



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Cooler evenings are upon us as we transition to Fall. Council met September 11th. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- ⇒ Delegation Abigail Symes appeared before Council via zoom. She outlined the desperate need for women’s shelters in small communities. The closest to Ashcroft is Kamloops and closest north of Ashcroft is Williams Lake. Ms. Symes has approached several small communities and First Nations bands about this service. Council will consider her request at their next meeting.
- ⇒ BC Hydro staff appeared as a delegation presenting 3 potential locations for EV Fast Charger Stations in Ashcroft—favouring space at the north end of Heritage Park.
- ⇒ Bylaw No. 845, Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw was adopted. The fine schedule is now enacted and tickets can be issued for non-compliant property owners.
- ⇒ The 2022 Annual Report was approved and is available on our website.
- ⇒ The Ashcroft Farmers Market’s request to change the road closure on October 22 to 11:30 am—6:00 pm to host the Halloween-themed Farmers Market for the close of the season was approved.
- ⇒ Grant in Aid requests from South Cariboo Sportsmen Association, the Ashcroft and Area Community Resource Society and the HUB were each approved for \$500.

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

COUNCIL ATTENDS UBCM CONFERENCE

Each year Council attends the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention to lobby the provincial government on issues Ashcroft is facing, network with fellow elected officials from around the province, participate in sessions and panel discussion and vote on resolutions being brought forward for delegate consideration. This year’s theme “balancing act” aims to balance the priorities ahead and craft plans that create impact in our communities, while acknowledging these plans are undoubtedly set in an environment of uncertainty. Many households brace as the impacts of inflation settle in, and stresses around housing affordability and attainability mount. Local governments also feel this strain as they balance tight budgets and limited resources alongside community growth. In the face of these urgent challenges, constituents continue to expect the ideals of good governance front and center—strong financial stewardship, transparency, and accountability. In addition, to attending sessions with topics such as Fire Risk Reduction, Building Homes, Building Communities, Bypassing Barriers, Building Economic Resilience, Preparing for Future Wildfires, Modernizing Emergency Management, and many more; Council met with Ministry staff from the Ministry of Housing, Forest and Environment. Regrettably, Council's meeting with the Minister of Health was cancelled. Council participated in the Small Talk Forum where Mayor Barbara Roden and CAO Daniela Dyck were invited to join Heather Deegan from IHA to participate as panelists to discuss how Ashcroft implemented the Heat Alert Response System in partnership with IHA and Health Canada. Below are images of Council throughout the week.





WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Council and Village staff would like to send a shout out to all water users in the village for participating and helping us reach our goal of reducing water consumption by 30%. Water consumption has been on target or better since end of August. From August 12 to 29 indicates lower consumption but not meeting the 30% threshold. and we tracked at a steady rate of We realize that the water conservation may not impact the water flowing by but it did reduce the stress on the Water Treatment Plant. (WTP) As you can see, the Thompson River water levels are very low , and last years low water caused many issues for the pumps that supply water to the WTP which initiated the purchase of a third submersible pump that can be placed deeper into the river. Council and Staff are monitoring the situation and have plans in place to mitigate the low water levels and provide continuous water to you throughout the low water conditions.

LED SIGN

If you are planning an event that is open to the public and benefits the community or are a non profit notifying residents of registration among other things; don't forget to promote your event on the Village LED Sign. Stop by or call the office for details.

Date	Average Consumption (24hrs)	% dec
September 28	2962.1	-43%
September 27	2858.0	-45%
September 26	2841.8	-46%
September 25	3291.2	-37%
September 24	3282.1	-37%
September 23	2899.8	-45%
September 22	3043.8	-42%
September 21	2953.4	-44%
September 20	2806.6	-46%
September 19	2861.8	-45%

Above: Water conservation stats from Village website

2023 Council Meetings

- Oct. 10—6:00 pm
- Oct. 23—6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6 Arena Opens
- Oct. 15 Farmers Market 8:30am-1:00pm
- Oct. 22 Spooktacular Farmers Market 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Oct. 29 Koppers Free Halloweens Skate 3:30pm-5:00pm

FOSTER FAMILY MONTH

Since 1990, October has been declared a time to celebrate and honour the caregivers in our communities across British Columbia who make the unconditional commitment to protect and care for some of our most vulnerable children and youth.



TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY

Council was pleased to present a Dream Catcher in honour of Truth and Reconciliation to Chief and Council of the Ashcroft Indian Band. The school coordinated a community walk followed by a lovely lunch at AIB brought both communities together to remember, share a meal, stories and learn a little more about First nation Culture. Thank You AIB!

REMINDER

'TIS THE SEASON! PLEASE BEAR PROOF YOUR PROPERTY



BYLAW UPDATE

Council adopted the Notice of Enforcement By-law which enables the Bylaw Officer to ticket non-compliant property owners or residents. Of course, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer always works towards voluntary compliance and ticketing will only be used as a last resort. For more information regarding fines, please visit the Village website at <https://ashcroftbc.ca/bylaws-and-policies/> to view the Bylaw No. 845.

On another note, to all those residents that are heeding Fire Chief White's advise and removing the cedar hedges, THANK YOU! You are part of the solution towards Fire Smarting our community. For more Fire Smart information stop by the village office or visit: www.firesmartbc.ca