



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2019

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

Anne Yanciw, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Daniela Dyck, Deputy Corporate Officer

Media & Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Jonah Anstett
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

Mayor Roden advised the public that the Council meeting is being recorded and live streamed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda

M/S Tuohey / Anderson

"That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for November 25, 2019 be adopted as presented."

CARRIED (13-11-2019)

3. MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday November 12, 2019
Mayor Roden declared the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for November 12, 2019 adopted as presented."

4. DELEGATIONS

- 4.1. Gold Country Communities Society, Marcie Downs:
Marcie Downs and Margaret Moriera attended the Council meeting to provide a brief update of actions completed for the current year and provide intended plans for 2020. Items in the presentation include:
- Gold Country has been in operation for over 25 years;
 - New Visitor Guide to be published for 2020;
 - Trail Guide map to be released in 2020, made of "stone paper". Stone paper is water resistant and the maps will be much more useable.
 - Pad maps are still available and are being used in a variety of ways such as place mats, ouches for Bead Trail beads etc.;
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- Working on Phase 3 of Geo Cache tours, phase 1 & 2 were very successful;
- Attended 3 Trade Shows in 2019;
- GCCCS is on Social Media
- Flickr – image bank is being updated regularly with new images;
- GCCS is re-branding and will launch a new image in the new year;
- New video hosted on you tube was streamed during the presentation;
- Regional visitor stats are down due the Visitor Info Centre at Merritt being closed;
- GCCCS provides an approximate value of \$22,500 in services to member municipalities;
- GCCCS is focusing on promoting the shoulder seasons;
- Changes are coming as the new brand is released and marketed.

4.2. Community Futures Sun Country, Deb Arnott provided a year in review for Council. Deb touched on the items listed below:

- Focus on the Wildfire transition project;
- Pleasantly surprised at how many businesses have participated in the recovery program;
- Excellent business participation in the training workshops;
- Deb is Chair of Recovery team for the Province;
- Working on training and business interruption modules;
- Attending a meeting this week with Kamloops innovation and business support;
- Community Futures raised 2.4 million in grant funding for recovery;
- Transitioning with Red Cross, hoping to have more news in the new year;
- McAbee project – soft opening last June, Heritage Branch supported 100% with costs;
- McAbee could become a huge economic driver for the region;
- Would like to see 3 staff members and open 7 days a week;
- Closed Sept. 2, hoping for a longer open season in 2020 to accommodate schools;
- Hosted 150 students in 2019;
- TRU is interested in the site;
- What are we doing well? Visitors want to dig fossils and take them home, however this is not legal;
- Looking for funding for the interpretation site, need at least \$500,000;
- Hoping to have an NDIIT Intern to help the McAbee project move forward;
- Invited Council to call if they wish more information.

Mayor Roden thanked both delegations for their presentations and for the work that they are doing in the community and region. Mayor Roden also proposed the following motion:

M/S Roden / Tuohey

“That staff send a letter to delegations thanking them for their participation.”

CARRIED (14-11-2019)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Board of Education – Bifuka

M/S Roden / Anderson

“That staff send a letter of congratulations to each respective position under the Mayors signature.”

CARRIED (15-11-2019)

Councillor Tuohey mentioned that Mrs. Kanamaru commented that it would be nice if Ashcroft Council engaged more with representatives from Bifuka and build a stronger relationship with our “Sister City”.

- 5.2. CCCTA Destination Development Sessions
M/S Roden / Davenport
"That this be received for information and any interested Councillor contact CCCTA to attend."
CARRIED (16-11-2019)

- 5.3. Information Correspondence Listing to November 25, 2019
M/S Tuohey / Anderson
"That the Information Correspondence listing to November 25, 2019 be received and filed."
CARRIED (17-11-2019)

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Age Friendly Program Request Report
M/S Anderson / Tuohey
"That Council consider participation in the Age Friendly Program during budget deliberations."
CARRIED (18-11-2019)
- 6.2 Mosaic Community Art Request Report
M/S Davenport / Roden
"That Council defer a decision on the Ranchlands mosaic until a public art policy has been developed."
Comments in regards to difficulty in administering this type of policy, has been looked at in the past and was not pursued.
Defeated (19-11-2019)
M/S Roden / Tuohey moved option 2
"That Council approve staff to estimate the installation and operational costs of the mural and report back to Council."
CARRIED (20-11-19)
- 6.3 Strategic Priority Report
M/S Roden / Tuohey
"That staff develop a survey regarding communications and distribute it via a mail drop, on the Village website, at the Village office, and other venues as appropriate, and that all completed surveys be entered in an "Ashcroft Bucks" draw."
Discussion:
Does staff have the time?
Broaden the survey to receive a broader response
Make survey available on Social Media and include other platforms such as Tic Toc
CARRIED (21-11-2019) Opposed Tuohey

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1. Community to Community Forum
M/S Tuohey / Anderson
"That Council endorse the submission of a C2C grant application to UBCM by the December 6, 2019 intake deadline; and that staff organize the forum and invite AIB to participate before March 31, 2020."
CARRIED (22-11-2019)

8. **BYLAWS**

8.1. N/A

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

9.1. November 2019 Community Forum Report

M/S Roden / Tuohey

"That Council receive the November 2019 Community Forum Report for information."

CARRIED (23-11-2019)

Positive feedback regarding the new format for the forum. Fell short with business community, will have to strategize for next one.

9.2. Curling Rink Ice Plant Update Report

M/S Roden / Anderson

"That Council waive adherence to the Procurement Policy and approve staff to continue to seek three quotes to bring back to Council for consideration, and further that staff search for grant funding to cover the shortfall."

CARRIED (24-11-2019)

9.3 Committee and Board Appointments Report

M/S Roden / Anderson

"That Council review the current committee appointments, consider changes and bring suggestion to Council for consideration at a future meeting."

CARRIED (25-11-2019)

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

10.1. MAYOR RODEN

Report to Council

Mayor Roden commented that the Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch AGM is Dec 11, Members will vote at the AGM to remove all local gov't from the board table.

Request to attend Modernizing BC's Emergency management Legislation

M/S Roden / Davenport

"That interested Council members register for the workshop and further that costs be covered from the general reserve account, with a limit of no more than 2 vehicles to travel to the workshop."

CARRIED (26-11-2019)

10.2. COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

Report to Council

10.3. COUNCILLOR ANSTETT

10.4. COUNCILLOR DAVENPORT

10.5. COUNCILLOR TUOHEY

11. **RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETINGS**

11.1. Resolutions Released from the November 12, 2019 Closed Meeting of Council Report

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Any member of the public may ask a question of Council if that question pertains to any item on the current Council Agenda. The order of which people from the gallery may ask questions is at the sole discretion of the Mayor; that person has not already asked a question; additional questions may be asked if no other member of the public desires to ask a question; and no longer than 15 minutes has elapsed since Question Period has commenced.

- Question regarding the cancellation of the COTW meeting;
- Section 4.1 has Mr. Rhodes replied with further information regarding bridge clearing
- Section 7.1 clarification regarding DVP's should a Board of Variance (BOV) have approved the decision, clarification provided in regard to BOV's;
- Section 10.1 regarding water meters for TNRD Water Districts, will Council consider the same grant funding to meter water in Ashcroft in the future?
- Section 5.2 Are CCCTA Destination Development sessions open to the public?
- Section 6.1 Age Friendly Assessment – Council reconsider their decision as this application is time sensitive.
- Section 6.2 clarification AES
- Section 6.3 Comment urging Council to keep the newsletter, consider using the bulletin board at the Post Office and consider more options for communication not just the three presented;
- Section 9.1 Community Forum Report – comment regarding access to survey and information;
- Section 9.3 comment regarding committees and liaison positions.

13. CLOSED MEETING

13.1. N/A

14. TERMINATION

M/S Roden / Anderson

"That the Regular Meeting of Council for November 25, 2019 be terminated at 8:27 pm"

CARRIED (27-11-2019)

Certified to be a true copy of
The Regular Meeting of Council held
Tuesday November 25, 2019.

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Anne Yanciw, Chief Administrative Officer

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