeting minutes, found on our website: www.tnrd.ca

From: Heather Hachigian <Heather.Hachigian@royalroads.ca>

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 10:44 PM

Subject: Ownership Matters: Building Community Wealth in Canada - Invitation to Speaker Series

Good Evening Mayor, Council, and Senior Staff,

In the face of the concurrent challenges of climate change, rising inequality, and divisive political discourse, local governments around the world are engaging in transformative approaches to local economic development by building wealth within their communities. A key economic structure to keeping this wealth in communities is ownership, as it is the ownership of wealth-generating assets like real estate, infrastructure, and local businesses that can further perpetuate these challenges or can be leveraged by communities to fundamentally address them.

With a foreword by Lisa Helps, former Mayor of Victoria and Housing Solutions Advisor in the Premier's Office, [Ownership Matters: Building Community Wealth in Canada](#) identifies opportunities for governments at all levels in Canada to make changes required to help create the economies and communities we all need for the future. We invite you to read the report and share it with your networks.

We are also hosting a speaker series on Ownership Matters: Building Community Wealth, with the first speaker series taking place on **Friday, November 17th, from 10 am - 11 am (Pacific Time)**. It will introduce the concept of community ownership within the broader community wealth building frame and showcase innovative examples of community ownership of wealth-generating assets in Canada.

The speaker series will lead to an in-person event on community wealth building and community ownership in Victoria, BC, in May 2024.

You can find details and register for one or more of the online speaker series here: <https://ownershipmatters.ca/speaker-series>.

Thank you for taking the time to review the report and invitation.

Kind regards,
Heather

Heather Hachigian, PhD, Assistant Professor
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VIA EMAIL

Ref: 62641

November 9, 2023

Their Worship Barbara Roden
Mayor of the Village of Ashcroft
Email: broden@ashcroftbc.ca

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden:

RE: New legislation to support local government housing initiatives

Over the past week, I have introduced several pieces of legislation to support local governments to get more homes built faster while enabling updated and new tools to effectively fund the costs of infrastructure and amenities to support increased housing supply and growth. Taken together, these changes are critical to getting more of the right kind of housing built in the right places to provide homes for British Columbians.

Last week, I introduced Bill 44, to support communities to deliver the homes people need quickly by allowing small-scale multi-unit housing across BC. These homes, including townhomes, triplexes, and secondary suites, can generally be built in a reasonable timeframe and blend more seamlessly into neighbourhoods. The legislation will apply to many areas of the province, and we anticipate it will allow up to 4 units in single-detached and duplex zones (or 3 depending on the size/type of lot) and up to 6 units permitted in single-detached and duplex zones close to bus stops with frequent service. It will also allow secondary suites or an accessory dwelling unit on single-detached lots throughout BC.

Bill 44 will also speed up the approvals process by moving away from spot zoning to ensure more comprehensive upfront planning and zoning to meet current and future housing needs. The changes include using a robust, standard methodology for calculating long-term housing needs for all Housing Needs Reports to ensure consistency across the

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province. Municipalities will also be required to update Official Community Plans (OCPs) and zoning bylaws to ensure their communities have sufficient land designated and zoned to meet long-term housing needs and continue to make these updates on a regular basis. The new legislation will also remove the option for local governments to hold public hearings for rezonings for housing projects consistent with OCPs.

Today, I announced new legislation, Bill 47, to support new housing to get built near high-frequency transit, and yesterday Bill 46, to ensure local governments have tools to collect amenity and infrastructure contributions outside of the re-zoning process.

Bill 47 will require local governments to designate areas near high frequency transit stations as 'TOD Areas.' TOD Areas are near SkyTrain stations and busy bus exchanges and are expected to be identified in 29 municipalities in BC. This is different from the 6-unit requirements in the small-scale multi-unit housing legislation which will focus on properties within 400 metres of bus stops with frequent service. TOD areas will include minimum levels of density, size, and dimension prescribed by regulation. Similar to implementing small-scale multi-unit housing requirements, local governments will have a comprehensive provincial policy manual to assist in making bylaw amendments consistent with the TOD legislation. Off-street parking spaces in TOD areas will be determined by the market; local governments will not be able to require off-street residential parking, other than spaces for other uses like commercial, spaces for disabled persons and loading spaces. These changes will help get more of the right kind of housing built in the right places to provide homes for British Columbians. A subsequent letter will notify the identified municipalities in December.

The new legislation will expand the scope of infrastructure for which Development Cost Charges (DCCs) can be collected to include fire protection facilities, police facilities, and solid waste facilities. It also allows local governments to collect DCCs for provincial highway infrastructure projects where there is a cost-sharing arrangement between the municipality and the Province.

The new Amenity Cost Charges (ACCs) tool will allow local governments to collect monetary and in-kind contributions for amenities (e.g., community centres, recreation centres, libraries) to support liveable communities in areas where new housing is going. This tool will provide certainty and transparency for local governments and developers.

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Their Worship Barbara Roden
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We are aware that local governments require tools and supports to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing in their communities. We are currently exploring policy options and additional tools, including the potential for inclusionary zoning, and I look forward to sharing more about this in the coming months.

I know that the new housing initiatives announced over the past week will take work to implement and require additional resources for your local government to meet the requirements. We have committed to \$51 million in funding for local governments to support planning and capacity to meet these new requirements. The funding will be allocated based on population and the volume of work needed because there are different requirements for municipalities and regional governments. The funding will be distributed in early 2024.

The Province has also provided another \$10 million for a second intake of the Local Government Development Approvals Program (LGDAP), managed by the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM). This funding is in addition to the \$1 billion provided to local governments through the Growing Communities Fund to support the delivery of infrastructure projects needed to support increasing density.

The Ministry of Housing is committed to working together and supporting every community as we move forward with new approaches and new ways to deliver the housing supply our province needs. In the coming weeks, we will be providing policy manuals detailing the site-level specifications for small-scale multi-unit housing and TOD areas. Further guidance will be coming in the new year to support implementation of the development finance tools and pro-active zoning requirements. Ministry of Housing staff will be in touch with your administration in the coming weeks to provide more detail about the changes and about funding and educational support and opportunities.

Sincerely,

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

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing

pc: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Teri Collins, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing
Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Okenge Yuma Morisho, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Bindi Sawchuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing
Kevin Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Ashcroft
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Links:

Local Government Housing Initiatives Webpage: [Local government housing initiatives - Province of British Columbia](#)

Bill 44 Announcement: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023PREM0062-001706

Bill 46 Announcement: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HOUS0063-001737

Bill 47 Announcement: news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HOUS0063-001748



PRESS RELEASE

TNRD Board Chair, Vice-Chair Acclaimed for Upcoming Year

Kamloops, BC – November 10, 2023 – During the inaugural Board Meeting of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) held on November 9, 2023, Village of Ashcroft Director Barbara Roden was acclaimed as Board Chair, and District of Logan Lake Director Robin Smith was acclaimed as Board Vice-Chair.

During a call for nominations, only one nomination was made for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, resulting in the acclamation of these positions.

“It’s a great honour to have my fellow directors put their trust in me for another year, and I’m very happy to be working again with Director Smith as Vice-Chair,” Roden said.

“The last year has been a learning curve for the two-thirds of the Board who were newly-elected in 2022, and for me as Chair. It’s been very exciting to see all the energy and ideas from this new Board, and to develop a new Strategic Plan. I’m looking forward to seeing some ongoing projects completed, and starting to work on new projects that have been identified as key, including emergency planning and preparedness, accessibility, a new library for southwest Kamloops, and building relationships and partnerships with First Nations.”

Roden continued: “In my first year as Chair, I committed to rebuilding trust with residents of the TNRD. Along with Vice-Chair Smith and the rest of the Board, I will continue that rebuilding work, to ensure that the TNRD lives up to its name as the Region of BC’s Best.”

In 2022, Roden was elected as Chair and Smith was acclaimed as Vice-Chair, which became the first time in the history of the TNRD that a female Chair and female Vice-Chair served during the same term.

Roden has served on the TNRD Board since 2018, and became the first-ever female Vice-Chair of the TNRD Board in 2021 after being acclaimed to the position. Smith has been a TNRD Board member since 2013.

About the TNRD Board of Directors:

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

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

Provincial legislation requires regional district boards to hold annual elections to elect one Director to serve as Board Chair and one Director to serve as Board Vice-Chair. These elections

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"

take place at the inaugural meeting, which is the first Board meeting after November 1 each year. For more information about the TNRD Board, visit: tnrd.ca/board-of-directors.

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For immediate release

Kamloops Residential Real Estate Market Activity Lower than Usual

KAMLOOPS, B.C. – November 3rd, 2023. Residential real estate market sales are below average for October as high interest rates continue to dampen market activity, reports the Association of Interior REALTORS® (the Association).

A total of 977 residential unit sales were recorded across the Association region in October marking a slight increase over September's 977 units sold and representing a modest 1.8% decrease in sales compared to October 2022.

New residential listings increased 8.6% compared to October 2022 with 1,971 new listings recorded. The total number of active listings saw an increase of 17.1% of total inventory compared to October last year with 7,399 recorded across the Association region. The highest percentage increase in active listings continues to be in the South Okanagan with a total increase of 37.7% and followed closely behind in the North Okanagan with a 26.6% increase in active listings compared to the same month last year.

"While we typically do see market activity ease up as the weather cools, the high cost of borrowing seems to be propelling a speedier seasonal slowdown than usual," says the Association of Interior REALTORS® President Chelsea Mann, adding that "buyers and sellers are left waiting in the wings despite high demand with the hope of seeing some interest rate relief on the horizon."

"The impact of qualifying for mortgages seems particularly impeding to rate-sensitive buyers as they struggle to secure financing. It is more important now than ever that buyers get pre-approved ahead of their house hunting efforts to ensure their expectations can align with their needs," says Mann.

Within the Kamloops and District region, there were 175 residential unit sales recorded last month, down from the 183 recorded in September 2023 yet up 6.7% from October 2022's unit sales.

There were 357 new listings recorded in October in the Kamloops and District region, which was an increase of 10.9% compared to the same month last year, and down from September 2023's 429 new listings. Overall inventory, or active listings saw an increase of 13.2% compared to October 2022, coming in at 1,021.

"Although unit sales in Kamloops and District are up compared to October of last year, sales activity is below the average for this time of year as tough mortgage qualifying rates continue to mute buyer demand," says Mann.

The benchmark price, a better representation of value compared to the average or median price as it represents a dwelling of "typical attributes", saw increases in the single-family and condominium housing categories compared to October 2022, with 1.7% and 7.8% increases, respectively. The benchmark price for town homes decreased 2.0% in year-over-year comparison, coming in at \$539,200.

Given the high stakes on such a significant financial transaction, home sellers and buyers can benefit from the knowledge and skills of a practiced REALTOR®. Contact your local REALTOR® to find out more about the real estate market and how they can help you achieve your real estate goals.

MEDIA RELEASE

The Association of Interior REALTORS® is a member-based professional organization serving approximately 2,500 REALTORS® who live and work in communities across the interior of British Columbia including the Okanagan Valley, Kamloops and Kootenay regions, as well as the South Peace River region.

The Association of Interior REALTORS® was formed on January 1, 2021 through the amalgamation of the Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board and the South Okanagan Real Estate Board. The Association has since also amalgamated with the Kamloops & District Real Estate Association and the Kootenay Association of REALTORS®.

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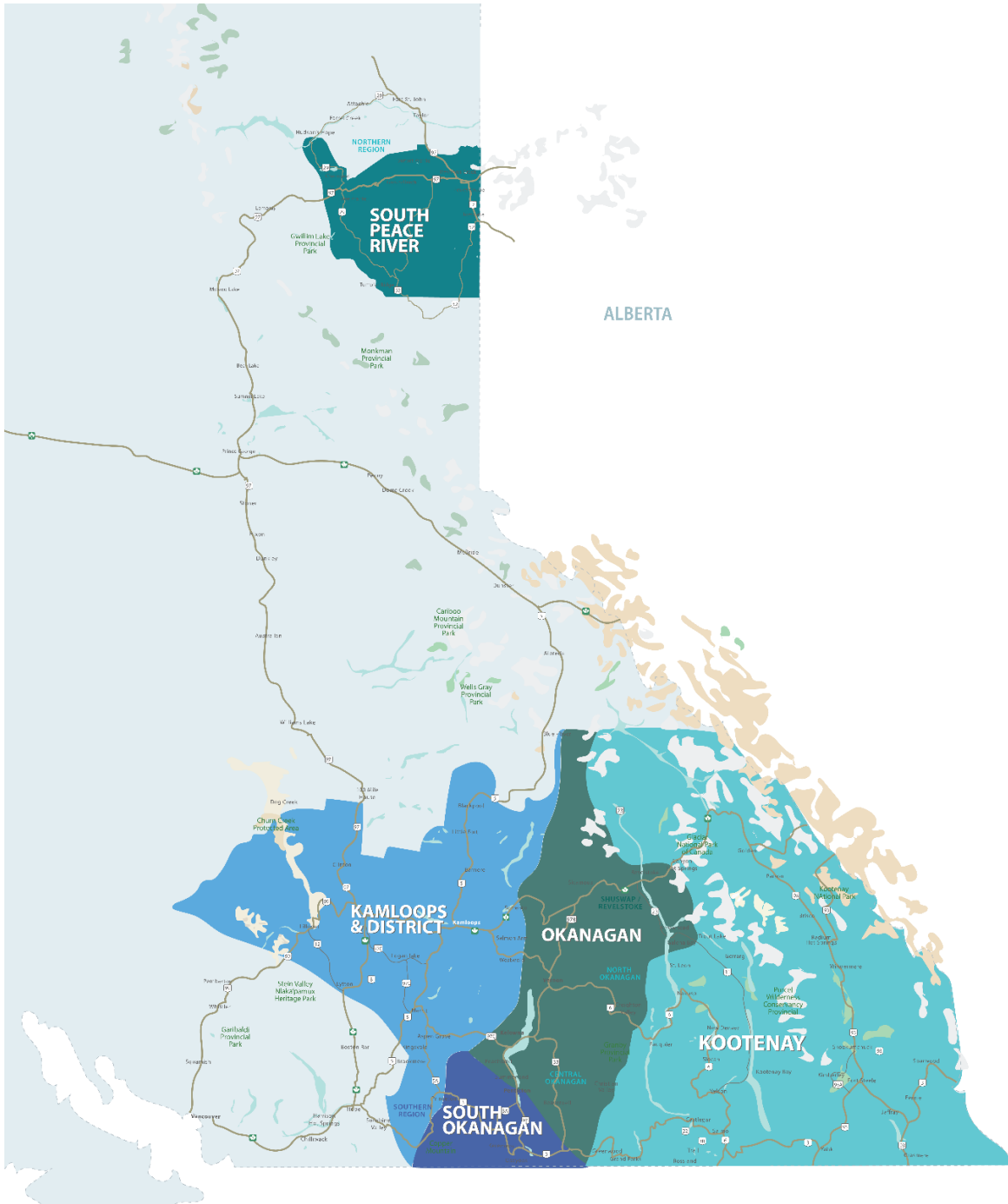


RESIDENTIAL SALES*
OCTOBER 2023
SUMMARY STATISTICS

	 Units Sold	 Dollar Volume (Millions)	 Active Listings	 New Listings
CENTRAL OKANAGAN	263 ↓-13.2%	\$214.0 ↓-15.3%	2,399 ↑15.9%	754 ↓-0.4%
NORTH OKANAGAN	139 ↑13.9%	\$97.1 ↑18.5%	799 ↑26.6%	226 ↑5.1%
SHUSWAP / REVELSTOKE	59 ↑3.5%	\$38.2 ↑4.5%	492 ↑8.4%	116 ↑0.9%
SOUTH OKANAGAN	115 ↓-13.5%	\$77.5 ↑0.1%	1,107 ↑37.7%	216 ↑67.4%
SOUTH PEACE RIVER AREA	58 ↑61.1%	\$15.3 ↑68.8%	247 ↓-3.9%	10 ↓-37.5%
KAMLOOPS AND DISTRICT	175 ↑6.7%	\$107.4 ↑11.3%	1,021 ↑13.2%	357 ↑10.9%
KOOTENAY	203 ↓-6.0%	\$94.8 ↓-5.6%	1,334 ↑11.2%	292 ↑11.9%
TOTAL ASSOCIATION	1,012 ↓-1.8%	\$644.4 ↓-1.6%	7,399 ↑17.1%	1,971 ↑8.6%

*Residential = Acreage, Duplex, Mobile Home, Recreational, Single Family, 3/4Plex, Apartment & Townhouse. Excludes Land

**Percentage indicates change from the same period last year



This map is for informational purposes. It does not represent an on-the-ground survey and represents only the approximate relative location of property boundaries.



KAMLOOPS AND DISTRICT REGION



Sales	102	↓ -1.9%
Benchmark Price*	\$655,500	↑ 1.7%
Days to Sell	66	↑ 17.1%
Inventory	704	↑ 15.0%

Sales	28	↑ 100.0%
Benchmark Price*	\$539,200	↓ -2.0%
Days to Sell	45	↑ 36.6%
Inventory	78	↑ 25.8%



Sales	19	↓ -17.4%
Benchmark Price*	\$405,400	↑ 7.8%
Days to Sell	57	↑ 3.9%
Inventory	113	↑ 4.6%

*Benchmark Price: Estimated sales price of a benchmark property. Benchmarks represent a typical property within each market.
**Percentage indicate change from the same period last year



School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)

Our Goals: Success ♦ Reconciliation ♦ Team ♦ Communication ♦ Sustainability

October 25, 2023

Village of Ashcroft
Via Email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council:

We hope that the first year into your term has been positive and rewarding.

The 2022-2023 school year was positive for the Gold Trail Board of Education. In November we came together as a new board and commenced a year-long orientation to create a strong foundation for our work as governors. In addition, we engaged in community sessions focused on the future of schools and sites across the district. As a result of that engagement and board discussions, a [Long Term Facilities Plan](#) was approved in June. This plan will guide the district's work over the next ten years to ensure that schools and sites are welcoming, healthy and safe learning and working environments.

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a positive start, we are appreciative of Community Futures – Sun Country who provided a Welcome to the Community Award to support the district's recruitment efforts to have schools fully staffed on the first day of school. This year staff will continue their intentional work to achieve the goals and objectives outlined within the [Strategic Plan](#). You can also see the specific work planned at Desert Sands Community School to improve student success, through their [Action Plan for Learning](#).

The Board of Education is proposing an electoral boundary change that would impact the representation of your local trustee. Your feedback on this proposed change will be important as we determine how to proceed. Additional information on this proposed change and the consultation can be found at www.sd74.bc.ca.

The Board recognizes that local government leaders like you are valuable partners in our work, as such we are always open to discussions about how we can work together on issues of mutual interest.

Please contact Misty Antoine mantoine@sd74.bc.ca or 1-855-453-9101 to schedule a time to meet.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

LARRY CASPER
Co-Chair

CARMEN RANTA
Co-Chair

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



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Brad Vis
Member of Parliament
Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon

October 23, 2023

Barbara Roden, Mayor
The Village of Ashcroft
Sent via: mayor@ashcroftbc.ca

Re: Cannabis Act Review

Your Worship,

I write today to raise concerns from our shared constituents over jurisdictional responsibilities related to the Cannabis Act. Since I was elected, I have been advocating for the federal government to empower provinces and municipalities with the resources required to enforce the Cannabis Act regulations downloaded upon them.

Currently, the Cannabis Act is undergoing a review as mandated by legislation three years after it was enacted. I am pleased to have sponsored House of Commons' petitions started by constituents calling on the federal government to address major gaps in cannabis regulations. Better information sharing is needed between Health Canada and law enforcement to ensure police have accurate and readily available information on licensed producers. Provincial and local governments are expected to manage excessive noise complaints, illegal dumping, odor, pollution and fire safety; however, they are often blocked from exercising authority when it comes to licensed producers for medical purposes. Health Canada needs to recognize this quagmire of responsibility and empower local governments.

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If you have not already done so, I encourage you to share your governments' input to be included in the legislative review to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat at legreview-examenleg@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Should you require more information on jurisdictional responsibilities of the Cannabis Act for municipalities, you may wish to refer to the Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legislation developed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which offers suggestions on tools such as implementing any limitations on zoning or requiring building permits and inspections of electrical work at personal production sites. For more info, please visit: <https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization>

Sincerely,



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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker

October

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	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		On hold - Agreement forwarded to Artists, waiting for repsonse. The Artists have forwarded the agreement to their lawyer for review.
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	To be considered as a Zoning amendment or Bylaw update. Wait for Dstrategic Planning to be completed.	CAO phone meeting with regional Cannabis inspector. Bylaw research complete. Waiting for direction after strat planning.	On hold - till Strat Planning is complete
R-2023-149	THAT, the Village approves an ad for \$295.00 plus applicable taxes to purchase a business card size ad in the Courageous K9 publication.	EA/CFO	Advise Courageous K9 of Council's approval and send cheque in mail.		completed
R-2023-150	THAT, Council directs staff to schedule a meeting with Mr. Midgely to discuss watershed sustainability.	CAO	Set up meeting with Mr. Midgley	Invitation to meet forwarded to Mr. Midgely, waiting for response.	completed
R-2023-151	THAT, Council send a letter in support of the Union Cooperative Initiative to Ms. Nelson.	EDTC	Send Letter of Support		completed
R-2023-152	THAT, Council approves the registration fee if any council members wish to attend the Local Government Accounting 101 Seminar.	CAO	Enroll any Council Members indicating they wish to attend the seminar	Register Councillors if requested	completed



**Economic Development & Tourism Working Group
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Margaret Moreira, EDTC
Daniela Dyck, CAO
Lindsie Lachapelle, General Manager, Community Futures
Jessica Clement, Councillor
Nadine Davenport, Councillor

Regrets:

The Economic Development and Tourism Working Group meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion

Wayfinding Signage

- The following changes were recommended: Remove RCMP, Chinese Cemetery (unless more signage will be added to lead them to the site)
- Change Primary Care to Urgent and Primary Care Centre
- Remove Logo and add Experience Ashcroft and colours from billboard to see what it would look like.
- Create two lines for Urgent and Primary Care Centre and Desert Sands Community School.
- Remove "Downtown" to make sides balance better
- Separate EV Charger and Heritage Park or add EV logo to Heritage
- Add Soccer Fields/Ball Diamonds
- Sign by Pool Park

Next Steps

- CAO recommended writing a report to council regarding Love Ashcroft Program and the changes it is undergoing. EDT would confirm that it had not already been submitted to council when grant was applied for.
- Contact businesses to schedule business walk
- Confirm schedules and business lists for participants of business walk.
- Invite Kat Chatten to next meeting to discuss Chamber of Commerce.

Date for Next Meeting

November 8, 2023

Adjournment

10:20 a.m.

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

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Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator
Village of Ashcroft



**Economic Development & Tourism Working Group
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.**

In Attendance:

Margaret Moreira, EDTC
Daniela Dyck, CAO
Lindsie Lachapelle, General Manager, Community Futures
Jessica Clement, Councillor

Regrets:

Nadine Davenport, Councillor

The Economic Development and Tourism Working Group meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion

Chamber of Commerce

Kat Chatten attended the meeting to discuss the Chamber of Commerce and ways in which we can support the initiative.

Businesses can sign up over the next two years at no cost to them. They can register to be a member access through the Desert Mesa Lions Club webpage. They only need to engage in an email, Facebook post or attend an event every six months to continue to be a member. The Chamber of Commerce will be using the Driftscape app and website (a mobile app company from Ontario) to reward visitors and residents with loyalty points that can be redeemed for gift certificates from participating businesses. Both will be administered by Visit Cache Creek

Wayfinding Signage

Working group questioned the branding on two different designs and recommended a report to Council seeking direction on the branding. Working group decided that the project will not move forward this year until a decision is made. EDT can apply for funding to do signage in 2024 through NDI Marketing Initiatives Grant.

Art/History Walking Tour Map

First draft of the Art & History Walking Tour Map was received in time for the meeting. Working group noted a few errors/omissions and recommendations for cover, font and design changes to send to designer for second draft.

Advertising/Marketing

Working group recommended signing up for Yolo Nomads with funds with funds that were slated for wayfinding signage.

Marketing Grant
Update pocket guide

Wayfinding Signage

Shop Local Initiative

Working group recommended a Santa Madness promotion to coincide with the Santa Parade on December 1st. A gift basket (value of \$200) would be offered as a prize for shoppers that spend \$50 or more at any of the Ashcroft businesses on December 1st. Shoppers will get one entry for every valid receipt valued at \$50 or more. EDT can also approach businesses to encourage them to participate with a prize contribution to the gift basket.

Next Steps

Report to Council regarding branding

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be booked for the new year unless one is required before hand.

Adjournment

10:15 a.m.

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



Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator
Village of Ashcroft

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: November 14, 2023
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

Alternate:

Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
HUB Society

October 18: Thompson View Manor Society

I received an email update from Deb Tedford.

They are in the final stages of completing the requirements for the official funding application to BC Housing. The deadline for submissions is December 14th, the society is planning to submit their application on December 7th or possibly sooner.

The Board were meeting with the Project Management Team on October 27th to finalize the application package.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Lambert,
Councillor