



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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:

Due to the Public Health Officer Ministerial Order M0192, the February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to add or delete Agenda items*

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

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*“THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, February 22, 2021 be adopted as presented.”*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-48

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, 2021 <b>M/S Roden / Davenport</b> <i>“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 8, 2021 be adopted as presented.”</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-49
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### 3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	<p>Teck – Highland Valley Copper Update – Yvonne Walsh, Manager, Community &amp; Indigenous Affairs and Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer Jacqui and Yvonne Update of current state of affairs at HVC Two other scenarios that can impact Ashcroft Scenario 1: Life of mine - production will begin to reduce in 2025 and look towards closure in 2028 Scenario 2: Requires application to Environmental Assessment process under BC Environmental Assessment Act extending operations to 2040 Current Operation: 120,000 tons of ore goes through the mine every day Expect to reduce this number due to poorer ore body, with an expectation to increase in 2022 due to better ore body Innovation and technology changing the mining industry RACE21 = renew, accelerate, connecting empowering Autonomous trucks at the site since 2019 (guess) 6 trucks have moved 60 million tons of material Expect to have 35 out of 52 trucks to be autonomous Valley Pit will be upgraded to autonomous in 2021 Down side of automation, entry level positions will be eliminated HVC priority is to keep all current employees employed as the mine moves to automation 2040 project is the first time a complete environmental assessment is to be completed at the mine site. If approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expecting a 25% increase in production</li> <li>• Increase of 16% water usage</li> <li>• Expanded tailings storage area</li> <li>• Potential power and road realignment</li> <li>• Permits required Env Assess</li> <li>• New disturbance area</li> <li>• Expansion of Highmont pits and waste rock dumps</li> <li>• Add 185 hectares of project footprint disturbance</li> <li>• Reroute Laura Lake Rd. do not anticipate effects to road users nor increase in traffic</li> <li>• Workforce to remain stable and status quo</li> <li>• Submit permit application in December 2021</li> <li>• Provincial review will take approx. one year Dec 2022 if everything goes seamlessly</li> <li>• Jan 2023 Teck Board of Directors decision if project will proceed</li> <li>• Construction to commence first quarter of 2023</li> </ul> <p>Teck Community Support: HUB \$15,000 – 2020 Food Bank - \$2500 for commercial freezer United way campaign – Ashcroft community received \$25,000 in 2020 HVC contribute directly 150,000 to United Way</p>	
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	<p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked the ladies for their presentation and HVC's commitment to support community</p> <p>Q - How much of the expansion is driven by the price of copper</p> <p>A - Current robust copper price</p> <p>Q - What impact has COVID had on the application/permit process?</p> <p>A - No particular impact on the 2040 project or delays.</p> <p>Community consultation will be the biggest hurdle to overcome throughout the process.</p>	
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**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

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

TNRD Area "I" Resident:

Query if Council will entertain the idea of adding a question period at the end of the Council meeting?  
 Requires Council and Staff discussions  
 Query regarding upcoming HVC presentation – new soil disturbance why does Ashcroft Terminal not require permit for soil disturbance?  
 Requires staff research

**5. BYLAWS and POLICIES**

5.1	<p>Public Art Policy</p> <p><b>Public Art Policy</b></p> <p><b>Introduction and discussion only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition artist – pg. 9 – revise the definition</li> <li>• Quality pg. 11 –if repairs are needed – artist or someone of similar qualification repairs art work</li> <li>• Insurance – review – is there a provision under the village insurance</li> <li>• Definition re: insurance what is the insurance for?</li> <li>• What does the maintenance piece mean for insurance?</li> <li>• MIA has a provision for insurance – Council could endorse and associate insurance – we can research this for liability purposes</li> <li>• This will cover 3<sup>rd</sup> party claims</li> <li>• Copyright and credit – clarity required</li> </ul>	
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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Program</p> <p><b>M/S Tuohey / Anstett</b></p> <p><i>"That Council endorses the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the Red Cross funded TNRD Wildfire Invasive Plant Management Program for the 2021 season."</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-50</p>

6.2	<p>CAO Report – TNRD Invasive Plant Program – Member Municipality Proposal  <b>M/S Roden / Anstett</b>  <b>Option 1:</b>  <i>“That Council receives the report for information until the Union - CUPE 900 are consulted for input, and further, that Council direct staff to bring back a report at that time.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimous  R-2021-51</p>
6.3	<p>CFO Report – Lift Station Tender  <b>M/S Roden / Anderson</b>  <i>“The Council accept the lowest cost tender from Extreme Excavating for \$777,777.00.”</i>  Scope of project could be considered for increase due to budget allocation – 100% grant funded to 1.38 m</p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimous  R-2021-52</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
	N/A	

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<p>Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society – Grant Application for CVITP  <b>M/S Anderson / Tuohey</b>  <i>“That Council endorse the grant-in-aid funding request in the amount of \$500.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimous  R-2021-53</p>
7.2	<p>Bifuka, Japan – Sister City Greetings  <b>M/S Roden / Tuohey</b>  <i>“That Council direct staff to write a letter in reply with an Ashcroft update and include pictures such as Water Treatment Plant.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimous  R-2021-54</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.3	BC Transit – Business Development – Government of Canada Funding Announcement	
7.4	Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking Awareness	
7.5	Minister Josie Osborne and UBCM President Brian Frenkel – January 2021 Regional Calls Follow Up	
7.6	RCMP Contract Committee Welcomes Nominations	
7.7	Flip Chart Information Correspondence – February 22, 2021	
	<p><b>M/S Roden / Anstett</b>  <i>“THAT the information correspondence items listed above be received and filed.”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimous  R-2021-55</p>

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager  <b>M/S Roden / Davenport</b>  <i>“That the Task Manager be received and filed”</i></p>	<p>CARRIED  Unanimous  R-2021-56</p>
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## 9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	N/A	
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**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report – verbal update re the TNRD Feb 18 meeting TNRL has a new website that launched today, eco depot – archeological hold up hope to tender and construction with the eco depot open by the end of the year.	
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey - Report	

**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	<b>M/S Roden / Anderson</b> <i>“That Council move to a closed meeting under Section 90.1(c) Labour Relations; 90.1(d) Municipal Property; and 90.1(l) Annual Report.”</i>	<b>CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-57</b>
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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

13.1	N/A	
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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

“That the Meeting of Council for February 22, 2021 be adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor