



COUNCIL NEWS

Council has been in office for just over 6 months and accomplished a lot of legislative things like adopting a Code of Conduct, Five Year Financial Plan (aka budget) and the Tax Rate Bylaw with these items finalized, Council will be shifting to strategic planning and reinstating some of the working groups.

Council values community consultation; therefore, as Council moves forward with Strategic planning, this years process will include resident participation enabling opportunity for public input towards priority issues and projects. A date has not yet been determined for this session. Please watch the LED sign, public notice boards and social media sites for the meeting date.

The Economic Development and Tourism as well as Water to AIB working groups are ongoing and the Heritage Park working group will be reactivated in the near future, but may require change in scope to include the Mesa Park.

The Fire Hall project is moving forward HVAC and drywall are being installed and exterior materials selection is ongoing. The Fire Department members will be glad to have the renovation completed later this fall and get back to an organized fire hall!

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VOYENT ALERT

Stay current and alert with important information being sent by the Village! We can help you register if you require assistance. Feel free to contact the Village office at (250) 453-9161 and we can arrange to get you registered remotely. You can receive Alerts via, Text Message, Phone call (Cell and landline), email and through the Voyent Alert App. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like extreme weather, fires or floods, etc. The service can also be used to communicate important information updates regarding local events and services.



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Email, SMS or Voice Dial Users
 Register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts at <https://register.voyent-alert.com>

PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax notices have been sent out and this year taxes are due July 17th. You can pay your taxes by stopping in at the office, mailing a cheque or paying them at your financial institution.

Please be sure to go online and claim your Home Owners Grant (HOG) or stop by Service BC and they ladies will be happy to help you claim the appropriate grant!

If payment is received after July 17th a penalty of 10% is applied.

ALL OPEN BURNING & CAMPFIRE BAN

The Kamloops Fire Centre has issued an all open burning and campfire ban for the region effective noon Thursday June 8, 2023. Campfires are prohibited in Ashcroft until further notice or October 13, 2023.

Provincial orders supersede municipal bylaws and Ashcroft's Outdoor Burning Bylaw No. 849, 2022 supports provincial fire bans under Section F, iii which states:

"Campfires are permitted all year around unless a campfire ban has been implemented by the Village or the Ministry of Forests. "

In addition to open fires being prohibited, the following activities and equipment are also restricted:

- Fireworks;
- Sky Lanterns;
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description;
- Binary Exploding Targets;
- Air curtain burners;
- Tiki and similar kind of torches; and,
- Chimineas.



We appreciate your compliance with the burning ban both inside the Village boundaries and when you are elsewhere enjoying the outdoors. Let's all do our part to keep our forests green and our communities protected from wildfire.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The Village continues to seek volunteers for Board of Variance and Accessibility Advisory Committee members! These are not time consuming commitments but will make a huge difference to the community.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees please contact the village office at 250-453-9161 or email ea@ashcroftbc.ca. For the Accessibility Advisory Committee some restrictions apply: you must be persons with disabilities, or individuals who support, or are from organizations that support persons with disabilities

ONGOING STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Stage 2 water restrictions remain in effect until further notice. The extremely high turbidity this year was the initial cause for the water restriction and although turbidity levels are decreasing and much more manageable the damage is done.

Currently we are operating with the backup submersible pump which pumps at 70 litres/second. The pump is able to supply ample water to meet the current demand and provide sustainable water flow for fire suppression purposes. Typically the water treatment plant (WTP) is supplied by two submersible pumps that are housed in a screened cage in the river and are capable of pumping 110 litres/second. The pumps alternate at intervals each supplying water to the WTP. This years run off seems to have clogged the screens that protect the pumps from pumping too much silt into the plant which is why we are operating on the back up pump. Due to current flows, divers are unable to go into the river to check the screens, as such, public works staff is problem solving with our engineers to determine a solution. In the meantime, we remain on stage 2 restrictions until further notice.

The increased turbidity levels we have witnessed over the last few years due to weather pattern changes and climate change were not anticipated during the WTP planning, design, and construction. Some mitigation efforts have been implemented to reduce stress on the WTP but we have not ironed out all the issues; however, we are doing all that we can to resolve the issue. The Village realizes this is not ideal and we do ask for your ongoing patience and cooperation while we continue to work towards a permanent solution. As the crew continues to problem solve and resolve the pump issues and we are able to reduce the water restrictions to a Stage 1 we will advise the public via Voyent Alert, LED sign, social media, website and public posting boards.

POOL & HOT TUB OPEN

June 3rd marked the opening of the Ashcroft Pool! We are excited to welcome back Nancy, Julia, Willow, River, Lena, Vana, Carmen and Hannah! The pool is open Wednesday—Sunday 12:00—8:00 pm. For a detailed schedule visit: <https://ashcroftbc.ca/ashcroft-pool/>. Current sessions include: lessons, public swim, lane swim, aqua fit and limited private pool rentals are also available.

June 7th marked the long awaited opening of the HOT TUB! The hot tub replacement has been an ongoing project for years with many setbacks and hurdles to overcome. We are please to have the pool operating at full capacity with all infrastructure operational. We hope you enjoy a relaxing soak in the hot tub after your swim.

(Photo Credit Barbara Roden—Hot tub, pool unknown)



2023 Events & Meetings

Council Meetings

May 23 - 6:00 pm

June 12 - 6:00 pm

June 26 - 6:00 pm

Ashcroft Pool

June 3 Opening!