



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

We are now in the middle of summer and with that Council only meets the 4th Monday of the months of July and August. Here are some highlights from their July 24th meeting:

- ⇒ Dawson Road Maintenance Operation Manager, Chris Rottluff and Division Manager, Elcy Lepage appeared as a delegation before Council to provide their Summer Program Update.
- ⇒ Council endorsed the renewal of the Agreement to Occupy between the Village and the Ashcroft & District Curling Club for a two year term ending August 1, 2025
- ⇒ Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO), Reggie Amyotte, appeared before Council providing an update. Reggie’s goal is to achieve compliance in the least invasive and cost-effective way possible. He prefers to use an approachable stance engaging with residents and working with them.
- ⇒ 2023 Light Up Blue this September for Prostate Cancer Awareness! Council unanimously passed the motion to light up Heritage Park and Fire Hall 1 with blue lights.
- ⇒ Council unanimously approved the Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers’ Market request to close Railway Avenue between 6th and 8th Streets on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Market Sundays until October 22, 2023.
- ⇒ Martina Dopf, Group Publisher of Black Press Media requested the Village’s support to stop advertising on the Meta Platforms Facebook and Instagram. Council approved sending a letter of support and advising that we do not advertise on the Meta Platforms.
- ⇒ Council proclaimed National Rail Safety Week September 18 to 24, 2023.
- ⇒ Council approved writing a letter of support for the EarthRock Ventures Inc (ERV). ERV is a BC incorporated company, focused on developing and implementing GHG emission reduction and carbon dioxide removal projects using engineered fertilizer solutions and soil amendments for agricultural lands.

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

HOT WEATHER

How to help beat the heat:

- * Always stay hydrated, drink plenty of water
- * Wear a hat and loose fitting clothing made of light coloured, breathable fabric
- * Take cool showers or baths to feel refreshed
- * Plan strenuous outdoor activities before 11am
- * Limit sun exposure and avoid sunburn—use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
- * Check on your friends and neighbours to make sure they are ok
- * NEVER leave people or pets inside vehicles during warmer weather
- * Have your home AC serviced to ensure it is working properly.



WATER CONSUMPTION—BE WATER SMART!!

In the upcoming weeks, the weather prediction is that the Southern Interior as well as other parts of BC will be heading into drought-like conditions. Some BC municipalities have already put their highest stage watering restrictions in place whereby residents are only permitted to water very minimally and some only certain times one day per week.

We ask that our residents be **Water Smart**. Be mindful of your water consumption. And please adhere to our current Stage 1 Water Restrictions. Non-compliance WILL result in fines being administered.

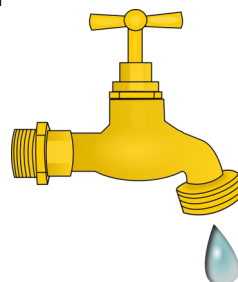
Here are some tips for water conservation that are most helpful in achieving lower water consumption in our Village:

Garden

- Water early in the morning to limit evaporation
- Install a water timer and hose nozzle to control water use
- Opt for drought-tolerant plants and lawn mixtures
- Use mulch to retain soil moisture

Home

- Replace faucet aerators & shower heads with low-flow options
- Use a toilet tank bank and opt for low-flow, energy savings appliances
- Fill your sink with soapy water to do dishes instead of letting the water run
- Keep a jug of water in the fridge instead of letting the tap run until cold—a running tap uses about one gallon of water per minute



HAPPY RETIREMENT NANCY CARSON !

After **15 years** of employment with the Village, our Accounting Clerk, Nancy Carson has officially retired July 28, 2023.

We wish Nancy all the best for a Happy & Healthy Retirement!



BC HYDRO POWER

OUTAGE

PLEASE RESTRICT WATER USE DURING THE SCHEDULED BC HYDRO POWER INTERRUPTION ON FRIDAY AUGUST 4, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

STAGE 4 WATER RESTRICTION ARE IN EFFECT AUG. 4th **FROM 8 am— 3 pm**



2023 PROPERTY TAXES & DELINQUENT TAXES

The property tax deadline has come and gone. Just a friendly reminder that if you did not make the July 17th deadline, you can still pay your taxes, however, there is a 10% penalty that has been applied to your 2023 remaining balance. If you have not yet claimed your 2023 Home Owner Grant (HOG) you have until December 31st to do so online, telephone or through the local Service BC office. (Instructions are on your property tax notice.) Please remember the 10% penalty has been applied (yes even on outstanding HOGs) and you will be responsible to pay that.

If this is the year you have 3 years worth of property taxes outstanding (2021, 2022 & 2023) then this makes your property tax account delinquent. You are required to at least pay the Delinquent portion of your taxes plus accrued interest prior to 10 am on Monday, September 25th to avoid your property being sold at Tax Sale.

Payments can be made in our office via Debit, Cheque, Cash or through your online or telephone banking.

FIRE SMART

Ashcroft is in the middle of a very dry season. It is time for us to be proactive in our attempt to offset possible fires in our community. BEO, Reggie Amyotte has been diligently monitoring and writing letters to homeowners that have dead trees and/or brush on their properties, especially near their homes. All homeowners are asked to please do your due diligence and look around your homes to see if there are potential fire hazards, no matter what they are, and remove them.

Many forms of cedar hedges and/or cedar trees are not very conducive to our dry-belt climate. They can be a contributing factor and extreme fire hazard as witnessed in the recently unfortunate loss of two homes in North Ashcroft.

Ashcroft Fire Rescue (AFR), together with the Village ask that when considering landscaping or re-landscaping your property, please avoid any types of cedar shrubs, trees, etc. that could potentially increase the risk of fire and loss of property.

A huge shout out to the residents that have begun or completed the process of removing any and all cedars from their properties. AFR and the Village commend you for being proactively FireSmart! A great resource for FireSmart is this link to the BC FireSmart website: <https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/guides-manuals/>
IMPORTANT REMINDER If you are considering removing any kind of trees, hedges or shrubs on your property etc. **please call BC OneCall— Call Before you Dig** to avoid digging up water/sewer or other utility lines that could be in close proximity to your excavation site. Here is the link to their website: <https://www.bc1c.ca/homeowner/>

2023
Council Meetings
August 28—6:00 pm
September 11—6:00 pm
Upcoming Events
TNRD FireSmart @ the
Ashcroft Library
August 1
10am-3pm

In Memory of Barry Tripp

It is with sad hearts that the Village Council and staff share the passing of our beloved Legacy Park RV camp host Barry Tripp. Barry fought a valiant effort to stay with us, but sadly lost his fight on June 11, 2023.

As an avid snowbird and RV'er, Barry answered the advertisement for the Legacy Park Host and joined the team in 2018. His boistrous personality and gruff but kind demeanor welcomed visitors for six successful seasons.

Barry was Ashcroft's best ambassador and a wealth of information directing campers to amenities and tourist sites in the area. Barry enjoyed visiting with the park guests when he wasn't riding around on the mover wearing his big straw hat or hanging out on his patio. Barry's patio was always open welcoming friends, family, and visitors especially to "beer o'clock on Friday afternoons. With his gruff but kind voice and a belly laugh thrown in for good measure, Barry was often heard wishing folks to "have a kickass day!"

Barry is survived by his daughter Stacey (Floody), son Travis, partner Rosie and his grandchildren. Our sincere condolences go out to his family, Barry touched many lives and will be dearly missed.

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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

The AAC is established with six members appointed to the committee by Council. Marvene Layte was elected as Chair of the committee. The first meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2023 at 10:00 am. In Council Chambers. The AAC will be brainstorming and discussing strategies to engage with the public and developing a draft timeline for identified actions. Meetings are open to the public, although public may not participate in the discussions, the ACC members may engage in conversation to gain public feedback.