

WATER METER OPPORTUNITY

The Village is taking an important step towards water metering, with an exciting opportunity to apply for grant funding that will cover nearly 100% of the program, including purchasing and installing meters. But why should we implement water meters? Here's why:

1. **Fair Billing:** With meters, residents only pay for the water they actually use, ensuring a fair and transparent billing process.
2. **Encourages Conservation:** Tracking water use makes it easier for households to identify waste and adopt water-saving habits, benefiting both their wallets and the environment.
3. **Early Leak Detection:** Water meters can help spot leaks quickly, saving water and preventing costly damage.
4. **Protects Our Future:** By conserving water now, we can ensure a reliable supply for future generations and reduce strain on water systems.
5. **Supports Sustainability:** Metering lowers water use, reduces waste, and helps protect the environment by minimizing the energy and resources needed for water treatment and distribution.
6. **Community Awareness:** Water meters promote understanding of how we use water, encouraging everyone to value and protect this vital resource.

If we are approved for the funding this opportunity makes it the perfect time to bring water metering to our Village, helping us build a fairer, more sustainable future together.

Village of Ashcroft

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Barbara Roden

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Jonah Anstett

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ASHCROFT OCP AND ZONING BYLAW UPDATE

The Village of Ashcroft is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw, essential tools that guide the community's future. This process, running through 2025, will include input from residents to reflect local needs and aspirations.

What is the OCP?

The Official Community Plan sets a vision for Ashcroft's future, covering land use, economic growth, environmental care, heritage, and more. It outlines areas for housing, businesses, and natural spaces, and provides guidelines for development, especially downtown.

What is the Zoning Bylaw?

The Zoning Bylaw turns the OCP's vision into rules, specifying where and how land can be used, including building sizes, placement, and design.

Why Update Now?

Since the last update in 2018, new laws and community changes require action:

- **Provincial Laws:** Updates must meet 2023 housing legislation by December 2025.
- **Downtown Growth:** Support easier development while preserving Ashcroft's heritage.
- **Aging Population:** Respond to trends highlighted in the 2021 census.

How to Get Involved

- **Survey:** Available online and at Village office starting January 7, 2025.
- **Events:** Attend the January 28 open house and downtown planning session.
- **Feedback:** Share thoughts on the bylaw drafts at a late summer open house.

Timeline

The update runs throughout 2025, including community input, drafting, and final approval. Help shape Ashcroft's future! Visit the Village website or contact the Village office for updates.



WELCOME TO 2025: A YEAR OF GROWTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT!

As we step into a brand-new year, it's remarkable to think that 25 years have passed since the Y2K scare, when we all held our breath over the possibility of a technology meltdown. Fast forward to today, and technology has become more integral to our daily lives than ever, evolving at a breathtaking pace.

This year, we're embarking on several exciting projects in Ashcroft, with more in the pipeline pending grant funding. Leading the way is the update to our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws. This is a vital step in shaping the future growth and land use planning of our community. Your voice matters—please join us and share your thoughts as we chart Ashcroft's path forward. These bylaws will also align with new legislation requiring updates every five years.

On the infrastructure front, we aim to secure a grant to twin the North Ashcroft Reservoir. This project will boost water capacity, support potential developments, and strengthen fire suppression efforts—a crucial step for our growing community.

Another major initiative for 2025 is becoming a FireSmart community. The devastating wildfires in California remind us of the importance of proactive measures. Alongside launching FireSmart principles, we'll conduct a thorough review of our Emergency Plan, update it to meet new requirements, and train staff in emergency operations to ensure we're ready to respond effectively in a crisis.

As we kick off this promising year, we wish you love, laughter, health, and prosperity. Let's make 2025 a year of progress, resilience, and community spirit in Ashcroft!

ATTENTION NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN ASHCROFT

Are you a non-profit organization in the Village of Ashcroft seeking funding for a project? We're here to help!

Did you know that the Village contracts The HUB admin staff as our dedicated community grant writer? That means your organization can access their assistance to write grant applications **for free!**

How It Works

- **Have a Project in Mind?** Great! Come prepared with details about the funding you wish to apply for, as well as key project information like costs and quotes, if applicable.
- **Not Sure What's Available?** No problem! The HUB can assist you in exploring funding opportunities that may be available for your project.

This service is made possible through annual grant funding the Village receives from the **Northern Development Initiative Trust**, as well as contributions from the Village itself.

Why Use This Service?

Grant writing expertise can be hard to find, and we've made it easy and accessible for our local non-profits. By utilizing this resource, you can secure funding to make your organization – and our community – even better!

Take advantage of this opportunity to bring your projects to life and make a positive impact in Ashcroft.

For more information or to get started, contact The HUB admin team today.

Together, let's build a stronger community!

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2025
Upcoming Council Meetings

Jan. 27 Regular 6:00 pm
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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



Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Update

Senior's Discussion

TUESDAY, JAN 28 at 11:00
SENIOR'S CENTRE, 601 BANCROFT ST.

Please come and share your input on the future of Ashcroft

