



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, APRIL 26, 2021

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

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
 Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
 Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works

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EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:07 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Anderson / Tuohey

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, April 26, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-94

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2021 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday April 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-95
2.2	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2021 M/S Anstett / Tuohey <i>That, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday April 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-96

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

TNRD area Resident

Via phone – questions forwarded by email – attached

5. BYLAWS

5.1	<p>Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw No. 842 M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That, Bylaw No. 842, cited as "Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw No. 842, 202" be introduced and read three times.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-97</p>
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program M/S Anstett / Anderson <i>That, Council approves the Village of Ashcroft to submit a grant application to UBCM under the Local Government Development Approvals Program to established best practices and develop innovative approaches to improve development approvals processes in Ashcroft and further that Urban Systems be approved to prepare the grant application and if approved, complete the project.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-98</p>
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Community Message Sign M/S Anderson / Tuohey <i>That, Council approve staff to move forward with the purchase and installation of one appropriately sized stationary Community Message Sign to be displayed near the Wagon on Highway 97C, and further that up to \$10,000 be allocated in the budget for the project.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-99</p>
6.3	<p>CFO Report – Purchase of Carbon Offsets M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>That, Council approves the purchase of offset credits as required by the Province of British Columbia and the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program through the offset organization Offsetters.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-100</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	<p>DPW Report – Operations Update M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That the DPW Report be received for information.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-101</p>

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Statistics Canada – Request for Support M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That, the Council of the Village of Ashcroft supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.</i> Direction to staff to Include this in the next Newsletter</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous- R-2021-102</p>

FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	School District No. 74 – 2021 Budget Surplus Feedback	
7.3	MP Brad Vis – Letter to Minister O'Regan Supporting Industry by Planting Trees	
7.4	TNRD – Evacuation Alert Rescinded to All Clear – Electoral Areas 'M' & 'N'	
7.5	CN – CN Submits Prefiling Notice of Intent with Surface Transportation Board	
7.6	Forest Enhancement Society of BC – Accomplishments Update Spring 2021	
7.7	Flip Chart Information Correspondence	
	M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That the Information Correspondence items be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-103

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Public Art Policy – Draft Schedule B: Maintenance Plan M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That, Council approve the Public Art Policy Schedule B Maintenance Plan as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-104
8.2	Task Manager M/S Roden / Anderson <i>That the Task Manager report be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-105

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	Joint Para-Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 202 M/S Roden / Anstett Receive for Information Vaccination bus change of date May 4 & 6 from Cache Creek to HUB	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-106
10.2	Bylaw Enforcement Officer Working Group Minutes – April 13, 2021 M/S Roden / Anderson Receive for information	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-107
10.3	Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan Update Working Group Notes – April 15, 2021 M/S Roden / Davenport Receive for Information	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-108

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden - Report	
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	



	M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That the Council Reports be received for Information</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-109
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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

12.1	M/S Roden / Anstett <i>That, Council moves to a closed meeting under Section 90.1(c) labour relations or other employee relations</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-110
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Roden / Anderson

That, the Regular Meeting of Council for April 26, 2021 be adjourned at 7:03 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-112

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday April 26, 2021

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

ATTACH TO MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL APRIL 26, 2021

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY GLORIA MERTENS

2.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Comment on Councillors' allowing motions to "die on the floor" by not seconding a motion, rather than discuss and debate the motion presented.

Mayor Roden responded stating "this is a common and best practice as per Roberts Rules of Order. It is not considered a best practice to second a motion for discussion if you are not in favour of it."

5.1 Working Group for Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Comment about the membership of working groups excluding the public and handpicking the public participants. Clarification on Working Group for Bylaw Enforcement. Are working groups allowed to conduct business or just make recommendations to council? Of particular concern is the ability of this working group "to administer personnel matters and the power to approve expenditures."

Response: The Working Group was established to implement the inter-community service; Council's of the participating communities approved the budget and entrusted the Working Group to establish all aspects of the Bylaw Enforcement services.

6.1 Development Approval Bylaw 1989

Again, Urban Systems has been engaged to apply for and carry out this project. What amount of money it will be allocated to complete the tasks listed. And what are the specifics of these tasks? How does the current outdated Development Procedures Bylaw, simple, easy to read, and straightforward hinder development?

Response: Urban Systems is Ashcroft's Engineer on record and is under contract to complete the Development Guide as part of the Subdivision Development and Servicing Bylaw. The Province released a Development Process Review and provided grant funding for communities to develop streamlined best practices and process for development, the funding opportunity enables the Village to move forward with updating Bylaw #500 and develop user friendly development processes. If approved the project is 100% grant funded.

6.2 Digital Message Sign

Happy that the Village is now considering a digital message sign. Concern about the placement: distraction to drivers, safety issue for pedestrians, accumulation of snow might obstruct the message, open to more vandalism because of it being a ground structure, not safe to converge around the sign as right by the highway.

Mayor Roden responded stating there isn't a perfect place in the community for the sign and supports the staff report for sign placement.

7.4 Evacuation Alert and Emergency Evacuation Working Group

When will Ashcroft be testing its Voyent Alert system? Again, a comment about handpicking who is invited to participate on the working group

Mayor Roden responded that the Working Groups will each individually invite public participation by residents as they require. The Emergency Evacuation Working Group has invited two residents to participate, both of which are experienced in emergency situations and were quite critical of the Village in the aftermath of 2017 Wildfire.