



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, MARCH 13, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor John J. (Jack) Jeyes
Councillor Doreen L. Lambert
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor W. Alfred Trill

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press & Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Kormendy

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Monday, February 27, 2017

Mayor Jeyes declared the minutes adopted as presented.

2.2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, February 27, 2017

Mayor Jeyes declared the minutes adopted as presented.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. Philip Snyman, Manager for Mental Health & Substance Abuse for IH Rural Thompson, Rae Samson, Administrator for Mental Health & Substance Use Services for IH West and Nicole Fornelli, Community Health Facilitator – IH West – Opioid Overdose Crisis

Mr. Snyman and Ms. Samson provided Council with a summary of the overdose crisis that is within the Interior Health region. They reviewed statistics from 1991 – 2017 that indicate a drastic increase in the number of overdoses in BC including the IH region. In April 2016 the Province declared a public health emergency and since that time several changes have been developed that provide sharing information between health authorities and other responders. The Province is leading the country with the education and prevention strategies. Take home naloxone kits are available from public health and it is advised that the kits be available whenever there are parties or other public events. Unfortunately many people are not aware that they are ingesting fentanyl because it is added to other substances. The delegation congratulated council on being proactive and wishing to educate their residents about this situation.

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4.1. Accounts Payable Listing for the period ending March 7, 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

"That the accounts payable listing for the period ending March 7, 2017 be received and filed."

Carried. (01-03-17)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Ashcroft & District Lions Club – Seventh Annual Skip's Memorial Charity Run

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

"That the Village approve the route for the Seventh Annual Skip's Run along Ash Street, Government Street and Evans Road providing that there are flag persons along the route and that the run does not trespass onto private property without the written consent of the property owner and further the Village will close Evans Road from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 4, 2017."

Carried. (02-03-17)

5.2. Interior Health News Release – Carfentanil Presence Confirmed in Interior Health Region

MS Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

"That the news release from Interior Health regarding the Carfentanil presence in the Interior Health Region be received and filed."

Carried. (03-03-17)

5.3. BC Rural Dividend – Notification of Results

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

"That the correspondence from the BC Rural Dividend advising we were not successful in our funding application to update our planning documents be received and filed."

Carried. (04-03-17)

5.4. Ashcroft & District Fall Fair Association – Request for Letters of Support for grant applications

M/S Councillor Lambert / Councillor Roden

"That the Village of Ashcroft provide a letter of support to the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair for inclusion in the various grant applications."

Carried. (05-03-17)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Water Treatment Plant Project – Work Program for Pilot Water Test Program

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

“That the Village of Ashcroft approve the “Piloting for Water Treatment Plant” work program dated March 6, 2017 as presented by Urban Systems Ltd. in the amount of \$41,000 and acknowledge that costs may change slightly due to set up requirements.”

Carried. (06-03-17)

7.2. Golder Associates – Proposal to conduct a geotechnical investigation at two proposed cemetery sites within the Village of Ashcroft

MS Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That Administration proceed with the Geotechnical and Environmental investigation work plans for potential cemetery sites as provided by Golder & Associates dated February 10 & February 17, 2017 for a total cost of \$18,790 plus GST.”

Carried. (07-03-17)

7.3. Emergency Training Session – Office Closure, April 12 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

“That the Village of Ashcroft Administration Office be closed to the public from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 12 to allow all Village employees to attend an emergency training exercise and further that this closure be advertised in advance.”

Carried. (08-03-17)

8. BYLAWS

8.1. Introduction and First Three Readings

8.1.1. Bylaw No. 810 – Village of Ashcroft Repeal Bylaw, 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That Bylaw No. 810, Village of Ashcroft Repeal Bylaw, 2017 be introduced and given first three readings.”

Carried. (09-03-17)

8.2. Reconsideration and Final Adoption

8.2.1. None

9. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. Information Correspondence Listing for March 13, 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

“That the Information correspondence listing for March 13, 2017 be received and filed.”

Carried. (10-03-17)

10. REPORTS

Council Reports

10.1. Finance Committee – Mayor Jeyes, Councillor Roden & Councillor Kormendy

Mayor Jeyes advised Council that they had met with the Auditors earlier in the day and the Village is in excellent financial shape. The auditors had no comments or concerns regarding the accounting procedures.

10.2. Cache Creek Environmental Assessment Committee –Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Kormendy

No report.

10.3. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Councillor Trill & Councillor Kormendy

Council reviewed the correspondence from NDIT, Drylands Arena Energy Efficiency Upgrade and 2017 Love Ashcroft Annual Marketing funding, approving our funding requests.

10.4. Gold Country Communities Society – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

Council reviewed the minutes from regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Ashcroft Council Chambers. Council was advised that the new trail guides are now available and will be distributed to all visitor centres.

10.5. TNRD – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Lambert

Council reviewed the Current – Highlights of the Board of Directors’ Meeting held on March 9 and the 2017 Free Disposal Day and Hazardous Household Waste Round Up Event Schedule.

10.6. Tourism – Councillor Roden & Councillor Lambert

No report.

10.7. School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Mayor Jeyes

No report but Councillor Lambert will suggest to the Board of Education that they invite Interior Health to provide educational sessions at the schools regarding the opioid overdoses.

10.8. Economic Development & Chamber of Commerce - Councillor Roden & Mayor Jeyes

No report.

10.9. Historic Hat Creek– Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Trill

The gift shop building is nearing completion and a grand opening is scheduled for April 21st. The fire hall construction will commence soon and there are plans to expand the campground facilities subject to funding opportunities.

10.10. Heritage – Councillor Roden & Councillor Kormendy

Council was reminded that the ceremony at the Chinese Cemetery is scheduled for 12:15 on Friday, March 17 and will be followed with a no-host lunch at the River Inn.

10.11. Transit – Councillor Kormendy & Councillor Roden

No report.

10.12. Wellness & Music (Kids) Festival – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

Council was advised that the Tryathlon would be going ahead but the Make Children First event would not be taking place. The committee is investigating other options for activities for the day.

10.13. Seniors' Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Councillor Roden

Next meeting March 16, 2016.

10.14. Communities in Bloom – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

Council was advised that the committee wishes to have the Barrel Planting Challenge once again. A planter has been ordered for the Visitor's Centre and the annual plant swap will take place on April 22.

10.15. Health Care – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Lambert

Council reviewed the Wellness & Health Action Coalition Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 20, 2017

10.16. Bifuka Sister City Relationship – Councillor Kormendy & Councillor Lambert

No report.

10.17. Other

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

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

Carried. (11-03-17)

10.18. Administration

Chief Administrative Officer

10.18.1. None

Chief Financial Officer

10.18.2. None

11. INCAMERA

11.1. None.

12. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Lambert

“That the regular meeting terminate at 5:58 pm.”

Carried.

John C. (Jack) Jeyes, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of Council held Monday, March 13, 2017.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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