



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met July 3rd and 22nd. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Marian Lowe of Draft Design Concepts for Branding summarized the branding process, including community and working group meetings and shared ideas for potential brands and taglines
- ⇒ Deb Tuohey of the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair appeared before Council requesting funding support from Council after assuming the responsibility to coordinate the Fair, unbeknownst to them, there was limited funding in the Fall Fair account. This item will be discussed at the August 7th Special Meeting of Council
- ⇒ Ashcroft HUB submitted a request for support in the form of providing lawn maintenance, outdoor water upkeep, and snow removal. Staff will provide a report giving an estimate cost of providing these services
- ⇒ Mayor and Council proclaimed Rail Safety Week September 23-29, 2024 in the Village of Ashcroft

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

2024

PROPERTY TAXES

As the July 15, 2024 property tax deadline has passed, a 10% penalty has been added to accounts with remaining current property taxes owing including outstanding Home Owner Grants. If you have not yet claimed your Home Owner Grant, you can still do so through the instructions on your property tax notice. Residents have until December 31, 2024 to pay their current (2024) property taxes to avoid interest.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAXES & UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Please note that when making online payments to your property taxes and/or utilities through online banking to be sure you are paying on the correct accounts. A number of payments for property taxes have been coming through on utility accounts and vice versa. Online banking has two separate payees for Village of Ashcroft Property Taxes and Village of Ashcroft Utilities. Be sure to choose the correct payee.

ASHCROFT MUSEUM

OPEN DAILY

Monday thru Friday

9:00 am—4:00 pm

Why not enhance your knowledge of Ashcroft this summer, take in the wonderful exhibits of the Ashcroft Museum! Bring your friends & relatives!

Museum Curator, Peter Konikow would be happy to take you on a tour!

SHOUT OUT TO ASHCROFT FIRE RESCUE!

On July 29th around noon, a blaze broke out in a resident's small backyard garage.

Once again the Ashcroft Fire Rescue team did exceptional work in safeguarding the village from potential fire spread on July 29th. The 14 responders quickly knocked down the flames while protecting adjacent structures. Great Job!

To quote Fire Chief, Josh White:

"So very proud of my crew today! 6 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene! Fast initial attack with a rapid and successful knockdown. Spent some time identifying a few hot spots with the thermal imaging camera. I think in this case, clean up and getting the truck back into service took longer than the actual fire fight it's self.

Many thanks to our friends in the RCMP, BC Ambulance, and our Dispatchers! You are all so amazing!

Thanks to Scott from Provincial Fire and Safety for setting us up for these successes.

Most importantly, I want to thank the 14 firefighters that showed up for today's call. The time and effort that you put into training and on these calls is showing in such a fantastic way. You are all so amazing, this community is blessed to have you. Thank you!"

**THANK YOU TO THE ASHCROFT FIRE RESCUE TEAM
FOR KEEPING OUR VILLAGE SAFE!**



Photo Credit—Barbara Roden



**SOME HELPFUL WATER SAVING TIPS:
TRY THESE WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR WATER USE**



LET THE LAWN GO BROWN, OR REWILD YOUR YARD

A brown lawn is not a dead lawn, so consider letting your lawn go. Up to 75% of a home’s total water usage is for lawn irrigation. Grass can turn brown and go dormant when it’s stressed by drought, heat or both. It’s your lawn’s way of conserving energy and water. The grass will break dormancy and begin growing again when the temperatures and/or rainfall levels become more ideal for it. Note that when dormancy ends, grass leaves that have turned brown won’t revive, but new leaves will appear.

WATERING PLANTS AND GARDENS

Water plants strategically, early in the morning; water gardens slowly, in the morning by hand, near the roots.

INSTALL LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEADS AND FAUCET AERATORS

Low-flow, energy-efficient showerheads will help cut down on the amount of water you use, without sacrificing water pressure or your shower time.

TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS

Take 3 minutes off your shower times and the savings, both in water use and in energy savings, will add up. If two people in your household do it for a year, you could save \$90 in electricity costs.

BE PET SMART

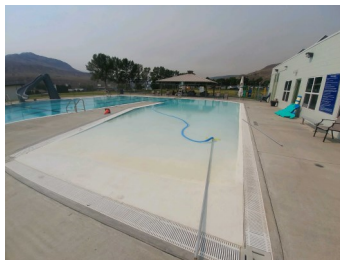
Our furry friends need water to stay hydrated and comfortable. Using a water fountain with a filter can be a great way to keep water clean longer instead of tossing it down the drain.

Tips courtesy of BC Hydro:

<https://www.bchydro.com/news/conservation/2024/start-saving-water-now.html>

POOL HAPPENINGS

The Shetland Creek fire has kept both the pool and public works crews exceptionally busy, working tirelessly to ensure the pool remains open and operational. On the right, you can see before and after images of ash blown into the pool by the wind from the fire. On one particularly challenging day, public works employees Josh and Brody worked hard to vacuum and clean the pool, ensuring it was ready for opening when the pool staff arrived. Thank you, Josh and Brody, for a fantastic job!



In addition to the efforts of the public works team, the pool staff also showed remarkable dedication by diligently cleaning the pool during their shifts. Their hard work ensured that patrons could continue to enjoy refreshing and cooling fun in the pool, even amidst the challenges posed by the fire. We appreciate everyone's commitment to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for our community.

**ASHCROFT POOL CLOSES FOR THE SEASON
ON AUGUST 25! Come out and enjoy the
pool and hot tub while you can!**

We faced some staffing challenges this season during pool operations, leading to a shorter season than usual. Despite this, we are pleased that the pool was able to open. We successfully offered the Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross courses, and we hope to have more certified local lifeguards for next season. A big shout out to the Pool Team—Nancy, Lena, Jacob, Shyama, Willow, Emma and River—for their excellent work under challenging circumstances. We look forward to an even better season next year! Below is an image of some of our dedicated 2024 Pool Staff.

**Thanks for a
great Season!**



**2024
Upcoming Council
Meetings**

August 26 Regular 6:00 pm

September 9 COTW 5:00 pm
September 9 Regular 6:00 pm

The HUB Online Network records and broadcasts or live streams each meeting.

Grab yourself a **FREE**
Water Miser Kit
or
Water Conservation Kit
at the Village Office

