



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Deb Tuohey

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media

EXCUSED: Councillor, Marilyn Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday September 27, 2021 to order at 6:00 pm.

"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

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 / Tuohey

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, September 27, 2021 be adopted as amended to include a cheque presentation to Council from Marijke Stott to be added under delegations.

CARRIED – Unanimous- R-2021-204

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 23, 2021 M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 23, 2021 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-205
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Marijke Stott – Yoga Club presented Council with a \$10,000 cheque to assist with Hall flooring and paint upgrades. Mayor Roden on behalf of Council and the Community expressed sincere appreciation for the donation, thanking Marijke for the Yoga Clubs generosity, noting this isn't the first time the club has made a donation to the hall.	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

Gloria Mertens – TNRD Area "I"

6.1 – Question regarding the Village making submission to the BC Utilities Commission.

Question – anticipated cost increase per light

Question / comment LED street lighting placement and lumens

6.3 – CFO Financial Report - will quarterly reports be posted to the website?

6.4 – Question regarding process for Bylaw enforcement

11.2 – Questions regarding TNRD/UBCM Invasive Plant program and the impacts of wildfires

Community Forest Comment regarding required expertise and available fiber supply.

Question in regards to cost savings with UBCM being a virtual conference?

Question regarding current RCMP staffing levels

Clarification requested regarding Rail classification meeting with Minister of Finance

Question regarding Health Site proposed changes and village involvement

Question regarding Council meetings being closed to public attendance

Comment in regards to Cabinet Town Hall in regards to Climate Change.

5. BYLAWS

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5. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Outdoor Burning Bylaw Public Meeting M/S Anstett / Roden <i>That staff be directed to schedule meetings for Thursday October 14th one afternoon meeting at 1:00 pm and one evening meeting at 6:00 pm.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-206
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Memo – BC Hydro Street Lighting Increase Meeting Brief M/S Roden / Davenport <i>That the report be received for information</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-207
6.3	CFO Virtual Report – Financials and Project Updates - Nearing the end of the year overall budget is on par with projections - CFO Bhalla highlighted variances and provided explanations for both revenues and expenditures - Small variance in salary and wages	

	• GST variance will be balanced when rebate is forwarded from the province • Protective services also had a variance – this will be reimbursed once EMBC pays the invoices • Recreation services and Legacy Park had a slight increase due to project expansion • Sewer Operating Fund – on target • Water Operating Fund – project differential once funds from the province for final grant payment are received the fund will be balanced • CFO Bhalla developed a platform for Project updates in the BI System • Project billings are up to date and those projects delayed by the fire season have extensions approved by the funder. M/S Roden / Anstett <i>That the virtual finance and project report be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-208
6.4	Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO) Report – BEO Update M/S Anstett / Tuohey <i>That the Bylaw Enforcement Report be received for information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-209

6. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	City of Langley – Letter re Appointment of Directors to Regional District Board M/S Roden / Davenport <i>That the Village of Ashcroft Council request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to amend the Local Government Act in section 198 [appointment and term of office for municipal directors], as necessary to require municipal councils to appoint the Mayor, or the Mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-210
7.2	District of Mount Waddington – Letter re Donation to Lytton M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That Council donate one dollar per Ashcroft resident to be given to the Village of Lytton to help rebuild the community.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-211
7.3	Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) – Request for Letter of Support for Geo Tour Prequel Grant M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>That Council for the Village of Ashcroft provide a letter in support of the prequel grant application to Gold Country Communities Society.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-212
7.4	Ministry of Children and Family Development – Foster Family Month in British Columbia M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>That the Village of Ashcroft proclaim October as Foster Family Month</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-213
7.5	South Cariboo E. Fry & Ashcroft HUB – Request for Letter of Support for their application for Sustainable Affordable Housing M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>That Council provide a letter of support to the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society and the Ashcroft HUB in their joint venture application for funding to complete an affordable housing project plan.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-214

FOR INFORMATION		
7.	Gold Country Highlights – September 2021	
7.	Hon. Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care – Ministry of Children & Family – Child Care Engagement - Applications now open for Childcare BC News Spaces Fund	
7.	School District No. 74 – Proposed Trustee Electoral Areas – Boundary Change	
7.	Flip Chart Correspondence	
	M/S Anstett / Tuohey <i>That the Information correspondence items be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-215

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anstett

8.1	Task Manager M/S Roden / Davenport <i>That the Task Manager be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-216
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8. NEW BUSINESS

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9. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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10. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>That the Mayors Report be received and filed</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-217
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	

11. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

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12. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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13. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Anstett / Tuohey

That, the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday September 27, 2021 be adjourned at 6:43 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous- R-2021-218

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday September 27, 2021

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor