



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
REGULAR AGENDA
 FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF
 THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

Please be advised that the HUB Online Network will record and broadcast or live stream today's Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 13, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 13, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5
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3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Retroactive Request to Waive Ice Time and Liability Insurance Purpose: The purpose of this Council Report is to seek retroactive approval from the Council for the donation of ice time and waiver of liability insurance for the Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game, which took place on January 25, 2025, at the Drylands Arena. M/S <i>THAT, Council retroactively approves the donation of ice time for the Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game and a two-hour practice</i>	P. 6-8



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	<i>session at Drylands Arena; and waive the liability insurance for the event providing liability under the Village policy.</i>	
FOR INFORMATION		

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS



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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	<p>CAO Report – Closed Meeting January 13, 2025 – Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to release closed meeting resolutions to the public, promoting transparency and fostering trust between the local government and the residents of Ashcroft. M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, the Release of the Closed Meeting Resolutions staff report dated January 13, 2025, be presented at the Regular Meeting of Council on January 27, 2025, to facilitate the public release of the following Closed Meeting Resolutions, ensuring transparency in local Government and Council operations:</i></p> <p><i>C-2024-12 – THAT, Council authorizes Kris Hardy to bid on behalf of the municipality for folio: 503-00024.000 up to 90% of Assessed Value of \$216,700 or \$195,030 if the property is listed for sale in the 2024 Tax Sale.</i></p> <p><i>C-2024-13 – THAT, Council supports Ashcroft's ongoing participation in the Gold Country Communities Society Geocache program at an annual cost of \$1300.00.</i></p> <p><i>C-2024-14 – THAT, Council approves the addition of the proposed Equipment Operator 3 (Renamed Maintenance Operator as per PW/CUPE request) position to the Collective Agreement, under the terms negotiated with the union. This measure will help ensure that the Public Works Department is staffed with qualified individuals capable of fulfilling the Village's operation needs</i></p>	P. 23-24
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14. ADJOURNMENT



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PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement - Zoom
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED:

Media – 1
Public – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, January 13, 2025, to order at 6:04 pm

“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 9, 2024 M/S Ansett / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 9, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-01

3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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No comments or questions were received from the public.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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5.1	Bylaw No. 872 – The Village of Ashcroft Dog Control and Pound Operation Amendment Bylaw, 2024 M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, Bylaw No. 872, The Village of Ashcroft Dog Control and Pound Operation Amendment Bylaw, 2024 be adopted.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-02
5.2	Bylaw No. 873 – The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw, 2024 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, Bylaw No. 873, The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw, 2024 be adopted.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-03

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CFO Report – Application for Water Meter Pilot Project Purpose: The purpose of this report is to request Council to approve 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.</p> <p>M/S Lambert/ Clement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>THAT, the municipality commits to pay the applicant share of eligible costs, ineligible costs, cost overruns and ongoing operating and other costs associated with water metering with funding secured through adequate municipal reserves and appropriate tax increases necessary to fully fund the service; and</i> • <i>THAT, Council commits appropriate staff to actively participate in the adjunct research pilot project and community of practice; and further,</i> • <i>THAT, Council commits to provide information, including but not limited to water production and consumption data, to the research project administrator in the format and data interval specified by the Ministry.</i> <p>Discussion: Comments in favour of the project as it reduces water consumption and encourage better water stewardship. Comment that water metering will be mandated in the future, and this is an opportunity to implement the project on our terms with grant funding and minimal impact to the Village budget. Water modelling indicates we are nearing our current water treatment capacity; metering may reduce the possibility of capital improvements at the WTP. Water Master Plan drafted in 2010 addresses water metering; this aligns our practices to the Master Plan.</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-04
6.2	<p>BEO Report – Development of a Good Neighbour Bylaw Purpose:</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-05



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	<p>This purpose of this report is to provide Council with a rationale as to why a Good Neighbour Bylaw should be developed, what the bylaw should include and seek Council approval to draft the bylaw.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council direct staff to prepare a Good Neighbour Bylaw to be brought back for consideration.</i></p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Verbal OCP and Zoning Bylaw update</p> <p>CAO Dyck noted the OCP and Zoning bylaw updates are underway with the first public engagement sessions scheduled for Jan 28th and 29th. Seeing the devastation the wildfires are causing in California reinforces the need for FireSmart principles to be included in the bylaws.</p>	
6.4	<p>CFO Report – PowerPoint Presentation of 2024 Year End Financial Review</p> <p>CFO Bhalla presented Council with a comprehensive overview of Ashcroft’s financial performance for 2024 highlighting key accomplishments for the year aligning with strategic goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments – generated over \$300K which mitigated the \$150K cost overruns with the Fire Hall project. CFO Bhalla cautioned that next years interest rates will not achieve the same level of revenue. • Land acquisition of the North Ashcroft is finalizing. • Statutory compliance – preparing for the audit and associated reports • System Upgrades - Upgraded to Vadim Cloud and partnered with TNRD for GIS mapping services to meet NG911 requirements. <p>Challenges – Complete Communities and the updated Land Title System were challenges this year, but staff persevered demonstrating resilience and adaptability.</p> <p>Overall, CFO Bhalla showcased strong financial stewardship, strategic investments, and operational progress, positioning the organization for sustained success.</p> <p>Mayor Roden and Council members thanked CFO Bhalla for his comprehensive review noting the Villages finances are in very capable hands under CFO Bhalla’s guidance.</p>	
6.5	Chief White Report – 2024 AFR Year End Report	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>2025 SILGA Call for Community Excellence Awards</p> <p>Mayor Roden advised Council to take some time to consider possible nominations for excellence and bring them any suggestions back to Council and staff.</p>	



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7.2	2025 SILGA Call for Nominations Mayor Roden commented that any Councillor wishing to put their name forward to advise Council at the next meeting.	
7.3	2025 SILGA Call for Resolutions Mayor Roden noted that resolutions should have a global reach, and asked Council to bring suggestion forward.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.4	Village of Clinton – Opposition to Transit Regionalization	
7.5	UBCM - Canada Community Building Fund; Second Community Works Fund Payment for 2024/2025	
7.6	TNRD Member Municipality GIS Yearly Update	
7.7	TNFC – Visit Your Favourite Movie Spots with TNFC’s New Interactive Map	
7.8	Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) – Protecting Taxpayers from Overspending on Local Government Construction	
7.9	UBCM – 2023 Complete Communities – Comple Community Assessment for Ashcroft	
7.10	Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – January 1, 2025	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended TNRD Signing MOU with HBFN – followed by a C-2-C 	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	M/S Roden / Clement	
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	<i>THAT, Council moves to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:02pm

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday, January 13, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: January 27, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: Retroactive Request to Waive Ice Time and Liability Insurance

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council retroactively approves the donation of ice time for the Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game and a two-hour practice session at Drylands Arena; and waive the liability insurance for the event providing liability under the Village policy.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Council Report is to seek retroactive approval from the Council for the donation of ice time and waiver of liability insurance for the Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game, which took place on January 25, 2025, at the Drylands Arena.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Discussion

The Ashcroft Volunteer Fire Department and the Ashcroft RCMP organized the third annual Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game, a family-friendly community event aimed at raising funds for the Ashcroft Hub. While the administrative team had successfully booked the ice time for the event, it was discovered during insurance considerations that the Fire Chief had regrettably overlooked forwarding the formal request for Council approval in advance.

The attached letter from the Fire Chief, dated January 22, 2025, outlines the request for:

1. Donation of ice time for the event and a two-hour practice session.
2. Waiver of liability insurance requirements for the duration of the event.

Although the request is being presented retroactively, the event successfully fostered community engagement and supported a local cause, the HUB.

Conclusion

The Guns and Hoses Charity Hockey Game is a valuable tradition that benefits both the community and local initiatives. While administrative oversight delayed the request for Council's formal approval, the event was aligned with community values and supported by the necessary resources.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing



ASHCROFT FIRE RESCUE

NON EMERGENCY LANDLINE: 250-453-2233
NON EMERGENCY CELL: 250-457-0470
FAX: 250-453-2260

302 Railway Ave
PO BOX 129
EMAIL: firedept@ashcroftbc.ca

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

January 22, 2025

RE: Letter of request for donation of ice time at The Drylands Arena

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Ashcroft Fire Department and the Ashcroft RCMP are organizing their third annual Charity Hockey game at the Ashcroft Drylands Arena. The game will take place January 25 and is a fun family event for all ages.

We are asking for a donation of ice time for the game, one two hour practice and waving the liability insurance from 6-9pm on Saturday, January 25, 2025. This will be a fun-filled comedy evening among the first responders.

This year's fundraiser will be for the Ashcroft Hub.

On behalf of all first responders, we thank you for your consideration.

Kindest regards,

Joshua White
Fire Chief
Ashcroft Fire Rescue

Ashcroft & District Health Care Auxiliary

P.O. Box 356

Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

January 13, 2025

Mayor & Council

Village of Ashcroft

P.O. Box 129

Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor & Council:

We would like to request a donation from Council for the use of the Community Hall for the Thrift Shop Christmas Sale from November 12 - 16, 2025 and would ask that this includes the cost of the insurance involved.

Yours truly,

S. J. Holowchuk
Shirley Holowchuk, Secretary

ADHCA



Ashcroft & Area
Community Resources Society
P.O. Box 843
Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

January 13, 2025

Mayor & Council

Village of Ashcroft

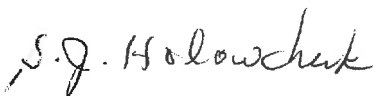
P.O. Box 129

Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor & Council:

As you are aware, the Ashcroft and Area Community Resource Society (CRS) acts as an umbrella organization for the Christmas Hamper Drive. We would like to request a donation from Council of the use of the Community Hall for the Hamper Drive this year from December 16 - 20, 2025 and would ask that this include the cost of the insurance involved.

Yours truly,



Shirley Holowchuk, Secretary

Community Resources Society



From: Dea Lewsaw <dea.lewsaw@bcruralhealth.org>
Sent: January 20, 2025 8:36 AM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: BCRHN 2025 Membership



Date: January 20th, 2025

Dear Barbara,

As we enter another promising year, we invite you to renew your membership with the BC Rural Health Network.

Your Role in Our Journey

Your support has been the foundation of our collective success. Together, we have made strides in improving the health and well-being of rural residents across British Columbia. As we look ahead, your continued involvement is more important than ever to sustain and grow our impact.

Renewing Your Membership

To renew your membership, please visit [BCRHN Membership Renewal](#). As a CRA-registered charity, we are pleased to now offer tax-deductible receipts for donations. Contributions beyond membership help us expand our reach and achieve our shared mission of equitable rural healthcare.

Stay Updated and Share Your Story

If you have not already, we encourage you to sign up for our [newsletter](#). It provides updates, resources, and opportunities to connect. Each month, we feature a "[Member of the Month](#)" to showcase the amazing work being done across our communities. If you would like to highlight your group, initiatives, or community activities, please contact us at info@bcruralhealth.org.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, your voice, ideas, and participation will shape our journey. Together, we can build a healthier, more resilient future for every rural resident in British Columbia. If you would like an invoice or if you would like us to enter your information in the system, please send me a message directly and I'll reach out. Thank you for being an essential part of our network.

Wishing you a fulfilling and successful 2025.

Yours in health and wellness,
Dea

Dea Lewsaw||She/Her||Community Outreach|| **BC Rural Health Network** ||

Cell: 250-463-3805

<https://bcruralhealth.org/>|| [✉dea.lewsaw@bcruralhealth.org](mailto:dea.lewsaw@bcruralhealth.org)||

The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.

The BCRHN is grateful to live, work, and be in relation with people from across many traditional and unceded homelands, covering all regions of British Columbia. We are honoured to live on this land and are committed to reconciliation, decolonization, and building relationships in our communities.

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Sent: January 23, 2025 11:47 AM

Subject: Input Needed for New Geocaching Tour Locations in Gold Country

Hi!

I hope this message finds you well. As part of our efforts to create a new and engaging geocaching tour in Gold Country, we are in the process of selecting sites for the caches in each community. Since this is a collaborative project, your input is invaluable to ensure we highlight locations that best represent our region's charm and history.

It was suggested we outline the previous and possible locations to help everyone brainstorm ideas for new spots.

Here is a list of the previous cache locations:

Previous Cache Locations:

1. **Ashcroft Mesa** – Inukshuk Walking Trail
2. **Harper's Grist Mill** – Elm St
3. **Prickly Pear Cactus** – Mesa Vista Drive
4. **Old Fire Hall** – The Old Fire Hall
5. **Journal and Museum** – Puzzle Cache that Leads to Fire Hall
6. **BX Express** – Downtown by Fields
7. **St. Albans Church** – St Albans Church
8. **Ashcroft Indian Band** – Off Cornwall Rd
9. **Ashcroft Manor** – Across the Highway from the Manor

In addition to the previous locations, we have identified several potential areas that could be included:

Possible Areas:

1. Canoe Planter
2. Library
3. Legacy Campground
4. Chinese Cemetery

We'd love to hear everyone's thoughts on the following:

- Are there other locations in Ashcroft that could be suitable (no private businesses or schools)?
- Do you feel the list of locations are suitable? Should any be replaced?
- Do you have any preferences or feedback on the suggested additional areas?

We'd love to hear your thoughts to help make this new geocaching tour something amazing for both visitors and locals. Let us know your ideas and feedback by February 28th so we can have a draft completed in time for a geocaching meeting in March.

Thank you for your time and input. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Kat Chatten,

Managing Director



Gold Country Communities Society acknowledges that we provide services within the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Nlaka'pamux, Secwepemc, St'át'imc, Syilx and Tsilhqot'in Nations.



CONNECTING THE DOTS

COLLABORATION . INNOVATION . RESILIENCE

MAY 12-15, 2025 ● ● ● PENTICTON

IN-PERSON CONFERENCE
3 KEYNOTES
20+ BREAKOUTS
 EC DEV MARKETPLACE
 FUN NETWORKING
 SILENT AUCTION
 BC EC DEV AWARDS

**2025 BC Economic Summit
 Agenda in progress!**

Packed with valuable professional development, a solutions-focused MarketPlace, networking opportunities, and exciting activities, BCEDA is preparing to welcome delegates back to Pentiction.

Draft sessions include*:

- Keynote: Bill Stainton - Connect the Dots
- Health Care as an Ec Dev Driver
- Exploring Innovation in Agriculture
- Social Programs and Ec Dev
- Housing, Commercial, and Industrial Development
- CEDI Partnerships
- Safe Communities, Strong Economies: Connecting Community Safety with Business Success
- Economic Recovery After Disaster
- State of BC's Economy
- Exploring Data with CityViz
- Supporting Downtown Businesses
- and more!

Thanks to the generous support of the City of Pentiction, the **2025 BC Economic Summit will be held in-person at the Pentiction Trade and Convention Centre from May 12th to 15th, 2025.**

* Subject to change

Find out more!



BOARD BULLETIN JANUARY 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS AND STAFF AND WISHES EVERYONE A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!



At its January 7, 2025 meeting, the Board approved the November 30, 2024 Year-to-date Financial Information.

The following trustee representatives were appointed:

- First Peoples Education Council – Trustees Thomas and Roberge (Alternate Trustee Lawrence)
- B.C. Public Sector Employers’ Association – Trustees Thomas and Casper
- B.C. School Trustees Association – Trustee Adrian (Alternate Trustee Lawrence)
- Board Chair Committee – Trustees Casper and Ranta
- Indigenous Education Committee – Trustees Thomas and Roberge
- Professional Learning Committee – Trustee Adrian
- Thompson-Okanagan Branch Resolutions Committee – Trustee Roberge

In her Superintendent’s Report to the Board, Vessy Mochikas reported that School and District staff want to thank the David Stoddart PAC for their impressive commitment to supporting students. Their recent fund raising event was incredibly successful.



Here, Trustee and PAC member Jordan Lawrence is giving PAC Chair Blake Bolster a cheque for almost \$40 000.00. The PAC is providing opportunities, such as skating with Santa, a dinner with the seniors, ice fishing and purchasing cross-country skis for many of their students.



Policy 1.160 - Truth and Reconciliation was approved.

This, and all Board policies, can be accessed by going to the District Website and choosing Board. You will see policies linked there.

The Board received information from the Superintendent of Schools on the Ministry of Education and Childcare Compliance Audits that are taking place at Desert Sands Community School, Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School, Lillooet Secondary School, and David Stoddart School.



Compliance audits are conducted annually to ensure the accuracy and eligibility of the student enrolment and other school data reported to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by school districts and the extent to which policies are followed.

Thank you DSS PAC!

Student Success



Talon Close is representing Desert Sands and the Gold Trail School District in TRU's Youth Train in Trade Welding program. This program allows him to earn graduation credits and welding certifications. Talon is excelling in the program, averaging 94% in the theory portion of the program and is top of his peers in his practical skills. Dwayne Geiger, the Partnership Transitions Coordinator of TRU's School of Trades and Technology, attributes Talon's success to his "fantastic attendance and active engagement in everything he does." We appreciate TRU's partnership, as dual credit programs truly help young people learn new skills and jump start great careers. Keep up the good work Talon!



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On November 27th, St'at'imc Chiefs and Councils were invited to Lillooet Secondary School to connect with students and the school. The visit began with a St'at'imc leadership panel answering students' questions about leadership experiences, opportunities and community programming. The panel talk was followed by a student-led tour to all classrooms and throughout the school, which allowed the guests to engage with students and staff. The day inspired students to connect with community leadership. Students and staff at Lillooet Secondary are looking forward to the next visit.



Communication

This is a reminder that schools are using the Appazur App that is helpful in communicating with families. If you have not yet subscribed to the app, please feel free to connect with your school to sign up. It helps principals communicate important messages, such as student attendance, cancelled buses, upcoming deadlines, etc.

Sustainability

The Gold Trail School District is always looking for ways to be environmentally friendly. When schools are not open, the heating systems are in a mode called set back. The heat is lowered to 14-15 degrees and ventilation equipment does not run unless required by the equipment. This saves on electricity, natural gas and propane gas use.

Upcoming Important Dates

- **January 27** - Professional Development Day
- **February 4** - Board Of Education Meetings
- **February 14** - Professional Development Day
- **February 17** - BC Family Day - Statutory Holiday
- **March 4** - Board of Education Meeting
- **March 15** - Spring Break

Subject: JAAVES - Save the Date

Hello SILGA members,

On behalf of SILGA President Louise Wallace Richmond and the SILGA Executive, member elected representatives and senior staff are invited to a Joint Area Association Virtual Engagement Session on the legislative reform initiative to modernize the *Local Government Act* (LGA). The session has been scheduled to take place on **February 28, 2025, from 9:00am-1:00pm.**

Since 2021, the legislative reform initiative has been advanced by an ad-hoc working group made up of elected officials and CAOs from Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. This working group has supported education and engagement sessions at AVICC and UBCM. More recently, the other Area Association Presidents, Board members and staff have joined the conversation. As part of the process to broaden local government participation provincially, we are jointly hosting this session.

The session would have the broad objective of educating membership on the aspects of the *Local Government Act* that need updating, along with receiving feedback about issues relevant to specific regions within BC. The content of the session will include a section-by-section review of the LGA using a document prepared by Don Lidstone, KC, that will outline problems with the current legislation and possible solutions. The document will serve as a framework to receive feedback on the challenges local governments from all five area associations are facing, and the feedback will be used to produce a report for UBCM and the Province that clearly defines the issues faced and the need for the modernization of the current legislation.

Further information will be sent in the coming month, including a registration link to the complimentary virtual event and information to support the engagement. In the meantime please save-the-date in your calendars. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to including your voice in the conversation!

Sincerely,
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From: Kristin McDougall <Kristin@BCAchievement.com>
Sent: January 14, 2025 1:49 PM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: RECOGNIZE REMARKABLE - Nomination & Programming Updates from BC Achievement

Hello Daniela,

Happy New Year! I hope this email finds you well. It was a pleasure chatting with you at the UBCM conference in Vancouver last September.

I'm reaching out to share details about BC Achievement's [Recognize Remarkable Campaign](#) and to invite nominations for the **2025 awards**. A quick reminder: [BC Achievement](#) celebrates excellence and community contributions across British Columbia through five award programs:

1. **Community Award** – Recognizing individuals who strengthen their communities through their dedication and service*
2. **Indigenous Business Award** – Celebrating the achievements of Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses
3. **Polygon Award in First Nations Art** – Honouring artistic excellence in both traditional and contemporary visual arts by First Nations artists
4. **Sam Carter Award in Applied Art + Design** – Highlighting exceptional applied art and design contributions
5. **BC Reconciliation Award** – Recognizing individuals and groups who advance reconciliation

Each program underscores the importance of recognizing and sharing the stories of individuals and organizations working to build stronger, healthier, and more vibrant communities across BC.

Whether it's acknowledging innovative Indigenous business leaders, artistic excellence or honouring community-driven achievements, this is your opportunity to highlight remarkable people from across the province.

The deadline to submit nominations is February 15, 2025, and we encourage you to think about the remarkable people in your community that deserve this recognition.

I've attached our **Recognize Remarkable** poster in case you'd like to share it with colleagues, friends and family.

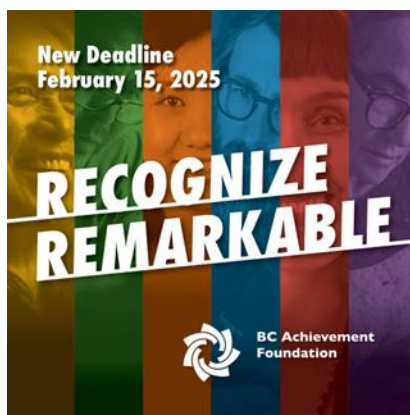
***An Emerging Leader designation for the Community Award program** was introduced last year to recognize and celebrate young people who are making a difference in their communities and striving to make BC a better place.

To make sure your nominee is in the running for the upcoming awards, please submit a nomination online at bcachievement.com by Feb 15, 2025. If you have any questions about the award programs or need guidance on the nomination process, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to assist.

Wishing you all the best in 2025!

Warm regards,

Kristin



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**NEW DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

RECOGNIZE REMARKABLE

Nominating someone for a BC Achievement award is a pathway to building stronger communities across the province. Join us and Recognize Remarkable—nominate today!

Why Nominate Someone?

Recognizing achievement is about more than celebrating success – it’s about amplifying stories that inspire, fostering pride in our communities, and shining a light on those who drive change and create lasting impact.

Your nomination ensures that remarkable individuals get the recognition they deserve, encouraging others to follow in their footsteps.

Nominate for one of these award programs before the deadline of February 15, 2025:

-  **Community Award**
-  **BC Reconciliation Award**
-  **Indigenous Business Award**
-  **First Nations Art Award**
-  **Applied Art + Design Award**



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JANUARY					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
2024 MOTIONS					
R-2024-159	THAT, Council direct staff to move forward with the installation of three 15-minute parking stalls on 3rd Street. One in front of the Bakery and two in front of the Liquor Store.	DPW	Install Signage	As per PW priority work schedule	in-progress
R-2024-187	THAT Council adopt the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment as prepared by Urbanics Consultants and direct staff to develop an implementation strategy based on the recommendations outlined in this report.	CAO	Develop an implementation strategy		in-progress
2025 MOTIONS					
R-2025-04	THAT, the municipality commits to pay the applicant share of eligible costs, ineligible costs, cost overruns and ongoing operating and other costs associated with water metering with funding secured through adequate municipal reserves and appropriate tax increases necessary to fully fund the service; and THAT, Council commits appropriate staff to actively participate in the adjunct research pilot project and community of practice; and further, THAT, Council commits to provide information, including but not limited to water production and consumption data, to the research project administrator in the format and data interval specified by the Ministry.	CFO	Submit application with supporting documents. CAO to provide supporting documents.		completed
R-2025-05	THAT, Council direct staff to prepare a Good Neighbour Bylaw to be brought back for consideration.	BEO/CAO	Develop Draft Bylaw		in-progress



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, the Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions staff report dated January 13, 2025 be presented at the Regular Meeting of Council on January 27, 2025, to facilitate the public release of the following Closed Meeting Resolutions, ensuring transparency in local government and Council operations.

C-2024-12 - THAT, council authorizes Kris Hardy to bid on behalf of the municipality for folio:503-00024.000 up to 90% of Assessed Value of \$216,700 or \$195,030 if the property is listed for sale in the 2024 Tax Sale.

C-2024-13 - THAT, Council supports Ashcroft's ongoing participation in the Gold Country Communities Society Geocache program at an annual cost of \$1300.00.

C-2024-14 - THAT, Council approves the addition of the proposed Equipment Operator 3 (Renamed Maintenance Operator as per PW/CUPE request) position to the Collective Agreement, under the terms negotiated with the union. This measure will help ensure that the Public Works Department is staffed with qualified individuals capable of fulfilling the Village's operational needs.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to release closed meeting resolutions to the public, promoting transparency and fostering trust between the local government and the residents of Ashcroft.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Closed Meeting Minutes are reviewed to determine which resolutions from the prior year are eligible for public release. This review is conducted with the goal of enhancing transparency without compromising the operational integrity or confidentiality requirements of the municipality. Releasable resolutions are those where all required actions have been completed and where disclosure would not pose any legal, financial, or reputational risks to the Village.

The Village of Ashcroft has established best practices for handling closed meetings to minimize the necessity of making resolutions in a closed setting. Whenever possible, Council aims to deliberate and decide on matters in an open meeting to ensure public accountability. However, certain issues such as those involving legal matters, personnel discussions, or other sensitive topics require confidentiality, and resolutions related to these matters are made during closed meetings in accordance with legislative requirements. The Village adheres to the guidelines for closed meetings as described in Section 90 of the Community Charter, ensuring compliance with provincial legislation.

Current Practice:

- At the beginning of each calendar year, a comprehensive review of the previous year’s Closed Meeting Minutes is undertaken.
- Resolutions are assessed to identify whether they can be released publicly. This determination is based on whether all actions tied to the motion have been completed and whether releasing the information presents any risks to the municipality.
- Once identified as releasable, motions are prepared for public dissemination to ensure transparency while adhering to statutory and operational obligations.

CONCLUSION:

The release of resolutions from Closed Meeting Minutes underscores the Village’s commitment to open governance and fosters trust within the community. By providing residents with visibility into Council’s decision-making processes, this practice reinforces the principle of addressing public matters in an open forum whenever possible. Limiting closed meeting resolutions to legal, personnel, or sensitive issues further highlights the Village’s dedication to transparency and accountability.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative

Authority

Financial

Implications

Attachment Listing
