



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY MAY 13, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Roden
Councillor Marilyn Anderson
Councillor Jonah Anstett
Councillor Debra Tuohey

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
S. Daniela Dyck, Deputy Corporate Officer

Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Nadine Davenport

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

2. **MINUTES**

2.1. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

Mayor Roden declared the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 23, 2019 adopted as presented.

2.2. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

Mayor Roden declared the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 23, 2019 adopted as presented.

3. **DELEGATIONS**

3.1. **Deb Arnott – Community Futures Sun Country**

Deb provided Mayor and Council with an update regarding Community Futures Sun Country (CFSUN) current and ongoing projects. First and foremost, CFSUN is proud to highlight the dollar value that has been invested into Ashcroft's business community. Total investment for Ashcroft is \$ 1,939,254, average loan value is \$19,200 with 101 total loans approved.

Another focus over the past year has been CF's Wildfire Business Transition project. This project was grant funded by the Federal Gov't, Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Canadian Red Cross. Funding raised totaled \$2.3 million.

The McAbee Fossil site was also of note, updates have been completed and the soft launch of the site is scheduled for June 21, 2019. Deb extended an invitation for Council to attend.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. BC Assessment – Invitation to a meeting at UBCM

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That, Mayor and Council request an afternoon meeting with BC Assessment at UBCM on September 24, 2019, to gain understanding of how property assessments are established.”

Carried. (01-05-19)

4.2. CN Rail – Notice CN Right of Way Vegetation Control

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

“That the CN Rail Notice of Right of Way Vegetation Control be received and filed.”

Carried. (02-05-19)

4.3. Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association – Invitation to attend AGM and Tourism Summit – November 1-3, 2019

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That Council approve the attendance of one Council member to attend the Cariboo Chilcotin Tourism Association AGM and Tourism Summit in Barkerville scheduled for November 1-3, 2019.”

Carried. (03-05-19)

4.4. Highland Valley Copper – Invitation to attend Open House – August 5, 2019

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson

“That the Highland Valley Copper invitation to attend their annual Open House on August 5, 2019 be received and filed.”

Carried. (04-05-19)

4.5. Gold Country Communities Society - Confirming FAM Tour date in Ashcroft May 31, 2019

M/S Councillor Anderson / Councillor Anstett

“That the Gold Country Communities Society letter confirming May 31, 2019 as the scheduled date for the Ashcroft FAM Tour be received and filed.”

Carried. (05-05-2019)

4.6. Information Correspondence Listing for May 13, 2019

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

“That the Information Correspondence Listing be received and filed as presented.”

Carried. (06-05-19)

4.7. People of Pukaist – Funding for Eric Brewer

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anderson

“That Council endorse funding request from the People of Pukaist in their initiative to bring Eric Brewer to Ashcroft in the amount of \$250.00.”

Carried. (07-05-19)

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Committee Appointments – Requested Changes

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

a) “That the Village of Ashcroft representative on the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee be changes to Councillor Anderson and the alternate on the board be Councillor Anstett; and further that, the Seniors’ liaison be changed to Councillor Anstett.”

Carried. (08-05-19)

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

b) “That Council approve the proposed restructuring changes to the Reports section of the Agenda, and that the proposed Terms of Reference be adopted as presented.”

Carried. (09-05-19)

6.2. Village of Ashcroft / BC Transit – Annual Operating Agreement

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson

“That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.”

Carried. (10-05-19)

6.3. Grant in Aid – South Cariboo Sportsmen Association

M/S Councillor Anderson / Councillor Anstett

“That Council approve the application for a Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$500 to the South Cariboo Sportsmen Association to assist with repairs to the access to their site.”

Carried. (11-05-19)

6.4. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Grant Application RE: Housing Needs Assessment

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson

“That Council approve the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust to complete the Housing Needs Assessment in the amount of \$10,000; and further that, Council support the project throughout its duration.”

Carried. (12-05-19)

6.5. Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Grant Application RE: Housing Needs Assessment

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

“That Council approve the application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in the amount of \$15,000 to complete a Housing Needs Assessment; and further that Council support the project throughout its duration.”

Carried. (13-05-19)

6.6. National Resources Canada – Application to Resubmit for Electric Vehicle Charging Station Funding

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anderson

“That Council approve to submit a grant application to Natural Resource Canada under the Electric Vehicle and Alternative Infrastructure Deployment Initiative in the amount of \$50,000 to offset the purchase and installation cost of one Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Station to be installed at the Water Treatment Plant; and further that, Council support the project throughout its duration.”

Carried. (14-05-19)

6.7. Gold Country Communities Society – Funding for FAM Tour lunch request

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anderson

“That the Village of Ashcroft provide funding to Gold Country Communities Society in the amount of \$250 to sponsor the 2019 FAM tour luncheon with costs to be applied to the Public Relations account.”

Carried. (15-05-19)

6.8. Colouring Contest Winners

Direction to staff, tally votes and forward prizes to the three contest winners.

7. BYLAWS

7.1. Introduction and First 3 Readings

7.1.1. None

7.2. Reconsideration and Final Adoption

7.2.1. Bylaw No. 827 – Five Year Financial Plan, 2019

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

“That Bylaw No. 827, cited as Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw be reconsidered and adopted.”

Carried. (16-05-19)

7.2.2. Bylaw No. 828 – Property Tax Rates Bylaw, 2019

M/S Councillor Anderson / Councillor Anstett

“That Bylaw No. 828, cited as Property Tax Rates Bylaw be reconsidered and adopted.”

Carried. (17-05-19)

8. REPORTS

Council Reports

8.1. Finance Committee

Mayor Roden, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Davenport

Mayor Roden thanked the CFO for his excellent Budget presentation at the Public Meeting.

8.2. Northern Development Initiative Trust

Councillor Anstett Alternate – Councillor Anderson

No report, next meeting is June 18, 2019. Councillor Anderson will attend as Ashcroft's representative.

8.3. Gold Country Communities Society

Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Davenport

No report.

8.4. Historic Hat Creek
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Anderson

At the Board Meeting last week, it was indicated the Heritage Branch will RFP the contract to operate the facility. The current contract expires in 2020. Site is open and fully staffed with the exception of one position to be filled in the Roadhouse. Hat Creek has invited the Pleinary Artists to the site during their art show.

8.5. Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

No report.

8.6. Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Anstett

No meeting since last Council meeting, no Eco Depot update.

8.7. Tourism
Councillor Davenport Alternate – Councillor Anstett

Museum open 7 days per week, Kathy Paulos and Brianna Paulos are the returning staff for the season. Visitor Info Centre to open May 14, 2019.

8.8. Economic Development
Councillor Davenport Alternate – Councillor Anstett

No report.

8.9. Heritage
Councillor Tuohey Alternate – Mayor Roden

No report.

8.10. Transit
Councillor Anstett Alternate – Councillor Davenport

No report, next meeting June 11, 2019. Councillor Davenport to attend in Councillor Anstett absence.

8.11. Communities in Bloom
Councillor Tuohey Alternate – Mayor Roden

CiB met May 8, 2019 upcoming initiatives include: Committee will plant the barrel planters May 15 meet at Ashcroft Bakery by 6:30pm, Council invited to participate; CiB Provincial Judges will be in Ashcroft July 24-26; CiB is painting new street banners June 4-5 at the HUB Council invited to participate; other initiatives are ongoing.

8.12. Health Care
Councillor Anderson Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

No report, next meeting is May 21, 2019.

8.13. Seniors' Liaison

Councillor Anderson Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

No report, next meeting is May 16, 2019 at 1:00pm.

8.14. Other

SILGA - update

Mayor Roden and Councillor Tuohey attended the Southern Interior Local Government Association AGM and Conference, both found the conference to be very informative and provided a verbal report regarding the various workshops and sessions they attended.

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

"That Council receive the verbal and written reports as presented."

Carried. (18-05-19)

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

- 9.1.** CAO informed Council that Metro Vancouver GVRD was advertising the Ashcroft Ranch for sale.
- 9.2.** CAO provided a copy of the Community Survey to be distributed to residents regarding the proposed subdivision development at the old Ashcroft Rodeo grounds. Feed back from Council to be received by Wednesday May 15, 2019.
- 9.3.** Annual Report requires Council feedback, please forward asap as June 1 the document must be made public.
- 9.4.** The CAO would like to schedule a Strategic Planning session for an all-day Saturday workshop, Council was asked to check their schedules and provide their availability.

10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORTS

- 10.1** None

11. DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICERS REPORTS

- 11.1** None

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Council received questions from the public regarding the following:

- Procurement of the Housing Needs Assessment
- The addition of Policies to the new Village website
- The total cost of the Official Community Plan
- The cost of the proposed Transit Shelter

13. **INCAMERA**

13.1. None

14. **TERMINATION**

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That the Regular Meeting of Council terminate at 6:15 pm.”

Carried.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday,
May 13, 2019

Barbara Roden, Mayor

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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