



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met November 8th and 27th. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Cpl. Denise Benfeld of the Ashcroft RCMP appeared before Council providing a policing update
- ⇒ Al Midgley, President of Bonaparte Watershed Society appeared before Council presenting his concerns regarding the Bonaparte Watershed and ongoing flooding situation. He is seeking grants available and other funding options
- ⇒ BC Dragit Challenge 2024 (BC's only Drag n Drive event) will be coming to Ashcroft June 23, 2024; they have requested a Railway Ave. road closure from 4pm to 8pm to host the event
- ⇒ Council approved a donation of \$1000 to Ashcroft's Christmas Hamper Fund
- ⇒ Council forwarded a letter of support to the Historic Hat Creek Ranch for an RFP to continue as operators of the site
- ⇒ Mayor Roden commented on the Ashcroft Honour Ranch's recent win of a customized Land Rover
- ⇒ Chris Rottluff of Dawson Road Maintenance appeared before Council & introduced Mohamed Hasani as the new Quality Manager for the area; as well he their winter program maintenance
- ⇒ Council approved a review of the current Ashcroft "Wellness Awaits You" brand during Strategic Planning and consider rebranding as a strategic priority
- ⇒ CFO Bhalla provided Council with a brief review of the Village's current financial position highlighting challenges, successes, and the inflationary impacts

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

COUNCIL INVITES PUBLIC INPUT FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

Council has completed the preliminary portion of the strategic plan and is inviting residents to join them Wednesday December 6th—6:00 pm at the Community Hall for a "World Café" format evening to hear what your priorities are for Ashcroft over the next 3 years and onward.

Strategic planning is the process by which Council determines what it intends Ashcroft to be in the future and how it will get there. The plan will outline the long-term goals and strategies for the village providing a roadmap for Council and staff to follow as priorities are implemented, funding is sourced and budgets are developed.

Please join us and let your voice be heard!



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The AAC is also seeking community input in regards to the accessibility of public spaces in Ashcroft. Public spaces being considered are only those owned by the Village.

Accessibility for this project includes mobility, sensory, cognitive and inclusivity.

The AAC will have a table set up at the Strategic Planning session and hopes you will stop and share your thoughts, concerns and ideas for change. Committee members will be there to ask questions and will have a survey you can complete at the session, or take home.

BUDGET SEASON

CFO Bhalla is preparing for preliminary budget discussions with Council. Once strategic priorities are identified Council will be able to move forward with the budget process.

As always, Council and staff strive to keep budget increases low to minimize the impact on property taxation. In addition, the Village seeks grant funding sources whenever possible to provide opportunities for the municipality without the additional burden to the taxpayer. Stay tuned for updates!



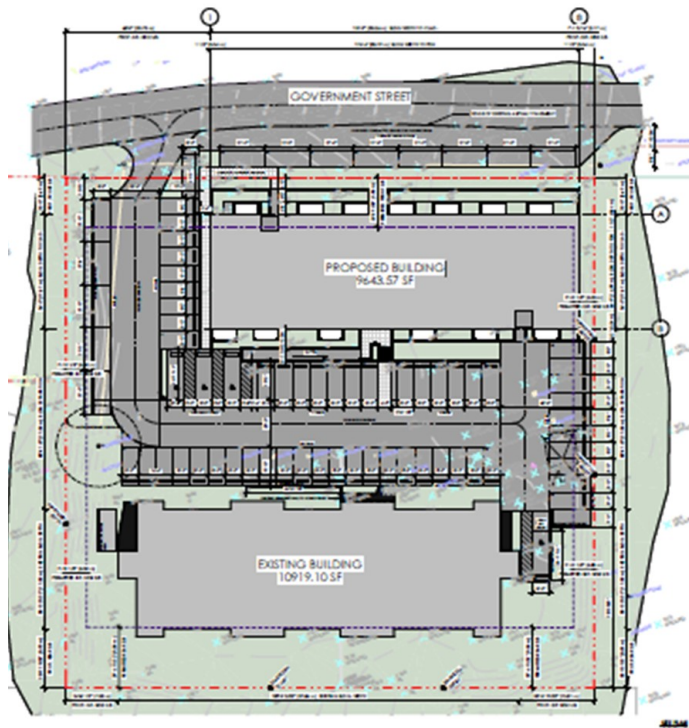
SANTA MADNESS!
DECEMBER 1st
Shop Local! Spend \$50
at any Ashcroft Business on December 1st,
bring your valid receipt
to the Village Office to
enter a draw for a gift basket.





PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

At the November 27th Regular Meeting, Council approved first and second reading of OCP and Zoning amendment bylaw to allow a second apartment complex to be constructed at 1500 Government St. The amendment bylaws increase the density on the lot to allow the additional 37 unit complex. In addition to the bylaw amendments, a variance will also be considered to reduce the front and side parcel setbacks and reduce parking stall requirement to 1 stall per unit.



PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing will be held January 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers for those affected by this development. Literature will be forwarded to all property owners within a 100m radius as per the Development Bylaw requirements.

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Remembering

Fire Chief Brian Henderson

Who served the community for 25 years in the Fire Department rising through the ranks and becoming Chief in 2006.

His dedication and commitment to the community will never be forgotten and our sincere condolences are extended to his family.

2023 Council Meetings

Dec .11—6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1 Santa Parade
6:00 pm

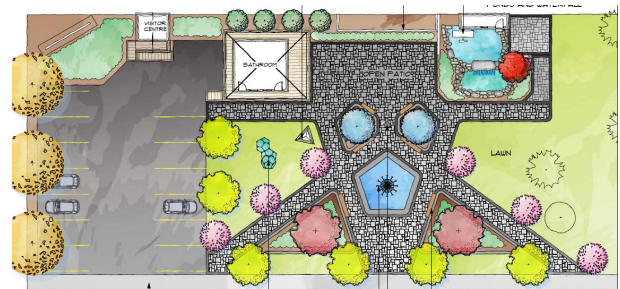
Dec. 2 Ashcroft HUB's
Christmas Market
10:00 am—2:00 pm

Dec. 6 STRATEGIC
PLANNING PUBLIC
MEETING
6:00 PM

OTHER EXCITING HAPPENINGS

Grant applications are being submitted to refurbish both Heritage and Mesa Park. At Heritage Park the front half of the park is being redesigned to be more accessible and event friendly while Mesa Park is getting an entire overhaul and will be completely accessible and inclusive with pathways and seating areas to relax and visit. Below are design images that the grant applications are based on. IF approved for funding we expect to move the projects forward in 2024 /2025 dependant on contractor availability.

Heritage Park



Mesa Park

