



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday March 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm

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, February 24, 2025. M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 24, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-7
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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	Development Variance Permit for 710 Elm Street Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present Council with a request for a development variance permit (DVP) for 710 Elm Street to accommodate a 29-unit seniors housing development by Thompson View Manor Society (TVMS) which reduces the required 51 off street parking stalls to 36.	P. 8-22



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6.2	<p>Southern Interior Local Government Association – Gift Basket Request</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this Council Report is to seek Council's direction regarding the gift basket donation in support of the 2025 SILGA Convention and determine a budget allocation</p> <p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council direct staff to prepare a gift basket showcasing Ashcroft's new brand "Heart of the True Desert" not to exceed \$ _____ for the 2025 SILGA Convention.</i></p>	P. 23-24
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Verbal Report</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report and future reports is to provide information to the Council that may not come up during regular meetings or Committee of the Whole. Topics will include operational updates, or other areas of interest to the village.</p>	P. 25
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>BC Farmers' Market – Requesting Letter of Support for Continued and Expanded Funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program – Draft Support Letter attached</p> <p>M/S</p>	P. 27-28
7.2	<p>B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre – Request to use the Pool Park Saturday, August 2, 2025 to host their First Annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway</p>	P. 29



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7.3	SCEF Society – 2025 Easter Hunt Request for a Donation of a Family Pool Pass M/S	P. 30
7.4	Cathy Peters, BC Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate – Hard drug full decriminalization needs to be repealed in BC – this may stop Trump tariffs M/S	P. 31-32
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	TNRD Newsletter – Application Period Now Open for Spring 2025 Regional Grant In Aid Program Intake	P. 33
7.6	School District 74 Board Bulletin March 2025	P. 34-35
7.7	City of Abbotsford – Support for Resolution at LGMA Convention in advance of UBCM Convention	P. 36

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 37
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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



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12.1	<p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council moves to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(a)(g) and (k).</i></p> <p>Community Charter Section 90.1(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;</p> <p>Community Charter Section 90.1(g) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;</p> <p>Community Charter Section 90.1(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.</p>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

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

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

EXCUSED: Media – 1
 Public – 2

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday February 24, 2025 to order at 6:00 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

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	<p>Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 10, 2025. M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 10, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-43</p>
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	<p>Joris Ekering, President – Rotary Club of Ashcroft/Cache Creek – Rotary Spring Parade 2025 – April 19, 2025 –Request Support from Public Works for Barricades, etc. and Use of Heritage Park and the Gazebo</p> <p>Theresa Takacs made the presentation to Council on behalf of the Ashcroft-Cache Creek Rotary Club on behalf of Joris Ekering as he was unable to attend. Rotary is respectfully asking Council to support the Spring Parade by:</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approving the closure of Railway Ave. between 2nd and 8th Street on April 19, 2025 • Provide barricades that volunteers can set up along Railway Ave. to block traffic at designated locations between 2nd and 8th Street. • Free use of Heritage Park including the Gazebo where they plan to have live music and host the event. • Power to be turned on at the gazebo. <p>Mayor Roden thanked Ms. Takacs for her presentation and suggested that the request be discussed under New Business at tonight's meeting rather than wait for a staff report to be brought back for consideration at the next Council meeting.</p>	
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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.

No comments or questions were received from the public.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Delegation Summary Report</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to summarize the delegation presentation made by Mr. Tedford at the February 10, 2025, Council meeting regarding the availability of full burial plots within the Village of Ashcroft and its financial implications.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council receives the Delegation Summary Report for information and refer it to the Parks and Recreation Working Group for discussion and direction.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical information was requested in regard to expanding the cemetery to the vacant Village lot on Railway Ave. • Comment made in support of cemetery expansion 	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-44

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference to look at existing cemetery and consider ground penetrating radar to determine if there are any available spaces, which would also assist with accurate plotting of the cemetery. • Question regarding cost of ground penetrating radar. Unaware at this time, cost to be determined. • It was noted that the cemetery budget has been increased to consider additional columbaria installation in 2025 • Comment that the Parks and Recreation WG could discuss and research the issue and provide direction for next steps. 	
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Housing Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present the draft Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) Implementation Strategy for Council’s consideration and approval. M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) Implementation Strategy as presented and direct staff to proceed with its implementation in alignment with the identified short, medium, and long-term priorities.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-45
6.3	<p>CAO Report – UBCM Emergency Operations Grant Funding Purpose: The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to submit a funding application for the development of a portable Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as per Holistic Emergency Preparedness & Response (HEPR) proposal. The funding will support emergency management improvements, including equipment acquisition, training, and implementation. M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the submission of the funding application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Emergency Operations Centers Equipment and Training Fund for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Development Project in the amount of \$40,000 and authorize staff to proceed with the application process.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-46
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	<p>CFO Report – Preliminary Budget Revision Update (Verbal) CFO Bhalla presented the most recent adjustments to the 2025 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$95,000 TNRD Fire Protection Agreement being negotiated noting this includes the \$58,000 allocated for Tender replacement. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender replacement \$240,732 (partially covered by TNRD and remaining cost will come from operational savings). • 50,000 pump truck for the Mesa, dependant on volunteers forming a committee for design and construction. • Water meter grant first year \$1,010,000 includes legals costs • Ec Dev – Hotel attraction increase of \$25,000 • Columbarium budget increase of \$27,000 • Interest revenue increase of \$20,000 <p>CFO Bhalla noted the Village is in a good financial position and the budget is balanced on all three funds (Operating, Water, Sewer Funds)</p> <p>CFO Bhalla also noted the major projects for 2025 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Metering application – if approved begin implementation • REDIP Funding 688,000 grant, internal contribution \$200,000 for Heritage Park. • Land Purchase completed for North Ashcroft Reservoir. • Sewer treatment grant upgrade is also in the queue as a priority project. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will twinning the reservoir cost? Looking at grant funding ranging from 4 – 6 million <p>Mayor Roden thanked CFO Bhalla for his budget update.</p>	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>The Ashcroft HUB – Request for a new Utility Rates (Water & Sewer Rates) Category specifically for community centres like the Ashcroft HUB</p> <p>Councillor Clement recused herself at 6:24 pm citing a conflict of interest as the executive Director of the Ashcroft HUB returning at 6:30 pm</p> <p>M/S Roden / Davenport</p> <p><i>THAT, Council directs staff to develop a new category for utility fees that is suitable for non-profit organizations such as the Ashcroft HUB.</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question asking what the utility fees are for the HUB property for 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ After discount approximately \$18,000 (includes 14 classrooms and 1 irrigation line valued at \$5,000). • Comment that it seems the categories in the utilities fee schedule do not seem to fit the HUB 	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-47</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that use has diminished significantly since the building is no longer operating as a school with 25 students in each classroom using washrooms and water daily. A new category should be established and staff to bring back a reasonable and fair utility rate to Council for consideration including an amendment bylaw. 	
7.2	<p>Qathet Museum and Archives Statement on Residential School Denialism M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, the request from Qathet Museum be received for information and forwarded to Peter Konikow Ashcroft's Museum Curator for consideration.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-48
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	CN and Operation Lifesaver Canada (OL Canada) Rail Safety Ambassador Certificate – Appreciation and acknowledgement of participation in Operation Lifesaver	
7.4	AIB – Prescribed Burn Notice	
7.5	Equality Project Bulletin – Rebuilding Resilience – Understanding Impact on Environmental Trauma Discussion February 26, 2025	
7.6	School District No. 74 – Board Bulletin February 2025	
7.7	TNRD – Promotional Campaign Encourages Economic Development in Blue River	
7.8	<p>TNRD – Hospital Budget 2025 Mayor Roden noted that the Ashcroft UPCC is budgeted to receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bariatric bed - \$24,100 Bladder scanner - \$21,600 Vaccine refrigerator - \$12,300 And an emergency generator upgrade - \$1,590,000 <p>In addition, the Clinton Health and Wellness Centre will receive a stretcher for transport \$13,100. TRHD taxpayers will pay 37 per cent of the costs listed above.</p>	
7.9	<p>TNFC – 2025 Learn About Film for Emerging Filmmakers Mayor Roden encouraged everyone to watch the Blue River video it is an excellent example of a marketing tool.</p>	
7.10	Town of Oliver – Support for Resolution at 2025 SILGA Convention	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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<p>9.1</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Ashcroft/Cache Creek – Rotary Spring Parade 2025 – April 19, 2025 –Request Support M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the Rotary request in support of the Spring Parade by approving the closure of Railway Ave on April 19, 2025, and that barricades will be set out for volunteers to erect, and that free facility use be approved for Heritage Park and the Gazebo including power to be turned on.</i> Discussion: Question seeking clarification that insurance is required for the event.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-49</p>
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

<p>10.1</p>	<p>Street Safety WG Notes – February 11, 2025 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, Council directs staff to include discussion of the speed survey results indicating the community is in favour of reducing the speed limits to 30 km/h throughout the community at the next Town Hall Meeting.</i> Discussion: 15 minute parking signs on 3rd Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern raised that residents do not seem to be aware of the signs and continue to park there for longer periods of time. • Suggestion to print generic “have you noticed the new parking signs” letter to tuck under wipers. • Consider adding something to bring attention to the signs. • Continue to build community awareness. • Noted that the signs were included in our last newsletter. 	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-50</p>
<p>10.2</p>	<p>Joint Para-Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2025</p>	

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

<p>11.1</p>	<p>Mayor Roden</p>	
<p>11.2</p>	<p>Councillor Anstett</p>	
<p>11.3</p>	<p>Councillor Clement HAWK is working on a follow up survey to the one completed in 2022. This will focus on the UPCC and its use as well as people’s perceptions of it.</p>	
<p>11.4</p>	<p>Councillor Davenport</p>	
<p>11.5</p>	<p>Councillor Lambert – Verbal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Seniors meeting on Thursday, Feb 20th 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More seniors in attendance but Councillor Lambert encouraged Council to keep inviting seniors in the community to join the seniors. • Strawberry Tea has been tentatively scheduled for May 10th • Next meetings March 21, 2025, at the Seniors Centre beginning at 11:00 am. Councillor Lambert is unable to attend and asked a Council member to attend in her place. 	
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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	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday February 24, 2025, at 6:45 PM.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 24, 2025.

 Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

 Barbara Roden,
 Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Development Variance Permit for 710 Elm Street

RECOMMENDATION:

"THAT Council approve Development Variance Permit No. DVP-2025-01 for 710 Elm Street, allowing a reduction in the required off-street parking from 51 stalls to 36 stalls, including 1 parking stall per unit and 7 visitor parking stalls, as proposed by Thompson View Manor Society. AND FURTHER, THAT the approval be granted recognizing the alignment of the project with the Housing Needs Assessment, which addresses the necessity of additional seniors housing within the Village."

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with a request for a development variance permit (DVP) for 710 Elm Street to accommodate a 29-unit seniors housing development by Thompson View Manor Society (TVMS) which reduces the required 51 off street parking stalls to 36.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

DISCUSSION:

The Thompson View Manor Society has been working for several years to develop additional seniors housing at its existing site, successfully securing grant funding last year to move the project forward. During the zoning confirmation process, it was discovered that the architects for the Thompson View Manor Society seniors' housing complex at 710 Elm St. had used an incorrect calculation to determine the required parking stalls when submitting their building permit application. As a result, the design included an insufficient number of off-street parking stalls, and there is not enough available land on the lot to increase the parking density to meet the required parking stalls per unit.

The Zoning bylaw requires 1.5 off street stalls per housing unit and an additional seven (7) visitor parking stalls. To address the parking issue TVMS is requesting a variance to allow one (1) off street parking stall per unit and seven (7) visitor parking stalls. To achieve resident compliance the rental

agreement will state that only one vehicle per unit is permitted. Figure 1 is an aerial view of the current TVM parking lot in relation to the proposed development. Figure 2 indicates

This project aligns with the Village's recently approved Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), which identifies the need for 145 new housing units within the next five years, including senior-specific housing. Given that Ashcroft has not had a multi-residential or senior-specific housing development since the second phase of Thompson View Manor, this project is essential to meeting local housing needs.

To provide a clear overview of the proposed parking area, Figure 1 below illustrates the entire lot, highlighting the existing driveway and designated parking area at Thompson View Manor in relation to the planned new seniors' housing complex. Meanwhile, Figure 2 displays both designated parking areas and identifies the property access point that will become inaccessible after development.

Figure 1



Figure 2



SUMMARY OF RESIDENT CONCERNS:

Residents living within 100 meters of the development site were sent notification letters, advising that the Village was accepting public comments until 4:00 PM on Wednesday March 5, 2025. Residents expressed concerns regarding the proposed expansion of Thompson View Manor at 710 Elm St., focusing on parking limitations, traffic congestion, and safety issues:

- **Parking Availability:** The reduction in parking stalls may not meet the needs of senior residents, particularly couples who may require two vehicles, and restricting tenants to a single vehicle may limit shared housing opportunities. Visitors and home support staff may also face parking challenges. In addition, clarity was requested in regard to the existing 11 parking stalls on the current gravel portion of the Manor parking lot.
- **On-Street Parking Impact:** With seasonal traffic increases on Elm Street, concerns were raised about potential bottlenecks, increased pedestrian safety risks, drainage issues that may impact on-street parking, blocked private property access on the opposite side of Elm Street, and congestion.

- Precedent for Future Developments: Some residents expressed concerns that this variance could set a precedent for future developments requesting similar parking reductions.
 - Traffic Safety: Reports of speeding in the 50km/h zone and aggressive parking behaviors in the neighborhood were raised, further emphasizing concerns about on-street parking challenges.
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OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Option 1: Approve the Development Variance Permit as Requested

Rationale:

- The project aligns with the Housing Needs Assessment, which highlights the urgent need for seniors housing.
- The applicant has proposed mitigation measures, including rental agreement restrictions limiting tenants to one vehicle per unit.

Option 2: Approve the Variance with Additional Conditions

Potential Conditions:

- Require additional visitor parking spaces.
- Conduct periodic parking impact reviews.
- Require a financial contribution toward alternative transportation initiatives.
- Develop an updated traffic and parking bylaw to address broader parking concerns across the Village.

Option 3: Deny the Variance Request

Implications:

- The project may require significant redesign, delaying the delivery of much-needed seniors housing.
 - May discourage further multi-residential development due to parking challenges.
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CONCLUSION:

This proposal directly supports the Village's housing objectives by contributing to the identified need for seniors housing. While concerns about parking have been raised, this development variance provides an opportunity for the Village to take a targeted approach in regard to the TVMS development project addressing parking concerns. Council is encouraged to consider the variance request with the options outlined above.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives
Housing development
Legislative Authority
Attachment Listing
Development Variance Permit
CAO Report – February 10, 2025



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Village of Ashcroft DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. DVP #2025-01

Permittee: Thompson View Manor Society

Mailing Address:

Application No: VoA 2025-01

1. This Development Variance Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the bylaws of the Village of Ashcroft (VoA) applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Development Variance Permit.
2. This Development Variance Permit applies to and only to those Lands within the Village of Ashcroft described below, and any and all buildings, structures and development as shown on Schedule "1":

CIVIC ADDRESS: 710 Elm Street, Ashcroft, BC

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 378 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT
PLAN KAP81072
PID: 026-682-753 (the "Land"))**

3. Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823 is varied as follows:

Notwithstanding Section 16 Required Off-Street Parking Stalls, the total required parking (including visitor stalls) is as follows:

- **36 off-street parking stalls**

Notwithstanding Section 16.12, of the 36 off-street parking stalls, a minimum of 2 accessible parking stalls must be provided as shown on Schedule "2" site plan.

4. Land described herein shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Development Variance Permit and any plans and specifications attached to this Development Variance Permit which shall form a part hereof.
5. If the Permittee does not commence the development permitted by this Development Variance Permit within two (2) years of the date of the authorizing resolution, this Permit shall lapse.
6. Any application to amend this Development Variance Permit shall be considered as a new application.
7. This is not a Building Permit.



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Authorizing resolution passed by Council this ____ day of _____, 202__.

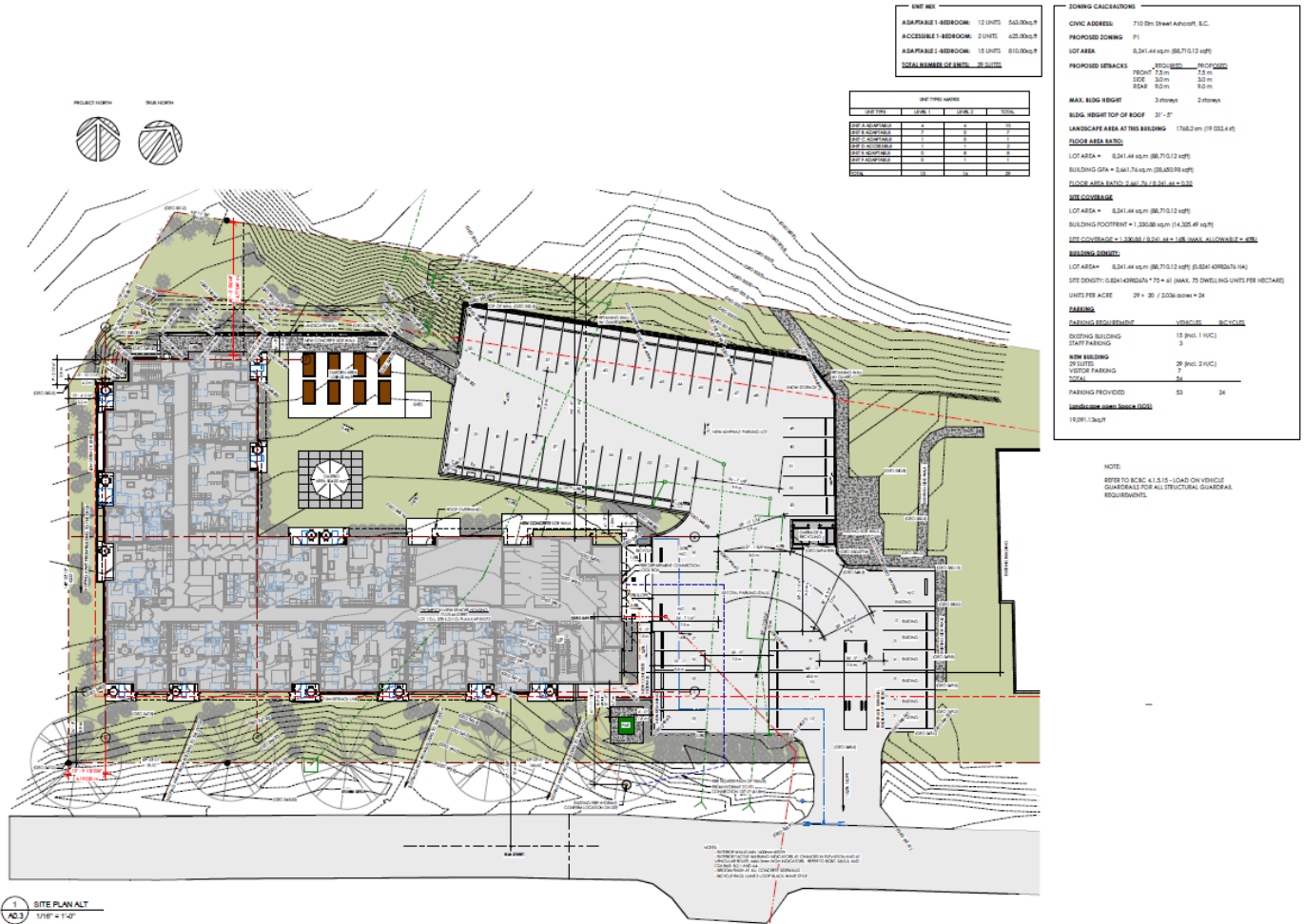
Certified Correct:

Corporate Officer

I/we _____ agree to the terms and conditions of
Development Variance Permit No. DVP#2025-01

Authorized signatory for TVMS.

SCHEDULE "2"



Proposed Accessible Parking Stalls – 2 Required

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: February 10, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: Variance Application for 710 Elm Street Seniors Housing Development

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT, Council issue a "Notice of Intent" to consider approval of Development Variance Permit No. DVP-2025-01 for 710 Elm Street (LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 378 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN KAP81072).*
2. *THAT, neighborhood notification be sent to property owners within 100m of the subject Property to advise consideration of the proposed Development Variance Permit.*

PURPOSE:

This report seeks Council approval to issue the Notice of Intent and Neighbourhood Notification letters regarding a Development Variance Permit (DVP) application, proposing a reduction in the required off-street parking stalls from 51 to 36 at 710 Elm Street.



Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

DISCUSSION:

During the zoning confirmation process for the proposed 29-unit seniors housing development at 710 Elm Street, it was identified that the development does not meet the parking requirements outlined in Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018.

The subject property is zoned Park and Public Use (P1), and the proposed housing complex falls under the Multiple Dwelling Unit category as "Unassisted Seniors Housing" in Table 16:1 of the Bylaw. The required parking allocation for this classification is 1.5 parking stalls per dwelling unit plus one

additional visitor parking stall per every four units. Based on this calculation, the development requires a total of 51 parking stalls.

Variance Request:

The applicant, TVMS, has advised that the site does not have sufficient space to accommodate the required number of parking stalls and has therefore applied for a variance to reduce the parking requirement to one stall per unit (29) plus an additional seven stalls for visitors which is a reduced total of 36 parking stalls for the development.

Mitigation Measures:

To address potential parking concerns, TVMS has entered into an agreement with the operators of the supportive housing units located on the same site to utilize existing underutilized parking stalls. Furthermore, TVMS will implement the following measures to manage parking demand:

Rental Agreement Restriction: Tenants of the new development will be limited to one vehicle per household, which must be parked on-site.

Anticipated Demand: TVMS has indicated that most seniors residing in apartment-style housing typically own only one vehicle, and the organization does not anticipate significant parking demand beyond what is available.

Review and Consideration:

The site plan has been forwarded to the Public Works and Fire Department for review and comment. Any recommendations or concerns from these departments will be presented to Council for consideration.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Draft Notice of Intent

Draft Notification Letter

TVMS Letter Requesting Variance

Site Plan



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February 11, 2025

**Notice of Intention to Consider Issuance of a
Development Variance Permit**

Council for the Village of Ashcroft hereby gives Notice of Intention to consider issuance of a Development Variance Permit at its Regular Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, Monday, March 10, 2025, in the Council Chamber at 601 Bancroft Street.

File Development Variance Permit No. DVP#2025-01

Applicant Thompson View Manor Society

Location 710 Elm Street - LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 378 KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT
PLAN KAP81072.

Proposal Vary section 16 of Zoning Bylaw No. 823 to permit a reduced number of total parking
stalls to 36 off-street stalls.

Purpose To authorize an Unassisted Seniors Housing complex on the same parcel where
the Thompson View Manor Supportive Housing unit is located.

The purpose of this Notice is to acquaint the property owners and residents in the area with the specifics of the proposed variance. We request that the Village receive any written submissions by 4:00 pm Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The submissions will then be distributed for Council's consideration.

Relevant background information and a draft of the permit are available at the Village office for perusal Monday through Friday, except Statutory Holidays, during office hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm). If you have any questions, please call or email Daniela Dyck at 250-453-9161 or cao@ashcroftbc.ca.

Written submissions may be emailed to admin@ashcroftbc.ca or mailed to:

Village of Ashcroft
PO Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Your Truly,

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer



February 7, 2025

TO OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS:

Subject: Notice of First Reading - Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 870, 2024
Rezoning Application 02- 2024
Lot 1, District Lot 378, KDYD Plan KAP81072; PID: 026.682.753
710 Elm St, Ashcroft, BC

This letter is for your information and to advise you of bylaw amendments for land within 100 metres of your property.

If approved by Council, the proposed Development Variance Permit # 2025-01, would reduce the number of required off street parking stalls to 36 and enable development of a 29-unit senior residential complex at 710 Elm Street.


This publication serves as notice that **no public hearing** will be held for the proposed zoning amendment. Provincial legislation prohibits local governments from holding a public hearing where the purpose of a bylaw is to permit residential development consistent with an Official Community Plan (see *Local Government Act*, section 464(3)). We notify owners and tenants of property within 100 metres of land that is directly affected by a proposed varinace.

We rely on BC Assessment records to compile our list of property owners and this letter is sent to those on the current list. Further, to meet notice requirements, we ask that property owners pass this information to any tenants of the property. Please advise us if you are unable to pass this notice on to your tenants in occupation. Finally, if you no longer own the property, kindly forward or pass this notice along to the current owner and/or tenant.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed bylaw amendment, please contact the undersigned at EMAIL: cao@ashcroftbc.ca or PHONE: 250-453-9161

Yours truly,



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Encl. Council Report to explain proposal



Thompson View Manor Society

710 Elm Street, PO Box 318

Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Thompson View Manor (Independent Living): 250-453-9223 Email: tvms@telus.net

Thompson View Lodge (Assisted Living): 250-453-0085 Email: tvlodge_cm@telus.net

February 4, 2025

To: Village of Ashcroft

From: Thompson View Manor Society
710 Elm Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

RE: New Construction of 29 Unit Unassisted Seniors Housing at 710 Elm Street
Application for Development Variance

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for considering our application for Development Variance Permit regarding the number of parking spots for our proposed new building. The architect originally used parking spot calculations for "Supportive Housing", but when we changed the P1 designation to "Unassisted Seniors Housing", it was a design team error that the number of parking spots were not recalculated.

We are asking for a variance from the required 1.5 parking spots per unit, to instead having 1.0 parking spots per unit.

- Our current design provides 35 parking spots for the proposed building.
- Our variance design would need 36 parking spots for the proposed building (29 unit spots + 7 visitor spots). To make up for the 1 additional spot, we can use one or more of the existing TVMS building unused parking spots.

We at Thompson View Manor Society feel that having 1.0 parking spots per unit is sufficient for the following reasons:

1. Most seniors only have one vehicle, and some do not have any, (RV parking will not be allowed on site as the spots are not large enough).
2. TVMS will include in their tenant rental agreements that only 1 parking spot will be provided.
3. The existing TVMS building will have an agreement with the new TVMS building stating that any unused existing building parking spots can be shared with the new building.

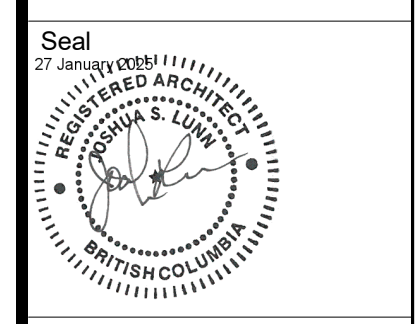
We appreciate your consideration for our request. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Deborah Tedford

Chair

Thompson View Manor Society



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Client

Consultants

NO. DATE RECORD OF REVISIONS

7	2025.01.27	ISSUED FOR TENDER
6	2025.01.20	RE-ISSUED FOR 95% H/C HOUSING
5	2025.01.10	ISSUED FOR BUILDING PERMIT
4	2024.12.02	ISSUED FOR 95% REVIEW
3	2024.10.18	ISSUED FOR 90% REVIEW
2	2024.09.12	RE-ISSUED FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
1	2024.08.02	ISSUED FOR 95% H/C HOUSING REVIEW

NO. DATE RECORD OF ISSUES

Project

ELM STREET

SENIORS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
710 ELM STREET ASHCROFT, B.C.

Sheet Title

SITE PLAN

Job Number 22.1057

Date 2025.01.27

Scale As indicated

Revision Number 0

Drawing Number

A1.0

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UNIT MIX

ADAPTABLE 1-BEDROOM:	12 UNITS	563.00sq.ft
ACCESSIBLE 1-BEDROOM:	2 UNITS	625.00sq.ft
ADAPTABLE 2-BEDROOM:	15 UNITS	810.00sq.ft
TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS:	29 SUITES	

UNIT TYPES MATRIX

UNIT TYPE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	TOTAL
UNIT A ADAPTABLE	4	6	10
UNIT B ADAPTABLE	7	0	7
UNIT C ADAPTABLE	1	0	1
UNIT D ACCESSIBLE	1	1	2
UNIT E ADAPTABLE	0	8	8
UNIT F ADAPTABLE	0	1	1
TOTAL	13	16	29

ZONING CALCULATIONS

CIVIC ADDRESS: 710 Elm Street Ashcroft, B.C.
PROPOSED ZONING: P1

LOT AREA: 8,241.44 sq.m (88,710.12 sqft)

PROPOSED SETBACKS	REQUIRED	PROPOSED
FRONT	7.5 m	7.5 m
SIDE	3.0 m	3.0 m
REAR	9.0 m	9.0 m

MAX. BLDG HEIGHT: 3 storeys / 2 storeys
BLDG. HEIGHT TOP OF ROOF: 31' - 5"

LANDSCAPE AREA AT THIS BUILDING: 1768.2 sm (19 032.4 sf)

FLOOR AREA RATIO:

LOT AREA = 8,241.44 sq.m (88,710.12 sqft)
BUILDING GFA = 2,661.76 sq.m (28,650.98 sqft)
FLOOR AREA RATIO: 2,661.76 / 8,241.44 = 0.32

SITE COVERAGE

LOT AREA = 8,241.44 sq.m (88,710.12 sqft)
BUILDING FOOTPRINT = 1,330.88 sq.m (14,325.49 sq.ft)
SITE COVERAGE = 1,330.88 / 8,241.44 = 16% (MAX. ALLOWABLE = 40%)

BUILDING DENSITY:

LOT AREA = 8,241.44 sq.m (88,710.12 sqft) [0.824143982676 HA]
SITE DENSITY: 0.824143982676 * 75 = 61 (MAX. 75 DWELLING UNITS PER HECTARE)

UNITS PER ACRE: 29 + 20 / 2.036 acres = 24

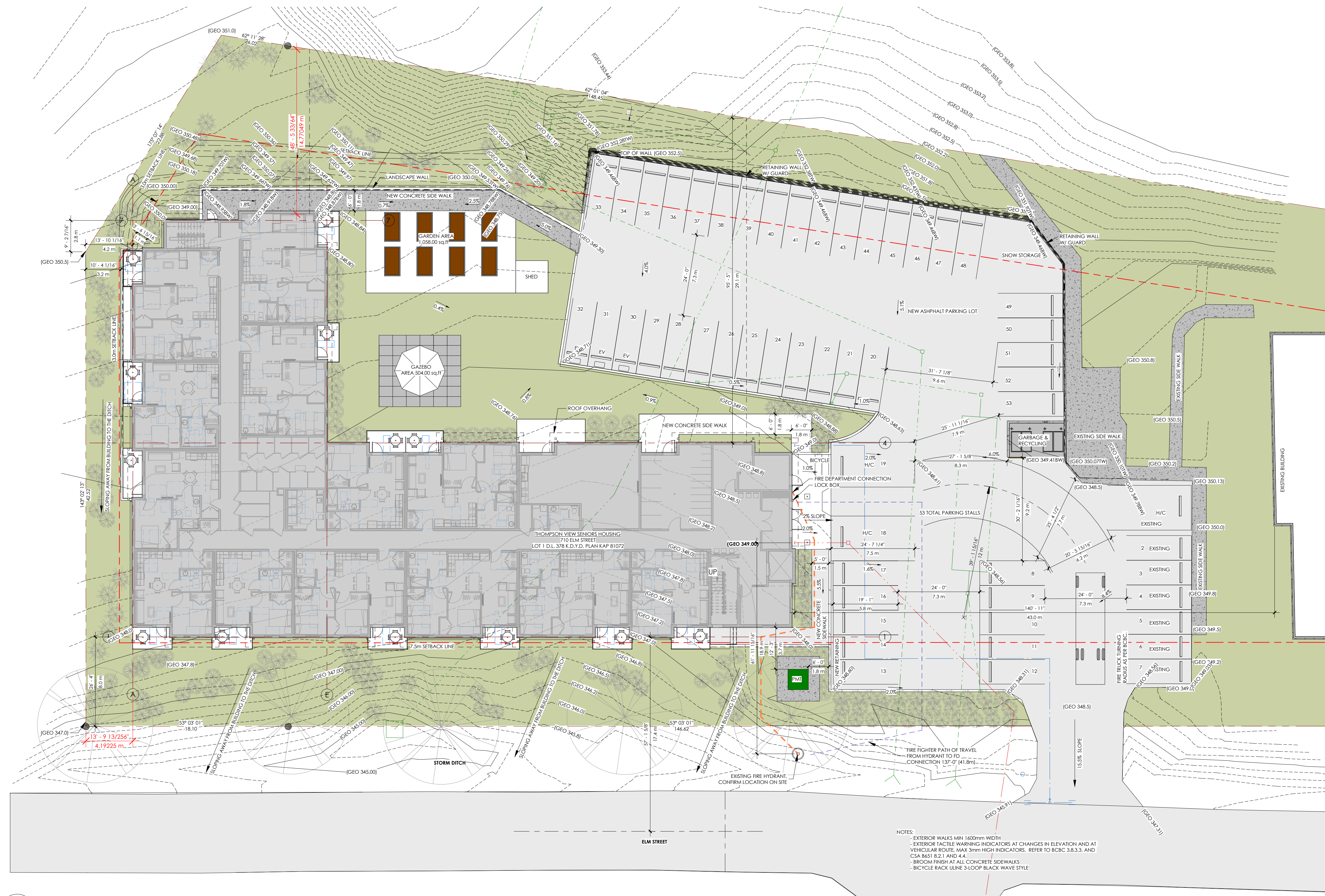
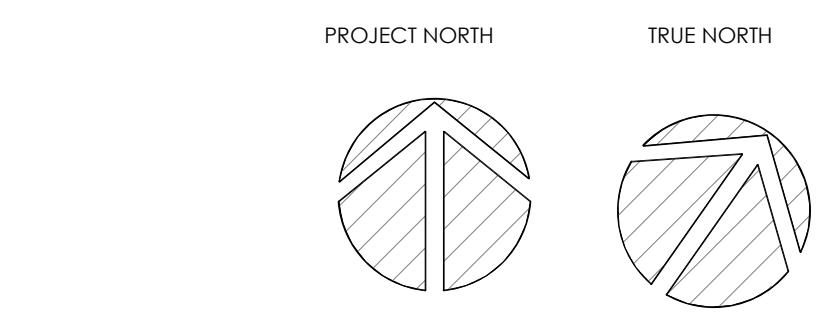
PARKING

PARKING REQUIREMENT	VEHICLES	BICYCLES
EXISTING BUILDING	15 (incl. 1 H/C)	
STAFF PARKING	3	
29 SUITES	29 (incl. 2 H/C)	
VISITOR PARKING	7	
TOTAL	54	

PARKING PROVIDED: 53 VEHICLES, 24 BICYCLES

Landscape open Space (LOS)
19,091.13sq.ft

NOTE:
REFER TO BCRC 4.1.5.15 - LOAD ON VEHICLE GUARDRAILS FOR ALL STRUCTURAL GUARDRAIL REQUIREMENTS.



NOTES:
- EXTERIOR WALKS MIN 1400mm WIDTH
- EXTERIOR TACTILE WARNING INDICATORS AT CHANGES IN ELEVATION AND AT VEHICULAR ROUTE. MARK 3mm HIGH INDICATORS. REFER TO BCRC 3.8.3.3, AND CSA B651 8.2.1 AND 4.4.
- ROOM FINISH AT ALL CONCRETE SIDEWALKS
- BICYCLE RACK LINE SLOOP BLACK WAVE STYLE

1 SITE PLAN ALT
A0.3 1/16" = 1'-0"



TO: Mayor and Council MEETING DATE: March 10, 2025
 FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
 SUBJECT: Southern Interior Local Government Association – Gift Basket Request

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council direct staff to prepare a gift basket showcasing Ashcroft’s new brand “Heart of the True Desert” not to exceed \$_____ for the 2025 SILGA Convention.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Council Report is to seek Council's direction regarding the gift basket donation in support of the 2025 SILGA Convention and determine a budget allocation.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

Each year, the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) requests member municipalities and regional districts to donate a gift basket that showcases the unique characteristics of their respective communities. These baskets serve as door prizes during the convention, sparking conversations among attendees as they explore the contents.

As Ashcroft re-branded during 2024, this years SILGA convention provides the perfect opportunity to showcase our new brand and develop a basket full of unique Ashcroft items and new swag.

Staff is seeking Council direction and budget for the gift basket. Last years basket included donations of local artisan items and Village swag.

- Strategic/Municipal Objectives**
- Legislative Authority**
- Financial Implications**
- Attachment Listing**
- Swag price list**

Village Swag Price List

New Swag

Grey Fleece Jacket	\$47
Heart Warmed Hoodie	\$40
Insulated Water Bottle	\$30
Coffee Mug	\$15
Pen Set	\$7
5 in 1 Knife w/carabiner	\$6

Old Swag

Grey Fleece	\$27
Zip-up Hoodie	\$26
Baseball Cap	\$8
Toque	\$7.50
Cutting Board	\$11
Wine Glasses	\$17.50
Insulated Water Bottle	\$13
Insulated Tumbler	\$9

Other

Legacy Park Mug	\$10
Village Pen	\$2

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: Verbal Report

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report and future reports is to provide information to the Council that may not come up during regular meetings or Committee of the Whole. Topics will include operational updates, or other areas of interest to the village.

DISCUSSION:

In the interest of transparency and to allow Council the opportunity for questions and dialogue during meetings, topics for verbal reports will be included on the agenda using this report template.

Verbal Report Items:

FireSmart Coordinator – Interview March 12, 2025

FireSmart – Attending Regional FS Committee March 13, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2025

FROM: Yoginder (Yogi) Bhalla, CFO

SUBJECT: Verbal Report

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report and future reports is to provide information to the Council that may not come up during regular meetings or Committee of the Whole. Topics will include operational updates, or other areas of interest to the village.

DISCUSSION:

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Verbal Report Items:

State of the Economy - Financial Impacts to the Village



February 7, 2025

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Council,

We're excited to share great news about **Ashcroft** and the impact of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in 2024. This cherished initiative is making a meaningful difference in your community, just as it is in nearly 100 other communities across the province. Thanks to funding from the Province of British Columbia, the BC Association of Farmers' Markets has proudly delivered this program for over a decade.

In Ashcroft

During the 2024 season, **South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society** played a vital role in providing lower-income pregnant people, families with children, and seniors/elders with nutrition coupons. With these coupons they purchased fresh, local foods — including fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, nuts, fish, meat, herbs, and honey—directly from BC farmers at your local farmer's market.

These local residents redeemed **\$1,671** with local farmers at the **Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Coop**.

In **Ashcroft** over **15** lower-income households benefited from better access to local, fresh foods while connecting to their community. This program is addressing nutrition needs, affordability and food security for those who participate.

At the same time, local farmers received an economic boost, helping them sustain and grow their farms, strengthening our local and regional food system, and contributing to a healthier, more connected community.

How You Can Help

We currently do not have funding secured for the 2025 program season and beyond. We are asking for your support to secure ongoing funding for this valuable program. A letter to the BC Minister of Health, The Honourable Josie Osborne, would go a long way in demonstrating the importance of continued and expanded funding investment for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

We are eager to continue this meaningful work with your community in 2025 and in the future.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather O'Hara".

Heather O'Hara
BCAFM Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wylie Bystedt".

Wylie Bystedt
Chair, BCAFM Board of Directors

BC Association of Farmers' Markets

208 - 1089 West Broadway Vancouver, BC V6H 1E5
604-734-9797 | bcfarmersmarket.org | bcfarmersmarkettrail.com

February 26, 2025

The Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Health, Gov't of BC
PO Box 950, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Subject: Letter of Support for Continued and Expanded Funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program

Dear Minister Osborne,

On behalf of the Village of Ashcroft Council, I am pleased to express our gratitude for the continued funding secured for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program for 2025 and beyond. This program has had a profound and positive impact on our community, and we appreciate the Province's commitment to supporting it.

The program has played a crucial role in enabling lower-income pregnant individuals, families with children, and seniors/elders to access fresh, local, and nutritious foods. The South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society has been instrumental in administering this initiative locally, ensuring that vulnerable residents can purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, eggs, meat, fish, and other healthy foods directly from British Columbia farmers.

In 2024 alone, \$1,671 was redeemed in Ashcroft at the local Farmers Market, benefiting both our residents and the local agricultural economy. This program not only enhances food security but also supports local farmers and strengthens our community's health and well-being.

While we are grateful for the funding that has been secured, we strongly believe in the importance of continued and expanded provincial investment in this vital program. We encourage your ministry to sustain and enhance this initiative to further increase its reach and impact across British Columbia.

The Village of Ashcroft Council fully supports the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, and we urge the Province to maintain and expand its funding. We trust that this initiative will continue to play a significant role in improving access to healthy food while bolstering local economies.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

Tova White
Executive Director
B.O.S.S Enrichment Center
209 Railway Ave.
Ashcroft, BC CANADA V0K 1A0
bossenrichmentcenter@gmail.com

February 26, 2024
Ashcroft Village Council
Ashcroft, BC Canada

Dear Members of the Ashcroft Village Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Tova White, and I am writing to you on behalf of B.O.S.S Enrichment Center. As a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and enriching our community, we are excited to announce our First Annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway, and we are seeking the support of the Ashcroft Village for this important event.

We would like to use the Pool park to create a more fun-filled family atmosphere complete with jumpers, games, and other engaging activities.

Our goal is to provide new backpacks filled with essential school supplies to families with school-aged children, helping them prepare for the upcoming school year. With the current economic challenges, more families are struggling to make ends meet, and we believe this initiative will offer valuable support to our community. We have been in touch with Chuck Morris from School District 74, who will provide us with an accurate head count for Desert Sands and Cache Creek schools.

We are planning to hold this event August 2, 2025. We would greatly appreciate the Village's support in making this event a success. Whether it be through providing a venue, assisting with logistics, or promoting the event to the community, your involvement would mean a great deal to us and the families we aim to serve.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with the Ashcroft Village to create a memorable and impactful event for our community. Please feel free to contact me at bossenrichmentcenter@gmail.com for any further information or to discuss how we can work together.

Warm regards,



Tova White

Executive Director
B.O.S.S Enrichment Center



P.O. Box 603
Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0
Phone: (250) 453-9656
Fax: (250) 453-2034
trish.schachtel@scefry.ca

February 25, 2025

Dear Village of Ashcroft,

Once again, this year the Ashcroft Hub and the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society have joined forces to host the Ashcroft Bingo Easter Scavenger Hunt. This community-oriented event for all ages aims to bring people together in a fun and engaging way.

We are seeking a donation of a free Family Pool Pass from the Village of Ashcroft to serve as the first prize for families in the scavenger hunt. The event will run April 1st to April 14th and all participants receive a prize. Your generous contribution of a free family pool pass is an incentive for participants.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

T. Schachtel

Trish Schachtel
Executive Director

From: ca.peters@telus.net <cathy@telus.net>

Sent: February 27, 2025 9:29 AM

To: Brittany Giesbrecht <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>; Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <mayor@ashcroftbc.ca>

Subject: Re: Cathy Peters- Hard drug full decriminalization needs to be repealed in BC- this may stop Trump tariffs

To add:

Summary from CBC's Rosemary Barton's interview with US Advisor and National Security expert David Asher on February 10, 2025.

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.6641985>

3 steps are needed:

- Secure the border,
- Shutdown drug labs (largest superlab in the world just shut down in Vancouver),
- Get rid of the laws that protect criminals and cartels (institute a RICO Act like in the USA: Racketeering Influence Corrupt Organizations Act).

Good news is tariffs have been moved forward to April 1st from March 1st- announced yesterday at the first USA Cabinet meeting.

Addressing fentanyl was emphasized as the main problem with Canada.

British Columbia is the weak link for fentanyl use, procurement, development, shipments.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

BC anti human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

On Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 4:34 PM ca.peters@telus.net <cathy@telus.net> wrote:

Dear Ashcroft Village Council,

The full decriminalization of hard drugs is normalizing hard drug usage in British Columbia, particularly among youth and the vulnerable.

Sex and drug trafficking go together and are escalating in every corner of BC.

ASK: Please alert Premier David Eby that this law must be repealed.

It is causing devastating harm.

This may then STOP the Trump tariffs and **show the USA government that Canada is serious about stopping fentanyl use, production, sale and shipment.**

The impact of tariffs and hard drug usage is devastating to BC and Canada.

Attached is my presentation to **23 Mayors from the Lower Mainland.**

The second edition of my book will be available on Amazon on March 1st.

ASK: Please let me know if you have alerted the Premier.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters phone: 604-828-2689

BC anti human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

beamazingcampaign.org

1101-2785 Library Lane,

North Vancouver, BC V7J 0C3

Queens' Platinum Jubilee Medal recipient for my anti human trafficking advocacy work

Author: **Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop It**



NEWS RELEASE

Application Period Now Open for Spring 2025 Regional Grant-in-Aid Program Intake

Kamloops, BC – February 24, 2025 – Non-profit organizations can now apply for the spring 2025 intake of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Regional Grant-in-Aid program.

Notably, as of 2025, the application deadlines have shifted to March 31 for the spring intake and September 30 for the fall intake, instead of May 1 and September 1.

This program is open to non-profits for projects or events that broadly benefit the Thompson-Nicola region and its residents. Non-profits can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding, and up to \$25,000 may be allocated during each intake period. Eligible applications are reviewed by the TNRD Regional Grants Committee and funds are awarded by the TNRD Board.

For more information on the TNRD Grant-in-Aid program, and to apply, visit: tnrd.ca/grants.

Media Contact:

Colton Davies, Communications Manager
Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Tel.: 250 377-6299
Email: cdavies@tnrd.ca

Board Bulletin

SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 74

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MARCH 2025

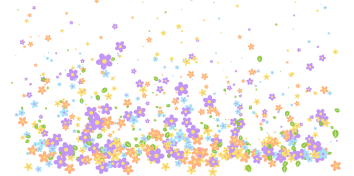


The Board reviewed and approved the following Bylaw and Policies at the March Open Board Meeting:

- Bylaw 4-1 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Policy 1.130 - Monitoring
- Policy 1.40 - Trustee Stipend

To view these, and all other policies, visit the [District Website](#) and choose Board.

Spring Break
March 15-30



2025-2026
School Calendar

2024-2025 Amended Annual Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the amended annual budget. The Budget Cycle consists of annually preparing a budget in advance of the upcoming school year, and an amended budget once enrolments are known. The amended budget must be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Childcare by March 28, 2025. The Board approved the budget for submission.

The Board approved the 2025-2026 School Calendar which includes all recognized statutory holidays and the following pro-d days:

- 22 September
- 24 October
- 26 January
- 13 February
- 27 April
- 15 May

The Board passed a motion encouraging and supporting District Staff to purchase goods and services from non U.S. sources where possible.



The full calendar can be viewed by going to the [District Website](#)



Truth & Reconciliation

On February 25, all GMMES students celebrated the power of outdoor learning with a winter edition of “Take me outside day,” on Xaxli’p Territory. Intentional outdoor learning has big impacts on student success long after they return to the classroom. It improves attendance, builds resiliency and fosters a real connection to the land.

This week, Lillooet Secondary staff (LSS) have scheduled community visits for the consultation process for First Peoples Education Council (FPEC) proposals. FPEC oversees all spending of targeted dollars for Indigenous students. The LSS School team is visiting six communities over three days. Elder Ruby McKay, along with her son William McKay, share their family bannock recipe with the LSS Foods classes as they prepare for the first Community Luncheon of 2025. The luncheon is an opportunity for members of all communities Lillooet Secondary School serves to gather and enjoy a meal together.



Student Success

Students at Cayoosh Elementary are enjoying the reading blitz they do every morning. Students are learning reading strategies, feeling more confident in reading and improving their reading skills!

The staff at GMMES are embracing the powerful impact of intentional, land-based learning. With the partnership of Xaxli’p community, and Lillooet Search and Rescue, Ms. Eddie’s students are engaging in an outdoor learning series on survival techniques. These experiences are woven back into the classroom, with a novel study, writing projects and Numeracy units. These resilient learners endured frigid temperatures and developed an appreciation for layers and a strong sense of community.





Mayor
Ross Siemens

Councillors
Les Barkman
Kelly Chahal
Patricia Driessen
Simon Gibson
Dave Loewen
Patricia Ross
Dave Sidhu
Mark Warkentin

February 28, 2025

File: 0530-003/0400-60

Via Email

UBCM Member Municipalities

Dear UBCM Members:

Re: Support for Resolution

I am writing on behalf of Abbotsford City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for our proposed UBCM Resolution for Infrastructure Support for Specified Municipalities – Housing Supply Act at the upcoming LMLGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall.

At the February 25, 2025 Council Meeting, City Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of BC introduced the *Housing Supply Act* in 2023 and has since required multiple “specified” municipalities to review and update their zoning bylaws by December 31, 2025, to permit increased density in-line with government mandated housing targets;

AND WHEREAS the increased housing density requirements for these specified municipalities places undue financial pressure on those local governments due to the corresponding infrastructure upscaling requirements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities work with the Government of BC to establish and provide long-term, stable and predictable infrastructure funding for municipalities to address these challenges.

We look forward to, and appreciate your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ross Siemens
Mayor

c. Council members
Peter Sparanese, City Manager

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025

FEBRUARY

Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Updates	Status
2025 MOTIONS					
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
R-2025-38	That, Council approves the purchase of a 2016 Morgan Freightliner Tanker for the Fire Department at a cost of \$194,000 plus applicable taxes.	CFO/Fire Chief	Proceed with purchase and additional items necessary.		in-progress
R-2025-44	THAT, Council receives the Delegation Summary Report for information and refer it to the Parks and Recreation Working Group for cemetery discussion and direction.	Enhancing Parks, Recreation & Culture WG			in-progress
R-2025-46	THAT, Council approves the submission of the funding application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Emergency Operations Centers Equipment and Training Fund for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Development Project in the amount of \$40,000 and authorize staff to proceed with the application process.	CAO			completed
R-2025-47	THAT, Council directs staff to develop a new category for utility fees that is suitable for non-profit organizations such as the Ashcroft HUB.	CAO	Amend Fees & Charges, Water and Sewer Bylaws to include a new category for utility fees for non-profit organizations		in-progress
R-2025-48	THAT, the request from Qathet Museum be received for information and forwarded to Peter Konikow Ashcroft's Museum Curator for consideration.	EA	Information to be forwarded to Museum Curator		completed
R-2025-49	THAT, Council approves the Rotary request in support of the Spring Parade by approving the closure of Railway Ave on April 19, 2025, and that barricades will be set out for volunteers to erect, and that free facility use be approved for Heritage Park and the Gazebo including power to be turned on.	EA			completed
R-2025-50	THAT, Council directs staff to include discussion of the speed survey results indicating the community is in favour of reducing the speed limits to 30 km/h throughout the community at the next Town Hall Meeting.	CAO	Added to the May 12 Town Hall Meeting Agenda		completed