



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, JANUARY 14, 2019**

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

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

Public

EXCUSED: Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 10, 2018

Mayor Roden declared the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, December 10, 2018 adopted as presented.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. Jackie Tegart, MLA, Fraser-Nicola – Congratulations on Election

MLA Tegart thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to them. She congratulated Council on their election and advised that she and her staff were always available to assist with any items that may come. She looks forward to working with Council over the next few years.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society – Request for donation of Ashcroft Community Hall for 2019 Christmas Hamper Drive, December 17-21 inclusive

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That the Village donate the use of the Ashcroft Community Hall to the Ashcroft and Area Community Resource Society for the period December 17 – 21 inclusive for the annual

Christmas Hamper Drive and further that the Village cover the cost of the liability insurance for this event.”

Carried. (01-01-19)

4.2. Legislative Assembly of British Columbia – Invitation to provide written submission on the establishment of transportation network services (ride hailing services) boundaries

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Davenport

“That the invitation from the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to provide comments on the establishment of ride hailing service boundaries be received and filed.”

Carried. (02-01-19)

4.3. Gold Country Communities Society – Opportunity to Sponsor the 2019 Annual Tourism Symposium and Fam Tour, May 3 & 4, 2019

M/S Councillor Davenport / Councillor Anderson

“That the Village of Ashcroft provide \$2,500 to Gold Country Communities Society for sponsorship of the 2019 Annual Tourism Symposium and Fam Tour on May 3 & 4, 2019.”

Defeated.

M/S Councillor Anstett / Councillor Tuohey

“That the correspondence from Gold Country Communities Society inviting the sponsorship of the 2019 Annual Tourism Symposium and Fam Tour on May 3 & 4, 2019 be received and filed.”

Carried. (03-01-19)

4.4. Mayor Nobuo Yamaguchi, Town of Bifuka – Letter of Congratulations to Mayor Roden

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

“That the village send a reply to Mayor Yamaguchi thanking him for his letter of congratulations and further that a photo of the new Council be enclosed with the letter.”

Carried. (04-01-19)

4.5. Valerie Freestone – Comments regarding requirement to clear snow from sidewalks

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson

“That the Village reply to Ms. Freestone enclosing a copy of the relevant bylaw and explaining the reasons that the Village does not clear the snow from sidewalks.”

Carried. (05-01-19)

Councillor Tuohey Opposed

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anderson

“That staff investigate the costs to have the public works crew clear all sidewalks in the downtown area and further that this information be brought forward for discussion during the budget process.”

Carried. (06-01-19)

4.6. Gloria Mertens – Concerns regarding sidewalks not being cleared of snow

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Mayor Roden

“That the letter from Ms. Mertens regarding sidewalks not being cleared of snow be received and filed.”

Carried. (07-01-19)

4.7. Jessica Clement, Literacy Outreach Coordinator – Request to Proclaim Family Literacy Week January 20-26 and provide free family skate on January 25

M/S Councillor Anstett / Councillor Davenport

“That the Village proclaim Family Literacy Week in Ashcroft January 20 – 26, 2019 and further that the Village provide a free family skate on Friday, January 25 from 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm.”

Carried. (08-01-19)

4.8. Clinton Annual Ball Committee – Invitation to Mayor Roden to attend 152nd Annual Ball on Saturday, May 18, 2019

M/S Councillor Anstett / Councillor Anderson

“That the invitation to Mayor Roden to attend the 152nd Annual Clinton Ball on Saturday, May 18, 2019 be received and filed.”

Carried. (09-01-19)

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Davenport

“That the Village purchase two tickets to the 152nd Annual Clinton Ball on Saturday, May 18, 2019 to allow Mayor Roden and her guest to attend on behalf of the Village of Ashcroft.”

Carried. (10-01-19)

4.9. Southern Interior Local Government Association – Nominations for Community Excellence Awards

M/S Councillor Anderson / Councillor Davenport

“That the information from the Southern Interior Local Government Association regarding nominations for their Community Excellence Awards be received and filed.”

Carried. (11-01-19)

4.10. Information Correspondence Listing for January 14, 2019

M/S Councillor Davenport / Councillor Anderson

“That the information correspondence listing for January 14, 2019 be received and filed.”

Carried. (12-01-19)

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

“That the Village send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure supporting the concerns raised by Ms. Gloria Mertens in her letter to the ministry October 28, 2018 regarding pedestrian safety on Highway 97C.”

Carried. (13-01-19)

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Proposed Hotel Market Study – Authorization for Administration to release study to interested parties

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That Administration be authorized to release the hotel market study prepared by HVS Consulting and Valuation to interested parties and other potential investors as the opportunities present themselves.”

Carried. (14-01-19)

6.2. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Application for the 2019 Love Ashcroft Program

M/S Councillor Anstett / Councillor Anderson

“That Administration be authorized to submit a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the 2019 Love Ashcroft Program in the amount of \$1,200.”

Carried. (15-01-19)

6.3. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia, Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure – Resolution in support of application to replace hot tub and Ashcroft Pool

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

“That Staff submit an application for grant funding for the Ashcroft Hot Tub Replacement Project through the ICIP – Community, Culture and Recreation Program and further that Council supports the project and commits to our share of \$46,655 for this project.”

Carried. (16-01-19)

6.4. Community Child Care Programs – Provincial Funding Opportunities

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

“That the staff report on Provincial funding opportunities for community child care programs be received and filed.”

Carried. (17-01-19)

7. BYLAWS

7.1. Introduction and First 3 Readings

7.1.1. Bylaw No. 825 – Ashcroft Water Treatment Plant Short Term Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2019

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Tuohey

“That Bylaw No. 825 – Ashcroft Water Treatment Plant Short Term Loan Authorization Bylaw be introduced and read given first three readings.

Carried. (18-01-19)

7.2. Reconsideration and Final Adoption

7.2.1. None

8. REPORTS

Council Reports

8.1. Finance Committee

Mayor Roden, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Davenport

No report.

8.2. Northern Development Initiative Trust

Councillor Anstett Alternate – Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anstett advised that neither he nor Councillor Anderson are available for the January 29, 2019 meeting in 100 Mile House. Mayor Roden will see if she is available.

8.3. Gold Country Communities Society
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Davenport

No report.

8.4. Historic Hat Creek
Councillor Roden Alternate – Councillor Anderson

No report.

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

No report.

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

Council reviewed The Current – Highlights from the Board of Directors' Meeting of December 20, 2018.

8.7. Tourism
Councillor Davenport Alternate – Councillor Anstett

No report.

8.8. Economic Development
Councillor Davenport Alternate – Councillor Anstett

Councillor Davenport advised Council that Community Futures is continuing to work with other organizations to provide training sessions funded through wildfire programs. She also advised that there is a survey regarding the development of a regional Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Arnott will be meeting with Kamloops Chamber representatives to discuss possible next steps.

8.9. Heritage
Councillor Tuohey Alternate – Mayor Roden

Councillor Tuohey advised Council that Heritage Week will be February 18 – 24 and the theme is "The Tie that Binds". She will be meeting with Kathy Paulos and representatives from Cache Creek to develop the presentation.

8.10. Transit
Councillor Anstett Alternate – Councillor Davenport

Next meeting is February 5 in Clinton.

8.11. Communities in Bloom
Councillor Tuohey Alternate – Mayor Roden

Council reviewed the 2018 Year-end report and Financial Statement. The Committee continues to carry out a number of projects annually and have requested a meeting with the CAO and the Foreman to discuss 2019 projects.

8.12. Health Care

Councillor Anderson Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

Councillor Anderson advised that she has been in touch with Sheila Corneillie who is the Chair of the Wellness and Health Action Committee. The next meeting is on January 28, 2019.

8.13. Seniors' Liaison

Councillor Anderson Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

Mayor Roden provided Council with information on the Office of the Seniors Advocate and outlined many of the publications and resources that are available on that site.

8.14. Other

M/S Councillor Anderson / Councillor Davenport

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

Carried. (19-01-19)

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

"That staff submit an application for grant funding for "No. 1 Lift Station Replacement" through the ICIP – Rural and Northern Communities Program and further that Council supports this project."

Carried. (20-01-19)

10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 None

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Council was asked a number of questions and received comments regarding the proposed hot tub project, the format for the planning and budget session, who would be the new Champion of the Love Ashcroft program, sidewalk snow removal and a new poem and a new book that Mr. Larry Foss is writing. MLA Tegart advised Council that her office is endeavouring to hold a regional meeting on Monday, March 11 to discuss the developments at Ashcroft Terminal and how we can prepare our communities for the inevitable changes.

12. INCAMERA

12.1. Motion to move in-camera to discuss an item under the *Community Charter* Section 90.1(c) (Personnel) and an item under Section 90.1.(k) (Provision of Service)

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett

“That Council move to an In-Camera meeting to discuss an item under section 90.1.(c) and an item under section 90.1(k) of the Community Charter at 5:52 pm.

Carried. (21-01-19)

Council returned to the regular meeting at 7:01 pm.

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson

“That Administration send a response to Ms. Gloria Mertens addressing the concerns that were raised regarding her perceived procedural fairness at the October 22, 2019 public hearing and further that all members of Council be copied on that email.”

Carried. (22-01-19)

13. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That the Regular Meeting of Council terminate at 7:02 pm.”

Carried.

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday, January 14, 2019.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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