

COUNCIL NEWS

Council is pleased to report that the audit is complete and the Village of Ashcroft has received a clean audit. Shawn Birkenhead from Grant Thornton LLP presented the 2022 Audited Financial Statements to Council on March 27th which will form part of the Annual Report which will be published later this spring.

The primary focus this past month seems to have been on financial matters, Council will be hosting the annual Community Forum Tuesday April 11th at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers where CFO Bhalla will be presenting the draft budget to the public.

Later this month, most of Council will be attending the Southern Interior Local Government Association's annual conference in Vernon. The conference will be jam packed with information regarding current issues such as the housing crisis, planning and responding to climate related events and being a successful elected official. The conference is sure to engage council on many levels and provide information for many current issues.

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

Council passed the following resolutions in the month of March:

- ⇒ Council adopted Proclamation Policy No. C-02-2023
- ⇒ Council will establish an Accessibility Committee as per the BC legislated requirement. Half of this committee members will include persons with disabilities or are individuals that support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities; at least one of the members is an indigenous person and the remainder of the committee will be comprised of two Council members and two staff members. This will be done following the development of a Terms of Reference Guideline
- ⇒ Council agreed to postpone the sidewalk construction on 3rd Street for one year. If parking conflict continues, the sidewalk construction will move forward
- ⇒ Anne McKague, a Butterfly Ranger of Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC presented to Council that April is Earth Month – Invest in our Planet
- ⇒ Council approved an advertisement be placed in the newspaper and on social media advising that Council is accepting applications for Board of Variance members
- ⇒ Council approved withdrawing as a member of the Gold Country Communities Society effective 2024
- ⇒ Council is in favor of moving forward with a Spring Clean up only and **cancel the Fall Clean** up moving forward this year.
- ⇒ Council directed staff to write a letter to HVC-Teck, CN Rail and Trimac expressing concerns raised to the copper concentrate dust in the area of Hollis Road; the requirement of a Fugitive Dust Management Plan for mining operations, request clarification if the plan includes the Hollis Rd. industrial site, and if included request a copy of the FDMP.

MEET OUR NEW INTER –COMMUNITY BYLAW OFFICER

The Villages of Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Clinton are pleased to introduce the new Inter-Community Bylaw Officer, Reggie Amyotte. Reggie and his wife moved to the area two years ago seeking a slower paced small community life. Reggie and his wife have a small ranch and are enjoying the life in rural BC. Having a background in corrections and working as a Commissionaire, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer role is well suited to Reggie. He is excited to begin his journey and hopes to bring a common sense and voluntary compliance approach to the position. Reggie likes to problem solve and find solutions that meet bylaw compliance but also address the issue without undue hardship when possible.

Reggie will be focusing on learning the relevant bylaws, processes and getting out into the community to meet community members. An area of focus as the warmer weather approaches is watering restrictions and better water management tools to use during watering. Please welcome Reggie as he is out and about meeting business owners and locals.





TNRL's One Book, One Community Feature Announced for 2023

The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is thrilled to launch its second One Book, One Community (OBOC) shared reading experience. *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* is by award-winning author and renowned UBC forest ecologist, Suzanne Simard.

Thursday, April 27: Ashcroft Library, 2:30-4pm and Logan Lake Library, 5:30-7pm

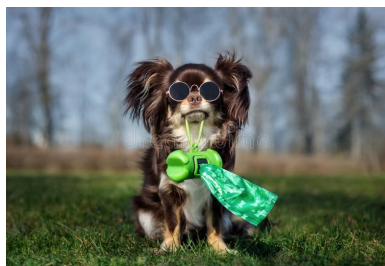
For event details, or to join a book discussion group, visit: tnrl.ca/oboc.

FRIENDLY WATER RESTRICTION REMINDER

Hello Ashcroft residents, my name is Reggie(Reg) Amyotte, I am your new Bylaw enforcement Officer for Ashcroft. I would like to remind everyone about the importance of responsible watering procedures during the hot and dry months ahead. I have done some information gathering and realized that one of the best ways to stay on track when it comes to watering times is to purchase a water hose timer. They come in crank style as well as digital timers. The prices range anywhere from \$20 for crank timers to \$150 for multiple hoses. You can order them online or at your local hardware store (I checked). Thank you for your cooperation as we keep our watering to a minimum.

DOG RULES REMINDER

Keeping in mind that we are a small rural community where the lifestyle is a little slower and sweeter than in urban areas, man's best friend hasn't been so friendly. We realize that not all dogs are the culprits for the complaints, but if your furry friend roams the neighbourhood while on a walk



about, barks disturbing the peace of your neighbours, or leaves "deposits" on public and private property for others to clean up, PLEASE, be a responsible pet owner. Keep your furry friend on your property in a securely fenced yard; Don't leave your dog out barking for long periods of time; and Scoop the poop!

Spring Special Yard Waste Pick Up

To aid Ashcroft residents with their **SPRING CLEANUP**, additional waste pick-ups will be provided on **WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 19 & 20, 2023**.

MUST PHONE THE OFFICE 250.453.9161 BY APRIL 18, 2023 TO HAVE YOUR NAME PUT ON LIST TO ENSURE PICK-UP. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST, YARD WASTE MAY NOT BE PICKED UP!

THE VILLAGE CREW IS ONLY ABLE TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:

Branches less than 8" in diameter & 8' in length; Leaves/Grass/Weeds/Twigs (**cannot be bagged**); Non-Refrigeration Appliances; Old Tires; **No** Construction Waste / House Hold Waste; Maximum weight of any single item or bundle is 100lbs.; The total weight per address is 1,000 lbs.; The total volume of material per address is 4 cubic yards (6' x 6' x 3'); Yard Waste must be out where it can be picked up by equipment; Yard Waste cannot be on Highway Right-of-Way; Yard Waste must be a defined pile on a level surface. Items must be kept separate (no mixing).

SPECIAL NOTES:

YARD WASTE MUST NOT BE AGAINST FENCES, SIGNS, BUILDINGS OR RETAINING WALLS OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR YARD WASTE OUT PRIOR TO APRIL 12, 2023. KINDLY HAVE YOUR YARD WASTE OUT TO BE PICKED UP ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION & SCHEDULE. THANK YOU.

2023 Events & Meetings

Council Meetings:

April 11 - 6:00 pm

April 24 - 6:00 pm

April 25 - 28 SILGA Convention

May 8 - Town Hall Meeting -
4.30PM

May 8 - 6:00 PM

May 23 - 6PM

55th Annual Art Show & Sale

April 21 - 23, 2023

Opening night Friday

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. (adults only)

Saturday & Sunday

Noon - 5:00 p.m. open to all ages

501 Brink Street Ashcroft

www.AshcroftArtClub.com