



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met March 11th and 25th. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Council sent a letter of gratitude and support to the BC Minister of Health to secure ongoing funding and expanding funding for the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program
- ⇒ Council supported the Ashcroft HUB's request for items of donation only for door prizes for their upcoming fundraisers for 2024, each donation not to exceed \$75 in value
- ⇒ Council sent a letter of congratulations to the Ashcroft HUB for being recipient of Canada's Volunteer Award for "Social Innovator" for BC North through the Government of Canada—Employment and Social Development Canada
- ⇒ Council sent a letter to Interior Health congratulating New Chair, Dr. Robert Halpenny, and two new board members William Gerrand and Bonnie Pearson on their appointments to the IH Board
- ⇒ Council approved the following Spring intake of 2024 Grant In Aid Applications:
 1. Ashcroft 4-H Club—\$500
 2. South Cariboo Sportsmen Association—\$500
 3. WRAPS—\$500
 4. South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society—\$200
plus a Season Family Pool Pass valued at \$175
- ⇒ Council authorized the Village of Ashcroft to engage in a collaborative initiative with the TNRD and participating municipalities to secure a consultant for the updating of Ashcroft's Housing Needs Report, in accordance with the province's mandated requirement by the end of 2024

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

ASHCROFT

MUSEUM

OPENS

MAY 6, 2024

Monday to Friday

9am to 4pm



*The Village is pleased to present: "Movies Filmed in Ashcroft & Area"
~ A new exhibit at the Ashcroft Museum. May 6, 2024 at 10 am ~*

PUBLIC MEETING RE-CAP— HELD MARCH 27, 2024

Council hosted a public meeting where residents were invited to come out and learn about emergency management and response, changes to the TNRD environmental services bylaw and recycled product restriction to be imposed, 2024 – 2026 strategic priorities for the Village, and water conservation measures. In addition to these topics, attendees were invited to ask questions or make comments to Council without limitation. There were over 40 residents in attendance to engage with the presenters, staff and most of all Council.

Council believes the meeting was a success, many questions were asked and answered as well as concerns raised for future consideration. If you missed the meeting, it was livestreamed by the Hub Online Network and the recording can be found on their YouTube channel.

Highlights of the evening include:

- A review of the core values identified in the strategic plan which will guide Council and staff over the next two and a half years.
- Water conservation measures and river levels affecting the village water distribution supply including discussion of a potential Stage 2 water restriction commencing May 1st.
- Emergency preparedness – Mike Knauff from the TNRD provided an overview of Emergency Management processes and operation centres noting what can you do to be prepared? Be sure to include cash, medicine, insurance info, in your go bag and keep your fuel tank relatively full. .
- Clarification was provided by Emily Branch from the TNRD regarding the new TNRD Environmental Service Bylaw, along with a comprehensive overview of items now prohibited for disposal in regular garbage collection .

Stay Connected:

For those who missed the meeting, the recording is available on the Hub Online Network's YouTube channel.



**STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTION
IN EFFECT**

Effective May 1, 2024 the Village of Ashcroft will be moving to an immediate STAGE 2 water restriction.

This restriction will be observed in all parks and public areas, except for the Cemetery.

At this time, business owners may continue to operate as usual, but must follow the watering restrictions.

Council appreciates your cooperation in adhering to the water usage regulations outlined in the by-law.

Even civic address — Wednesdays and Saturdays

Odd civic address — Thursdays and Sundays

Daily hand watering of gardens, flowers, shrubs, and trees is permitted.

**LEGACY PARK
CAMPGROUND
OPENS MAY 1, 2024**

**Reservations can be made
by emailing:**

ashcroftlegacypark@gmail.com



2024

**Upcoming Council
Meetings**

**Apr. 8 Community Forum
5:00 pm—Council Chambers**

**April 8 Regular 6:00 pm
Apr. 22 Regular 6:00 pm**

**May 13 Regular 6:00 pm
May 27 Regular 6:00 pm**

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

**HIRING STUDENTS FOR
THE 2024 SUMMER SEASON!**

- * **Head Lifeguard**
- * **Swim Instructor**
- * **Lifeguards**
- * **Museum**



Contact the Village Office for more details:

250-453-9161

Or check out our website:

www.ashcroftbc.ca/employment

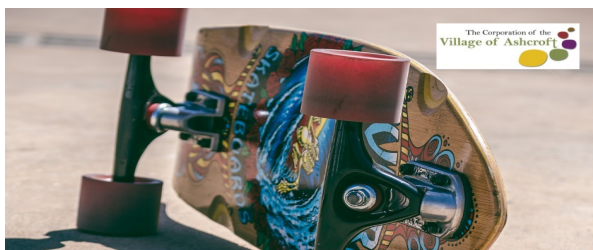
FireSmart

With the Village’s Spring Clean up approaching and the forecast predicting a very dry spring/summer, it’s a great time for residents to take proactive measures to make their properties FireSmart as we approach warmer weather and the summer season.

The Village has applied for FireSmart funding to begin the implementation of a community FireSmart program. Implementation of the program if approved for funding will include: hiring a FireSmart Coordinator who will be responsible for public education and engagement, development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), assess all village property and critical infrastructure to ensure ongoing essential service provision during a wildfire event and assist residents with private property assessments and mitigation efforts.

In the meantime, if you wish to be proactive in protecting your property, feel free to drop by our office to pick up your free “FireSmart Begins at Home Guide”.

As the Village waits to move forward with the program, please be aware that the Bylaw Officer will be out and about the community assessing properties that are unsightly and have obvious fire risk to the community. Specifically, he will be looking for dead cedars, shrubs and trees, long dry grass and unkempt vacant lots and improperly stored ignitable items such as old propane tanks. Please help us mitigate fire risk by prospecting your home which in turn protects the neighbourhood.



**Ashcroft's Skateboard Park
is officially open for the
season.**