

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met December 9th, January 13th & 27th. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Council welcomed Brendan Dawe, VP of Housing & Economics with Urbanics Consultants to give a presentation of Housing Needs Report. Brendan discussed the methodology used for housing needs assessments in the Thompson Region;
- ⇒ Council adopted the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment from Urbanics and directed staff to develop an implementation strategy based on the recommendations outlined in the CAO's Key Findings and Recommendations Report;
- ⇒ Council approved the following amended policies: Procurement Policy, Signing Authorities on Village Bank Accounts Policy, and Long Service Awards Policy;
- ⇒ Bylaw No. 872, Village of Ashcroft Dog Control and Pound Operation Amendment Bylaw, 2024 was given three readings at the Dec. 9/24 Council meeting and final adoption at the Jan. 13/25 meeting. Dog license fees will now be lifetime of the dog;
- ⇒ Bylaw No. 873, Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw was also given three readings at the Dec. 9/24 Council meeting and final adoption at the Jan. 13/25 meeting, reflecting the new dog license fees;
- ⇒ Council approved the Ashcroft Hospice Society's request to install a Wind Phone in the Ashcroft Cemetery; the Village will assume ownership and responsibility for its upkeep after construction is complete;
- ⇒ Council approved an application to the BC Water Meter Pilot Project which provides 100% funding of eligible costs to purchase and install water meters up to a maximum of \$5 million;
- ⇒ Council has directed staff to prepare a Good Neighbour Bylaw to be brought to Council for consideration;
- ⇒ CAO Dyck advised OCP and Zoning bylaw updates are underway;
- ⇒ CFO Bhalla did a PowerPoint presentation of the 2024 Financial Year End Review;
- ⇒ Fire Chief White submitted his 2024 Ashcroft Fire Rescue (AFR) Year End Report;
- ⇒ SILGA (Southern Interior Local Government Association) has put out 2025 Call for Community Excellence Awards, Call for Nominations and Call for Resolutions;
- ⇒ Council approved the donation of the Community Hall to the Ashcroft & District Health Care Auxiliary for the Thrift Shop's Annual Christmas Sale in November 2025;
- ⇒ Council approved the donation of the Community Hall to the Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society for the Christmas Hamper Drive in December 2025;
- ⇒ Mayor Roden and guest will attend the 158th Clinton Annual Ball representing the Village of Ashcroft.

### Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:**

Barbara Roden

**Councillors:**

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

### OCP & Zoning Bylaw updates are underway.

The Village hosted one public meeting and one workshop on January 28 and 29 respectively.

Additionally we received almost 100 survey responses from community members.

All of this input will be used to guide the discussions and development of the new by-laws.

STAY TUNED for more opportunities later this spring for community involvement.

## NEW 15-MINUTE PARKING ON 3RD STREET

If you've been on **3rd Street** recently, you may have noticed the installation of new **15-minute parking signs**. These changes were made at the request of local businesses to better serve customers who need to make quick stops for purchases. The goal is to improve accessibility and ensure that short-term visitors can conveniently access nearby shops.

We kindly ask that those needing to park for **longer durations** be mindful of these new limits and seek alternative parking options. By doing so, you are helping businesses provide better service to their patrons and keeping traffic flowing smoothly.

We recognize that parking on **3rd Street is limited**, and as one of Ashcroft's busiest side streets, finding long-term solutions is a priority. This issue will be reviewed as part of the upcoming **Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw updates**, where potential improvements will be explored.

In the meantime, we **appreciate your cooperation and support** as you shop locally. Thank you for helping us create a more accessible and business-friendly downtown!



## VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be considered by Council twice per year at the first Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting March 10th and September 8th.

Grants in Aid support non-profit societies/organizations or individuals representing the community at provincial or national events. The funding is not guaranteed from year to year, to encourage organizations to strive for financial independence. And no single Grant in Aid will exceed \$500 or 25% of the proposed budget for the event.

**First Intake: Application deadline is February 28, 2025 for projects that will be completed by September 15, 2025 to be considered.**

**Second Intake: Application deadline is August 31, 2025 for projects that will be completed by March 15, 2026 to be considered.**

Documentation to be included with your application:

- ⇒ Latest Financial Statement
- ⇒ Budget Summary
- ⇒ Project Budget
- ⇒ Annual Report (if available)
- ⇒ If you need help completing the application, please reach out to our Grant Writer at The HUB



Forms are available at: [www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms](http://www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms)

### 2025

#### Upcoming Council Meetings

Feb. 10 Regular 6:00 pm

Feb. 24 Regular 6:00 pm

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Mar. 10 COTW 5:00 pm

Mar. 10 Regular 6:00 pm

Mar. 24 Regular 6:00 pm

#### SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON!

- Are you a student or young adult looking for seasonal employment?
- Are you a certified life-guard or instructor?
- Do you enjoy historic items or events?
- Do you like yard and maintenance work?
- Are you interested in joining our team?

The Village will be hiring life-guards, swim instructors, museum assistant and parks and recreation labourers for the public works department.

We look forward to receiving your resume!

STAY TUNED:

Postings coming soon to the Village website!



## 2025 BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Your project may be eligible for a 50% rebate up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2025 or when funding runs out.

- Exterior Lighting (new but not replacement)
- Exterior architectural features
- Exterior surfaces and details (decorative details, moldings, trims, etc.)
- Windows (Please see guidelines for details)
- New Siding
- Façade Painting (including murals and mosaics)
- Entrances and doorways ( please see guidelines for details)
- Awnings
- Signage (affixed to the building)
- Wayfinding signage (please see guidelines for details)
- Accessibility improvements (please see guidelines for details)
- Patios- case by case approval



Program guidelines and application form can be found online at  
[www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms](http://www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms)