



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
REGULAR MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor John C. (Jack) Jeyes
Councillor Helen A. Kormendy
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor Wm. Alfred Trill

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

Press and Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Doreen E. Lambert

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeyes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 12, 2016

Mayor Jeyes declared the minutes adopted as presented.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. None

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4.1. Accounts Payable Listing for the period ending October 7, 2016

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That the accounts payable listing for the period ending October 7, 2016 be received and filed.”

Carried. (01-10-16)

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1. **Mike LoVecchio, Director Government Affairs – CP Holiday Train arrives in Ashcroft on December 15, 2016**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the correspondence from Mike LoVecchio, Director Government Affairs for CP advising that the CP Holiday Trail will stop in Ashcroft on December 15, 2016 be received and filed.”

Carried. (02-10-16)

5.2. **Hon. Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Nominations for New Stop of Interest Signs**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the Village of Ashcroft nominate the Chinese Cemetery for a Stop of Interest Sign as outlined in Minister Todd Stone’s letter dated September 26, 2016.”

Carried. (03-10-16)

5.3. **Ashcroft Art Club – Declaration of “2017 Art Heritage Week” in Ashcroft**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village of Ashcroft proclaim April 17 – April 23, 2017 as Art Heritage Week in Ashcroft.”

Carried. (04-10-16)

5.4. **Ms. Esther Darlington – Request to donate a memorial bench and a memorial tree**

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village send Ms. Darlington the information and an application form for a memorial bench and further that she be advised that the Village does not currently have a memorial tree purchasing policy however when one is developed it will be advertised and a copy will be forwarded to her.”

Carried. (05-10-16)

5.5. **Martina Duncan, Parish Council, St. Alban’s Anglican Church – Invitation to attend celebration of 125 years of services on Sunday, November 20, 2016**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village send a letter to St. Alban’s Anglican Church advising that Mayor Jeyes or his representative will be in attendance on Sunday, November 20 and will bring greetings and congratulations from the Village.”

Carried. (06-10-16)

5.6. Deb Arnott, General Manager, Community Futures Sun Country – Letter of Support for application to BC Rural Dividend Fund to develop a business plan for the McAbee Fossil Beds Heritage Site

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village provide a letter of support to the McAbee Working Group for inclusion with their BC Rural Dividend Fund application to develop a business plan for the site.”

Carried. (07-10-16)

5.7. Ashcroft & Area Community Resource Society – Request for donations to Christmas Hamper Fund

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the correspondence from the Ashcroft & Area Community Resource Society requesting donations for the Christmas Hamper Fund be received and filed.”

Carried. (08-10-16)

5.8. Hon. Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development – Thank you for meeting with him during 2016 UBCM

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the correspondence from Hon. Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development acknowledging our meeting at the 2016 UBCM Convention be received and filed.”

Carried. (09-10-16)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Memo from Chief Election Officer – 2016 By-Election and Assent Voting Results

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the report from the Chief Election Officer on the September 17, 2016 By-Election and Assent Vote for the Village of Ashcroft be received and filed.”

Carried. (11-10-16)

7.2. Provision of Radon Detectors to the General Public

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village of Ashcroft request fifty (50) radon detectors from Interior Health for sale to the public at cost and further that the Village’s requests a copy of the test results for our community.”

Carried. (12-10-16)

7.3. BC Rural Dividend Fund – Second Intake Application – Application for funding to review Planning Framework Review

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That Administration be authorized to proceed with the development and submission of an application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to assist with our Planning Framework Review.”

Carried. (13-10-16)

7.4. Clean Water Wastewater Fund – Application for upgrades to Wastewater Treatment Plant

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That Administration be authorized to proceed with Urban Systems Ltd. to develop a work program outlining upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and further that this plan will include completion of an application to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund intake by November 23, 2016.”

Carried. (14-10-16)

7.5. Approval of 2017 Scheduled Council Meeting Dates

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

That the 2017 Meeting Schedule be approved subject to amending the date of the spring Community Forum to Thursday, April 6, 2017 from Thursday, April 13, 2017 due to the Easter weekend.

Carried. (14-10-16)

7.6. Election BC Campaign Financing Requirements

M/S Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Roden

“That the Village of Ashcroft present a motion at the 2017 Southern Interior Local Government Association Convention outlining the challenges the potential candidates in small communities encounter to meet the campaign financing regulations required by Elections BC.”

Carried. (15-10-16)

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That Karma Kubbernus, Manager of the Ashcroft Branch of the Interior Savings Credit Union be invited to a council meeting to explain the intricacies of opening bank accounts when a member of the public wishes to put their name forward for public office during a local government election.”

Carried. (16-10-16)

8. BYLAWS

8.1. Introduction and First Three Readings

8.1.1. None

8.2. Reconsideration and Final Adoption

8.2.1. None

9. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. Information Correspondence Listing for October 24, 2016

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the information correspondence listing for October 24, 2016 be received and filed.”

Carried. (17-10-16)

10. REPORTS

Council Reports

10.1. Finance Committee – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Roden

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the August 2016 financial statement be received as presented.”

Carried. (18-10-16)

10.2. Cache Creek Environmental Assessment Committee – Mayor Jeyes

Mayor Jeyes advised that there had not been a meeting in a long time however he would contact the committee and request that a meeting be held to update everyone on the landfill closure process.

10.3. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Councillor Trill

Councillor Trill advised that he had participated in the last teleconference call on September 13, 2016. Joel McKay has now taken over the CEO position from Janine North.

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

Councillor Trill advised that the Symposium and Trade Show had taken place in Merritt yesterday and today (October 23 and 24, 2016).

10.5. TNRD – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Roden

Council reviewed The Current – Highlights from the Board of Directors' Meeting held September 22, 2016 and the meeting held October 13, 2016.

10.6. Tourism – Councillor Roden & Councillor Lambert

No report.

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

Council reviewed the various news updates and Board Bulletins from School District No. 74 (Gold Trail). Councillor Roden advised that a proposal was being prepared where the Transportation funding the district had received could be used to provide transportation for out of town students who wish to participate in after hour activities.

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

M/S Councillor Kormendy/ Councillor Roden

“That Administration contact NDIT to obtain approval to proceed with the Railway mosaic project as part of our Economic Development program.”

Carried. (19-10-16)

10.9. Historic Hat Creek Ranch – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Trill

Mayor Jeyes advised that the gift shop is under construction and that some of the buildings had been repainted with era appropriate colours. He advised that the site hosted over 21,000 visitors during 2016 and that the board had voted to change the name to Historic Hat Creek.

10.10. Heritage – Councillor Roden

Councillor Roden advised that the local Communities in Bloom Committee had purchased a large number of special tulip bulbs to commemorate Canada's 150 Birthday in 2017 and were planting them around the community. Councillor Trill commented that the changes to the former Bundus and Son Welding Shop building were bittersweet as it is another heritage building that is being changed.

10.11. Transit –Councillor Roden

Councillor Roden advised Council that there had been a Para Transit Committee meeting on October 17 and that a number of items were being reviewed including the after-hours rental program and the lease fees. The para transit service to Kamloops on Mondays is being very well used by Clinton residents however not as many Ashcroft residents are using the service.

10.12. Wellness & Music Festival – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

No report.

10.13. Seniors' Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Councillor Trill

Council was reminded that the Annual Harvest Bazaar is on Saturday, October 29 at the seniors' centre.

10.14. Communities in Bloom – Councillor Lambert & Councillor Trill

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

"That the Village accept the invitation to continue the Flower Barrel Challenge in 2017."

Carried. (20-10-16)

10.15. Health Care – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Lambert

Council reviewed the Wellness & Health Action Coalition minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting and the letter from Dr. Sarina Govindasamy announcing her resignation. Mayor Jeyes advised that the new Chairman of the Board effective January 1, 2017 would be John O'Fee.

10.16. Bifuka Sister City Relationship

No report.

10.17. Other

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

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

Carried. (21-10-16)

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 Trill

“That the Regular Meeting of Council terminate at 8:17 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, October 24, 2016.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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