



# AGENDA

## Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street  
 Monday, March 24, 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

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| 2.1 | Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, March 20, 2025<br>M/S<br><i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, March 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i> | P. 1-3  |
| 2.2 | Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 10, 2025<br>M/S<br><i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 10, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>                              | P. 4-10 |

### 3. DELEGATIONS

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| 3.1 | N/A |  |
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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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| 5.1 | CAO Report – Establishing New Site Specific Water and Sewer Billing Category & Fees<br>Purpose:<br>The purpose of this report is to introduce a new utility category, "Community Incubator," and present the subsequent sewer and water amendment bylaws that will establish this category and its associated fees. This change aims to align water and sewer billing with the current | P. 11-13 |
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|     | <p>operational use of the Ashcroft HUB, ensuring a fair and sustainable fee structure.</p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Council approves the establishment of the "Community Incubator" as a new utility category within the fee schedule of the Water Amendment, Sewer Amendment and Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaws for the purpose of adjusting utility fees charged.</i></p> |          |
| 5.2 | <p><b>Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 874, 2025</b></p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 874, 2025 be introduced and read a first and second time.</i></p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 874, 2025 be read a third time.</i></p>   | P. 14-15 |
| 5.3 | <p><b>Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 875, 2025</b></p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 875, 2025 be introduced and read a first and second time.</i></p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 875, 2025 be read a third time.</i></p>   | P. 16-17 |
| 5.4 | <p><b>Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 876, 2025</b></p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 876, 2025 be introduced and read a first and second time.</i></p> <p>M/S<br/> <i>THAT, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 876, 2025 be read a third time.</i></p>   | P. 18-20 |

### 6. STAFF REPORTS

| REQUEST FOR DECISION |  |          |
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| 6.1                  | <p><b>CAO Report – New Vista Comfort Letter Request in Support of Future Re-zoning</b></p> <p>Purpose:<br/>           The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s support in providing a comfort letter indicating the potential for rezoning a 4-acre portion of 1479 Government Street to multi-family RMI zone. This rezoning</p> | P. 21-28 |

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|            | <p>would facilitate the development of affordable rental housing by New Vista, aligning with community housing needs and strategic growth initiatives.</p> <p>M/S<br/><i>THAT, Council provide a comfort letter to the New Vista Society indicating openness to rezoning the identified site to multi-family, subject to the formal rezoning application process.</i></p>  |                 |
| <b>6.2</b> | <p><b>CFO Report – S.168 Report on Council Remuneration &amp; Expenses</b><br/>Purpose:<br/>The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the public with the legislated Council remuneration and expenses report as per Community Charter S.168.</p> <p>M/S<br/><i>THAT, Council approves the Council Remuneration and Expenses Report as presented.</i></p>   | <b>P. 29-30</b> |
| <b>6.3</b> | <p><b>CFO Report – Canada Housing Infrastructure Grant Application</b><br/>Purpose:<br/>The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval for staff to submit a grant application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure fund to secure funding for the design and engineering plans, which is a critical first step in the development of a second reservoir in north Ashcroft.</p> <p>M/S<br/><i>THAT, Council authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of developing engineered designs and plans for the construction of a second treated water reservoir in North Ashcroft.</i></p> | <b>P. 31-32</b> |
| <b>6.4</b> | <p><b>EDTC Report – 2025 BC Economic Development Awards Nomination</b><br/>Purpose:<br/>The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval to submit the Village of Ashcroft’s Visual Identity Project for the 2025 BC Economic Development Awards, hosted by the British Columbia Economic Development Association (BCEDA).</p> <p>M/S<br/><i>THAT, Council supports the submission of the Village of Ashcroft nomination to the 2025 BC Economic Development Awards.</i></p>   | <b>P. 33-34</b> |

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| 6.5                    | <p><b>EDTC Report – NDI – Economic Development Capacity Building Grant Application</b></p> <p>Purpose:<br/>The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Development Capacity Building stream.</p> <p>M/S<br/><i>THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a \$50,000 grant under the Economic Development Capacity Building stream to support ongoing position of the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator in the Village of Ashcroft.</i></p> | P. 35-36 |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION</b> |  |          |
| 6.6                    | N/A  |          |

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

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| <b>FOR ACTION</b>      |  |          |
| 7.1                    | <p><b>Ashcroft Journal – Ashcroft Cache Creek Best Of Contest – Request for Donation of Prizes to be awarded through a random draw to participants who nominate or vote</b></p> <p>M/S</p>   | P. 37    |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION</b> |  |          |
| 7.2                    | UBCM – 2024 CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Approval Agreement  | P. 38-40 |
| 7.3                    | <p><b>TNRD – Municipal Yard Waste Clean-Up Event – 2025 Fee Waiver Offer</b></p> <p>DPW has emailed TNRD advising our spring clean up dates of April 9-10 to request fee waiver for free dump days from the TNRD (copy attached as well as our spring clean up poster)</p> | P. 41-43 |
| 7.4                    | IH Health Communities Newsletter – March 2025  | P. 44-48 |
| 7.5                    | Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – March 1, 2025   | P. 49    |
| 7.6                    | IH Vision Zero BC – British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety for Vulnerable Users Program Grant Approval for \$14,500 for Village Project “ <i>Traffic Calming for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety</i> ”  | P. 50-51 |
| 7.7                    | TNRD News Release: Public Feedback Period Now Open for Draft Parks and Trails Strategic Plan   | P. 52-53 |
| 7.8                    | Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs – Spring Message from Assistant Deputy Minister Tara Faganello   | P. 54-56 |





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### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 8.1 | Task Manager | P. 57 |
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### 9. NEW BUSINESS

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

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| 10. | Enhancing Parks, Recreation, and Culture WG Notes – March 10, 2025 | P. 58-61 |
| 10. | Street Safety WG Notes – March 11, 2025                            | P. 62-64 |

### 11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| 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 | M/S<br><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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| 13.1 | N/A |  |
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### 14. ADJOURNMENT



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting

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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 – 1

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Nadine Davenport called the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday March 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm

**2. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

**3. MINUTES**

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

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| 3.1 | NONE |  |
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**5. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

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| 3.1 | NONE |  |
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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

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| 6.1 | CAO REPORT – Grant In Aid – First Intake<br>Purpose:<br>The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an opportunity to review and discuss the received Grant in Applications for the first |  |
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|  | <p>intake of 2025, in line with the Village’s Grant in Aid Policy #C-05-2024.</p> <p>The CAO informed Council that prior to 2024, the GIA budget allocation was \$2,500 annually rather than per intake. However, staff inadvertently allocated \$2,500 per intake for this year. As a result, Council was asked to provide direction on whether to maintain the total annual allocation at \$2,500 as budgeted or to proceed with \$2,500 per intake for 2025, with a review during the budget process.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Lambert<br/> <i>THAT, Council approves a budget of \$2,500 for both the 2025 spring and fall Grant in Aid intakes, and that the GIA budget be reconsidered before year end.</i></p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement<br/> <i>THAT, Council approves the GIA request for TOPS for \$387.50, does not support the BOSS request and split the remaining funds equally between the other five (5) applicants.</i></p> <p>M/S Clement / Lambert<br/> <i>THAT, Council rise and report the first intake Grant in Aid allocation to the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 10, 2025, determined by Council as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TOPS - 387.50</li> <li>2. Royal Purple - \$422.50</li> <li>3. South Cariboo Sportsmen Association - \$422.50</li> <li>4. Ashcroft 4-H - \$422.50</li> <li>5. Twisted Desert Music Society - \$422.50</li> <li>6. South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society - \$422.50</li> </ol> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment in regard to B.O.S.S. Enrichment backpack giveaway appears to be a duplication as DSCS provides school supplies to all students and backpacks to those that request them.</li> <li>• Comment that previous recipients should not be considered this year to give opportunity for new organizations to establish programs or events. GIA funding is not guaranteed from year to year and organizations should become self sustaining.</li> <li>• Comment that 4-H provides great benefits to children while the Sportsmen have been volunteering many hours to re-establish the range after the 2017 wildfire, and both organizations do fundraise for their events as well.</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment that upgrades to the RV plug ins at the range is not a necessity for camping.</li> <li>• Royal Purple operates primarily out of Cache Creek but has Ashcroft members and the proposed event and tour of Ashcroft will benefit the community.</li> <li>• Comment that there should be more public education in regards to GIA eligibility and intent of the program to encourage organizations sustainability and not rely on GIA funding for annual revenue.</li> </ul> |  |
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**7. CLOSED MEETING**

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

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| 7.1 | NONE |  |
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**8. TERMINATION**

Deputy Mayor Nadine Davenport adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:48 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, March 10, 2025.

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 Daniela Dyck,  
 Chief Administrative Officer

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 Barbara Roden,  
 Mayor



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**EXCUSED:**  
 Media – 1  
 Public – 2

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 10, 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**

Mayor Roden noted that the Motion to Rise and Report from the Committee of the Whole Meeting is to be discussed under New Business Item 9.1.

M/S Roden / Clement

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 10, 2025 be adopted as amended to include the item 9.1 Grant In Aid Applications – 2025 First Intake to be discussed under New Business.*

CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-51

**2. MINUTES**

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| 2.1 | <b>Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 24, 2025.</b><br>M/S Clement / Lambert<br><i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 24, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i> | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>R-2025-52 |
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### 4. PUBLIC INPUT

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No questions or comments were received from the public.

### 5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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### 6. STAFF REPORTS

| <b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b> |   |  |
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| <b>6.1</b>                  | <p><b>Development Variance Permit for 710 Elm Street</b></p> <p>Purpose:<br/>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> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport<br/><i>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.</i></p> <p>Discussion:<br/>The CAO introduced Council to Naomi Hori and Graham Richardson from CanZea Developments who were present in the gallery to answer any questions that may arise during the DVP discussion.<br/>Additionally, the CAO provided the following information to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief review of all comments, questions and concerns received from the residents that were mailed the notification letter. She noted that all comments were summarized and included in the attached CAO report and for transparency purposes all correspondence was provided to Council including staff responses.</li> <li>• Concerns regarding on street parking on Elm Street, and</li> </ul> | <p>CARRIED<br/>Unanimous<br/>R-2025-53</p> |

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|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding the DVP restriction limiting potential residents to one vehicle per household.</li> </ul> <p>Council discussed the parking DVP as proposed and considered the concerns and asked if all possible solutions had been exhausted in regard to parking stall development and invited CanZea to address the issues.</p> <p>Graham confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lot area and location of property has been maxed out for parking as proposed in the DVP</li> <li>The design incorporates the 15 existing +3 staff parking stalls at the Manor and the proposed 29 resident +7 visitor parking stalls</li> <li>The proposed DVP effectively maxes out parking space without going underground (which would be unaffordable)</li> </ul> <p>Other comments and questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On street parking concerns can be addressed in the traffic and parking bylaw which is to be updated.</li> <li>Query asking if there are stats available for residents that may move into the 2-bedroom units. How many have more than one car?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stats available, but some residents may not have any cars. Parking and resident vehicles comes down to a management issue for the Society.</li> </ul> </li> <li>It was noted that the building is equipped with motorized scooter parking/charging and some suites are also equipped with in-unit scooter parking. Noting most scooter users generally do not have a car.</li> <li>Parking impact reviews could be completed as part of the Traffic and Parking bylaw update.</li> <li>Existing parking between the manor and the new building, are the stalls near the BCEHS building also available parking?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Lodge parking stalls are not considered in the design. It was noted that the parking area is paved with painted parking stall lines and is generally used by Lodge staff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lodge parking is not managed by TVMS it is managed by IHA</li> <li>Comment in favour of the DVP noting the development is very much needed and not all residents will have 1 or even 2 cars.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>6.2</b></p> | <p><b>Southern Interior Local Government Association – Gift Basket Request</b></p> <p>Purpose:<br/>         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>CARRIED<br/>         Unanimous<br/>         R-2025-54</p> |

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|                        | <p>M/S Roden / Lambert</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 \$125.00 of Ashcroft swag and that local businesses be approached and asked if they could donate an appropriate item for the 2025 SILGA Convention.</i></p> <p>Discussion:<br/>Council suggested that the Village donate 1 jacket, 2 cups, 1 water bottle, 1 pen set, 1 knife</p> <p>Question :<br/>Will the Village be purchasing T-shirts, noting T-shirts are more affordable and with warmer weather coming soon these may be a popular choice.</p>  |  |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION</b> |  |  |
| <p><b>6.3</b></p>      | <p><b>CAO Report – Verbal Report</b></p> <p>Purpose:<br/>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>FireSmart Coordinator<br/>FireSmart Committee</p> <p>CAO Dyck advised Council that the Village will be interviewing for the Fire Smart Coordinator position later this week, noting an experienced LFR has applied for the position.</p> <p>Additionally, CAO Dyck advised Council that she will be attending the Regional FireSmart Committee meeting on Thursday which is being hosted by the TNRD and is facilitated by Mike Simpson formerly of Fraser Basin Council. Participating in a regional or community FireSmart Committee is a requirement of the funding.</p> |  |
| <p><b>6.4</b></p>      | <p><b>CFO Report – Verbal Report</b></p> <p>Purpose:<br/>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>CFO Bhalla's Economic and Financial Overview:<br/>Current Economic Situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nationally, debt levels are in the lower percentile but remain concerning.</li> <li>• Canada has the third highest household debt globally, leaving consumers vulnerable.</li> </ul>  |  |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer sentiment is critical, with 70% of the economy driven by consumer spending.</li> <li>• Inflation is on the rise, adding pressure to financial stability.</li> </ul> <p>Financial Strategy &amp; Municipal Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain steady and conservative financial management.</li> <li>• Reduce discretionary spending and adhere strictly to the budget.</li> <li>• Capital project funding is becoming scarce, impacting future investments.</li> <li>• The municipality is handling multiple priorities, making this a particularly busy year.</li> <li>• All municipal investments are in cash-based, conservative options (money market and bank deposits).</li> </ul> <p>Economic Risks &amp; Market Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stagflation concerns: a combination of recession and inflation.</li> <li>• The municipality remains debt-free, but investment revenue will decline compared to previous years.</li> <li>• Market volatility is increasing, with significant drops observed today.</li> <li>• Geopolitical instability (e.g., U.S. political uncertainty, trade wars, and fluctuating tariffs) is creating economic turbulence.</li> <li>• A full-blown recession is anticipated in the near future.</li> </ul> <p>Housing &amp; Employment Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rising unemployment and declining job vacancies.</li> <li>• Lowest home sales in 30 years, with the condo market in a downturn.</li> <li>• Increase in foreclosures and delinquencies, as mortgage renewal rates rise from 1-2% to 4-5%.</li> </ul> <p>CFO Bhalla noted this information is being presented to guide Council's financial decision-making in the current uncertain economic climate.</p> |  |
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**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

| <b>FOR ACTION</b> |   |  |
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| <b>7.1</b>        | <p><b>BC Farmers' Market - Requesting Letter of Support for Continued and Expanded Funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program - Draft Support Letter attached</b><br/>M/S Clement / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council directs staff to send the attached letter to Minister Osborne in support of the BC Farmers Market request.</i></p> | <p>CARRIED<br/>Unanimous<br/>R-2025-55</p> |

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| 7.2                    | <b>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</b><br>M/S Roden / Clement<br><i>THAT, Council defers the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Center request to a future meeting and invite the organizers to come and make a presentation to Council in regard to their event in the near future.</i>                          | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>R-2025-56 |
| 7.3                    | <b>SCEF Society – 2025 Easter Hunt Request for a Donation of a Family Pool Pass</b><br>Councillor Clement recused herself due to a conflict of interest as the HUB is collaborating on the event at 6:35 and returned at 6:36.<br>M/S Lambert / Davenport<br><i>THAT, Council approves the annual request from the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society and donates a Family Pool Pass to the Easter Egg Hunt.</i> | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>R-2025-57 |
| 7.4                    | <b>Cathy Peters, BC Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate – Hard drug full decriminalization needs to be repealed in BC – this may stop Trump tariffs –receive for information</b>   |                                   |
| <b>FOR INFORMATION</b> |   |                                   |
| 7.5                    | <b>TNRD Newsletter – Application Period Now Open for Spring 2025 Regional Grant In Aid Program Intake</b><br>Mayor Roden noted that approximately \$31,000 is available. The GIA is managed by an independent committee, and the extent of the applicant’s project impact across the region is a key factor in the decision-making process.   |                                   |
| 7.6                    | <b>School District 74 Board Bulletin March 2025</b>   |                                   |
| 7.7                    | <b>City of Abbotsford – Support for Resolution at LGMA Convention in advance of UBCM Convention</b>   |                                   |

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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| 8.1 | <b>Task Manager –</b><br>Query – update in regarding Cannabis Retail – Cannabis Retail is being addressed in the Zoning Bylaw update. |  |
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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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| 9.1 | <b>Business Arising from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm.</b><br>M/S Clement / Davenport<br><i>Move the Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Meeting to disburse the spring intake Grant in Aid funding as follows:</i><br><i>1. TOPS – 387.50</i> | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>R-2025-58 |
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# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of Council

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

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|  | 2. Royal Purple - \$422.50<br>3. South Cariboo Sportsmen Association - \$422.50<br>4. Ashcroft 4-H - \$422.50<br>5. Twisted Desert Music Society - \$422.50<br>6. South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society - \$422.50 |  |
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### 10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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### 11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| 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 | M/S Roden / Clement<br><i>THAT, Council moves to a Closed Meeting to discuss items under the Community Charter Section 90.1(a) personnel (g) Litigation and (k) proposed provision of a municipal service.</i> | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>R-2025-59 |
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### 13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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| 13.1 | N/A |  |
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### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday March 10, 2025, at 7:20 pm

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 the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
 Council held Monday, March 10, 2025.

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 Daniela Dyck,  
 Chief Administrative Officer

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 Barbara Roden,  
 Mayor

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**MEETING DATE:** March 24, 2025

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO

**SUBJECT: Establishing New Site Specific Water and Sewer Billing Category & Fees**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT, Council approves the establishment of the "Community Incubator" as a new utility category within the fee schedule of the Water Amendment, Sewer Amendment and Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaws for the purpose of adjusting utility fees charged.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to introduce a new utility category, "Community Incubator," and present the subsequent sewer and water amendment bylaws that will establish this category and its associated fees. This change aims to align water and sewer billing with the current operational use of the Ashcroft HUB, ensuring a fair and sustainable fee structure.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**



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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND:**

At the February 24th, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, staff was directed to establish a new category for water and sewer billing purposes that specifically addresses 711 Hill Street and its current use. Historically, the facility was charged under the "School" category, with each classroom allocated as a separate connection for each utility. Given the change in usage, the Ashcroft HUB Society has requested reconsideration of this fee structure, asserting that the HUB does not consume water and sewer services at the same level as a traditional school.

**DISCUSSION:**

To address this discrepancy, staff recommends the introduction of a new utility category, "Community Incubator," within the water and sewer fee schedule. A Community Incubator is defined as a space or program that nurtures local talent, businesses, and initiatives by providing resources, mentorship, and collaborative opportunities to support economic, social, and cultural development within the community.

Key Features of a Community Incubator:

- Startup & Entrepreneurial Support: Offers resources, mentorship, and space for new businesses and social enterprises.



- Creative & Cultural Development: Provides facilities for arts, music, and cultural programming.
- Education & Skill Building: Hosts classes, workshops, and training to empower individuals.
- Community Engagement: Encourages collaboration among residents, organizations, and businesses.
- Shared Spaces & Resources: Offers affordable access to workspaces, studios, and event venues.

In addition to establishing a new category in the fee structure schedule, and following extensive discussions, the CFO and Executive Director of the HUB reached an agreement that a fair utility fee adjustment would involve reducing the number of connections charged from 14 classrooms to 8.

It is recommended that Council approve the creation of the "Community Incubator" category within the water and sewer fee schedule. Additionally, the accompanying sewer and water amendment bylaws should be enacted to formally establish the new category and define the associated utility fees. This category would ensure that utility charges align with the HUB's operational nature and usage, promoting financial sustainability while supporting its role as a vital community resource.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Ashcroft HUB is a critical community asset, distinct from a traditional school, and its utility charges should reflect this reality. Establishing the "Community Incubator" category and enacting the corresponding bylaw amendments will allow for a more equitable fee structure, ensuring that the HUB can continue providing valuable services to the community.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative Authority**

**Financial Implications**

Fee adjustment reduces the utility cost by \$6,324.00

**Attachment Listing**

HUB Request



Feb 19, 2025

Mayor & Council  
Village of Ashcroft  
Box 129  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are aware, the Ashcroft HUB took over ownership of the former Elementary School in the fall and we have received our first annual utilities invoice.

The current classification of School (per classroom) for water and sewer rates does not accurately reflect the usage of the building, as there are no longer 25 bodies per classroom utilizing the facilities.

In light of this, we respectfully request that a new category be created specifically for community centres like the Ashcroft HUB. This new category would ensure that the rates applied are reflective of the HUB's operational nature and usage.

Thank you for considering this request. We are confident that this change will help in maintaining the sustainability and growth of the HUB as a vital community resource.

We look forward to your positive response and am available to discuss this matter further if needed.

Sincerely,

Susan McLean  
Board Chair  
Ashcroft HUB Society

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**BYLAW NO. 874, 2025**

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A bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft to amend the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Water Regulations Bylaw No. 797, 2015.

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The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.874, 2025”.
2. Bylaw No. 797, 2015 is amended as follows: by replacing Schedule A (2015 – 2022 & subsequent) with Schedule A (2025 & Subsequent).

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ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 2025

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

**BYLAW NO. 874, 2025 – WATER REGULATIONS AMENDMENT**

**SCHEDULE “A” 2025 & SUBSEQUENT**

| <b>CATEGORY</b>   | <b>2025</b>    |
|---|----------------|
| Single Family Dwelling (SFD)                              | 550.00         |
| Multi-Family Dwelling – per SFD                           | 550.00         |
| Mobile Home   | 550.00         |
| Hotel (including restaurant, beer parlour, rooms, lounge) | 6613.00        |
| Restaurant 1 – 20 Seats                                   | 700.00         |
| Restaurant 21 – 50 Seats                                  | 1500.00        |
| Restaurant 51+ Seats                                      | 3000.00        |
| Licensed Lounge   | 1773.00        |
| Laundromat, Per Washer                                    | 236.00         |
| Service Station   | 591.00         |
| Clinic/Train Station                                      | 1379.00        |
| Commercial 1-2 Washrooms                                  | 550.00         |
| Post Office   | 1064.00        |
| Supermarket   | 1773.00        |
| Church/Community Hall                                     | 550.00         |
| School, Per Classroom                                     | 550.00         |
| <b>Community Incubator (8 x SFD)</b>                      | <b>4400.00</b> |
| Hospital, Per Bed   | 550.00         |
| Industrial Plant, 1-2 Washrooms                           | 3471.00        |
| RCMP Station  | 3548.00        |
| Curling Rink  | 550.00         |
| Racquet & Leisure Centre                                  | 4135.00        |
| Courthouse  | 3570.00        |
| Unspecified, 1-2 Washrooms                                | 550.00         |
| Irrigation  | 5001.00        |
| Drip Irrigation   | 2450.00        |
| Car Wash - Per Bay  | 700.00         |
| NO Third-Party Purchase of Bulk Water                     | N/A            |



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**BYLAW NO. 875, 2025**

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A bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft to amend the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Sewer Regulations Bylaw No. 796, 2015.

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The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.875, 2025”.
2. Bylaw No. 796, 2015 is amended as follows: by replacing Schedule A (2015 – 2022 & subsequent) with Schedule A (2025 & Subsequent).

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Chief Administrative Officer

**BYLAW NO. 875, 2025 – SEWER REGULATIONS AMENDMENT**

**SCHEDULE “A” 2025 & SUBSEQUENT**

| <b>CATEGORY</b>   | <b>2025</b>    |
|---|----------------|
| Single Family Dwelling (SFD)                              | 504.00         |
| Multi-Family Dwelling – per single family unit            | 504.00         |
| Mobile Home   | 504.00         |
| Hotel (including restaurant, beer parlour, rooms, lounge) | 2312.00        |
| Restaurant 1 – 20 Seats                                   | 700.00         |
| Restaurant 21 - 50 Seats                                  | 1500.00        |
| Restaurant 51+ Seats                                      | 3000.00        |
| Licensed Lounge   | 1825.00        |
| Laundromat, Per Washer                                    | 221.00         |
| Service Station   | 504.00         |
| Clinic/Train Station                                      | 504.00         |
| Commercial 1-2 Washrooms                                  | 504.00         |
| Post Office   | 504.00         |
| Supermarket   | 1258.00        |
| Church/Community Hall                                     | 271.00         |
| School, Per Classroom                                     | 504.00         |
| <b>Community Incubator (8 rooms x SFD)</b>                | <b>4032.00</b> |
| Hospital, Per Bed   | 504.00         |
| Industrial Plant, 1-2 Washrooms                           | 1008.00        |
| RCMP Station  | 1008.00        |
| Curling Rink  | 504.00         |
| Racquet & Leisure Centre                                  | 3145.00        |
| Courthouse  | 3270.00        |
| Unspecified, 1-2 Washrooms                                | 504.00         |
| Car Wash- 2 bays (2022 onward charged per bay)            | 600.00/bay     |

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**BYLAW NO. 876, 2025**

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A bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft to amend the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024.

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The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No.876, 2025”.
2. Bylaw No. 869 is amended as follows: by replacing Schedule “I” Water Fees and Schedule “J” Sewer Fees.

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Mayor

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "I"  
Water Fees  
Rates include GST

| CATEGORY  | 2025           |
|---|----------------|
| Single Family Dwelling (SFD)                              | 550.00         |
| Multi-Family Dwelling – per SFD                           | 550.00         |
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| NO Third-Party Purchase of Bulk Water                     | N/A            |

Schedule "J"  
 Sewer Fees  
 Rates include GST

| CATEGORY  | 2025           |
|---|----------------|
| Single Family Dwelling (SFD)                              | 504.00         |
| Multi-Family Dwelling – per single family unit            | 504.00         |
| Mobile Home   | 504.00         |
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| Car Wash- 2 bays (2022 onward charged per bay)            | 600.00/bay     |

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO  
SUBJECT: New Vista Society – Comfort Letter Request in Support of Future Re-Zoning

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council provide a comfort letter to the New Vista Society indicating openness to rezoning the identified site to multi-family housing, subject to the formal rezoning application process.

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support in providing a comfort letter indicating the potential for rezoning a 4-acre portion of 1479 Government Street to multi-family RM1 zone. This rezoning would facilitate the development of affordable rental housing by New Vista, aligning with community housing needs and strategic growth initiatives.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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BACKGROUND

Following discussions with a representative from the New Vista Society, there is a proposal for the purchase and development of a 4-acre section to be subdivided from 1479 Government Street (Rodeo grounds) for affordable rental housing. New Vista is a well-established organization specializing in developing and operating affordable and seniors housing, providing a much-needed service to communities experiencing housing shortages.

New Vista's funding is in place for the acquisition of the property, and if the board approves the purchase they will move forward with the process of securing financing for the construction and development of the facility. The comfort letter is to provide a level of certainty that Council would support the rezoning application.

The project is still in the early planning stages, with land acquisition being the first step. Rezoning the site to multi-family zoning will be required to proceed with financing and finalizing development plans. New Vista has provided a presentation which is attached to this report introducing their organization and their commitment to affordable housing, with further details available on their website.

## DISCUSSION

Housing affordability continues to be a key concern in Ashcroft, and Council has prioritized initiatives that support sustainable and inclusive housing options. The proposed development aligns with municipal objectives related to increasing housing supply and improving housing diversity as per new legislation and the recently developed Housing Needs Assessment.

A comfort letter from Council indicating the potential for rezoning will assist New Vista in moving forward with its financing and planning. While this letter does not pre-approve any rezoning application, it demonstrates the municipality's openness to considering a multi-family housing project that would benefit the community.

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## CONCLUSION

Supporting affordable housing development is crucial for the long-term sustainability of Ashcroft. Providing a comfort letter to the New Vista Society will help facilitate their financing and planning process while ensuring that all necessary steps for rezoning and community consultation are appropriately followed.

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### **Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

#### **Legislative Authority**

#### **Financial Implications**

#### **Attachment Listing**

New Vista Society Introduction



March 25, 2025

New Vista Society  
Darin Froese, CEO  
7232 New Vista Place  
Burnaby, BC, V5E 3Z3

Subject: Comfort Letter – Potential for Rezoning to Multi-Family Zoning

Dear Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Village of Ashcroft, we acknowledge and appreciate the initiative taken by New Vista in exploring the development of affordable rental housing within our community. We understand that you are in the process of acquiring a 4-acre site in Ashcroft and are seeking assurances regarding the potential for rezoning to multi-family zoning in support of your proposed project.

We recognize the importance of increasing the supply of affordable rental housing in Ashcroft and support the objectives of New Vista in this regard. Based on our discussions and initial review, we are open to considering a rezoning application for the identified site to accommodate a multi-family residential development. While a formal rezoning application process, including public consultation and regulatory review, will be required, the Village is generally supportive of developments that align with our housing strategy and growth objectives.

Please note that this letter does not constitute a pre-approval of rezoning but rather serves as an indication of our willingness to engage in the process to support this initiative.

We look forward to further discussions and to receiving a formal rezoning application from New Vista at the appropriate stage. Should you require any additional information or assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



# New Vista Society

Providing Affordable Housing

Presentation | March 2025



Our communities will have access to high quality healthcare, support and affordable housing services.

## Vision

To create integrated communities that enrich our neighbourhoods through healthcare and affordable housing.

## Mission

Safety, Trust, Accountability, Respect, Collaboration

## Values

NEW VISTA Healthcare & Housing 2

### About New Vista Society

## Who is New Vista Society



- A non-profit charitable society founded in 1943
- Our Vision – communities having access to high quality healthcare, support, and affordable housing
- Our Mission – create integrated communities that enrich our neighborhoods through healthcare and affordable housing
- Partner with BC Housing and municipalities on providing affordable housing to seniors and families in different communities
- Work with provincial Health providing Long Term Care & Adult Day Program services
- Expertise and experience on developing new affordable housing and health projects with provincial and municipal stake holders

### About New Vista Society

## A Well-Established Society Serving Communities

- A Board of Directors -10 professional members
- Over 350 full time, part time and casual staff
- 150-200 regular volunteers
- Annual budget of \$45M
- In-house, dedicated team for tenancing, housing & maintenance
- 1500 people living in 879 Affordable Housing units – 13 sites, 269 more units in construction now
- 240 residents live in the Care Home
- 60 clients per week in the Adult Day Program



## Managing Properties at a Glance



New Vista Care Home



Margaret Bacchus



Douglas Manor

## Managing Properties at a Glance



New Vista Tower



Grace Macinnis Place



Eunice Oh Residence



Ernie Winch Tower

## Managing Properties at a Glance



JS Woodworth Phase 1



JS Woodworth Phase 2



Paul McDonnell Residence

## Managing Properties at a Glance



White Birch



Balsam Apartments



Claymore Apartments



Brighton Apartments

# New Vista is a good partner on developing affordable housing

## New Projects Developed in the Last 5 Years

### 1. New Vista Care Home

7 stories, 240 beds

- Funded by Fraser Health Authority, \$63.6M capital budget
- 40 Culturally Sensitive Beds for Korean Canadian seniors
- 40 Beds for seniors with severe dementia
- 30 spaces for Adult Day Program on the main floor
- Construction completed \$2 million under budget



## Expertise on developing affordable housing projects

1. Excellent track record on operating & developing care home and affordable housing
  - \$200M in recent capital projects, \$125M in construction now
  - Dedicated and capable senior managers and housing team
  - Decades of experience on operating affordable rental housing
  - We house families, seniors and persons with disabilities
2. Relationship and experience working with CMHC, BC Housing, Health Authority, and Municipalities on getting project approval, funding, and financing. Numerous proposals submitted to BC Housing and Federal Funders with success.
3. Build strong communities through services and volunteering.
4. Successful and recent experience on assembling the winning team to complete planning, design, and construction of 3 major projects within budget in the past 5 years.

## New Projects Developed in the Last 5 Years

### 2. Paul McDonnell Residence

14 stories, 125 Units

- A partnership with a private developer, New Vista Society, City of Burnaby, and BC Housing, on a City leased land for 99 years
- \$75M capital budget, providing affordable housing for individuals and families
- Construction completed in February 2022, move-in began in March, building now fully rented
- Under budget by \$5.5M





### 3. Eunice Oh Residence

3 stories, 25 Units

- \$14.8M capital budget - affordable housing for mixed family and seniors
- A BC Housing CHF program project
- Construction completed July 2024 – Tenanting in Progress

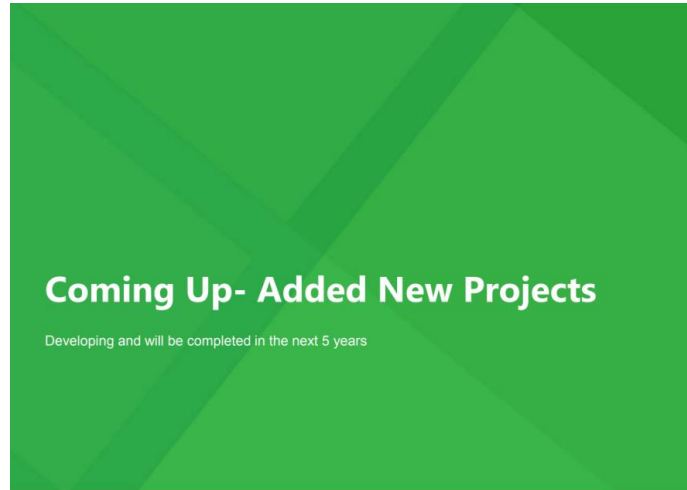


### 1. Royal Crescent, Maple Ridge

6 stories, 98 Units – Construction Starts early 2025



- 60-Year Long-Term Ground Lease with PRHC (BC Housing)
- Under BC Housing Community Housing Fund (CHF) Program
- Working closely with City of Maple Ridge for fast rezoning permitting



## 2. 6620 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby

4 stories, 53 Units

- Partnership with a private developer. Turnkey construction project.
- An individual building with Air Space Parcel ownership.
- BC Housing is providing a capital grant and financing.
- Project broke ground in May 2023, estimated completion in April 2026.



## 3. James Street - Burnaby

6 stories, 118 Unit - Woodframe

- Affordable Housing for independent living families and seniors with Rent-Geared-to Income under Community Housing Fund
- Partnership with Polygon and BC Housing – Completion 2026



Let's get Started!!

## We are looking forward to the bright future with you

- Work with you on developing affordable housing projects
- Quickly assemble a design/development team and work with the planning department for rezoning
- Make best efforts to secure favorable financing from multiple senior level of government and apply for any funding programs
- Strengthen our relationship with all stakeholders in the communities
- We have capital ready, and can build fast...
- Build strong communities through services and volunteering

Working with New Vista Society

**STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING**

**DATE:** March 24, 2025  
**FROM:** Yogi Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **S.168 Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT, Council approves the Council Remuneration and Expenses Report as presented.*

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the public with the legislated Council remuneration and expenses report as per Community Charter S.168.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved for Submission to Council:



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Yoginder Bhalla,  
Chief Financial Officer



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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**Background:**

Section 168 of the Community Charter requires that at least once a year, a Council must prepare a report separately listing Council remuneration, expenses and contracts.

**Discussion:**

The listing is attached and is similar to that contained in the SOFI Report which follows later in the year once the audited statements have been received

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative**

**Authority**

**Financial Implications**

**Attachment Listing**

Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024  
Pursuant to the *Community Charter Section 168* :

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Position</b> | <b>Remuneration</b> | <b>Expenses</b> | <b>Benefits<sup>1</sup></b> |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Roden, Barbara    | Mayor           | 15,185              | 1,653           | 200                         |
| Anstett, Jonah    | Councillor      | 8,215               | 1,464           | 200                         |
| Clement, Jessica  | Councillor      | 8,215               | 4,862           | 200                         |
| Davenport, Nadine | Councillor      | 8,215               | 1,176           | 200                         |
| Lambert, Doreen   | Councillor      | 8,215               | 0               | 200                         |
| <b>Total</b>      |                 | <b>48,047</b>       | <b>9,155</b>    | <b>1,000</b>                |

Notes:

1. The Benefit expense is the premiums paid for an accident insurance policy for members of Council while they are performing their civic duties.

Presented to Mayor and Council at the Regular Meeting held on:  
Monday March 24, 2025.

Certified correct:



Yoginder (Yogi) Bhalla  
Chief Financial Officer

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Yoginder Bhalla, CFO  
SUBJECT: Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund Application – North Ashcroft Reservoir

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of developing engineered designs and plans for the construction of a second treated water reservoir in North Ashcroft.

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for staff to submit a grant application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure fund to secure funding for the design and engineering plans, which is a critical first step in the development of a second reservoir in north Ashcroft.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Yoginder Bhalla,  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Submission to Council:



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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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BACKGROUND:

To accommodate future growth in north Ashcroft, the Village has recognized the need to construct a second treated water reservoir to enhance water security, ensure sufficient fire flow levels. With the recent reservoir land acquisition, the Village can now move forward with the necessary planning and design work.

Village staff are working closely with Urban Systems to draft the grant application. If successful, the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund will cover 50% of the cost for the engineered drawings and final design specifications. To ensure financial feasibility, staff will actively pursue additional funding sources to offset the Village's portion of the costs. As part of the budget process, the Village has committed \$50,000 in leveraging funds toward this project, ensuring financial support in the absence of additional funding sources or successful grant applications. Securing this funding is a crucial step before applying for further grants to support the construction phase.

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## DISCUSSION:

The development of a second treated water reservoir aligns with the Village's long-term infrastructure goals and community growth strategy. Key benefits include:

- Support for Future Growth: Ensuring adequate water supply to accommodate residential, commercial, and industrial development in Ashcroft.
- Enhanced Fire Protection: Providing redundancy and additional capacity to meet fire suppression requirements.
- Infrastructure Resilience: Improving the overall stability of the Village's water system by mitigating risks associated with single-source dependency.
- Regulatory Compliance: Meeting provincial and federal standards for water infrastructure sustainability.

The grant application seeks funding for the design and engineering phase of the project, covering 50% of the total project costs. Staff will explore additional funding opportunities to supplement the remaining portion, reducing the financial burden on the Village. Future funding applications will be pursued for the construction phase once the design is complete.

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## SUMMARY:

The submission of this grant application represents a critical step toward the realization of the second treated water reservoir in North Ashcroft. With Council's approval, staff will proceed with the application process and continue working with our engineers at Urban Systems to ensure the project moves forward efficiently.

By securing funding for the design and engineering phase, the Village will be well-positioned to apply for construction funding, ultimately enhancing water infrastructure to support Ashcroft's long-term development and safety needs.

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Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

\$50,000

Attachment Listing

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## **STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING**

**DATE:** March 24, 2025  
**FROM:** Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** **2025 BC Economic Development Awards Nomination**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT, Council supports the submission of the Village of Ashcroft nomination to the 2025 BC Economic Development Awards.*

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to submit the Village of Ashcroft's Visual Identity Project for the 2025 BC Economic Development Awards, hosted by the British Columbia Economic Development Association (BCEDA)

### **Prepared by:**



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Margaret Moreira  
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator

### **Approved for submission to Council**



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Daniela Dyck  
Chief Administrative Officer

### **Introduction:**

The BC Economic Development Awards recognize outstanding economic development initiatives across British Columbia. The Village of Ashcroft's Visual Identity Project, completed in August of 2024, has been instrumental in strengthening community identity, enhancing tourism and investment attraction efforts, and creating a cohesive brand that reflects the village's unique landscape, history, and culture.

The new branding has received strong community support and has been integrated into municipal signage, marketing materials, and economic development initiatives. The nomination falls under the Marketing Innovation – Less Than 10,000 Population category, highlighting the innovative and community-driven approach used to develop the brand.

Submitting this nomination presents an opportunity to showcase Ashcroft's commitment to economic development, tourism promotion, and community engagement on a provincial platform

**Conclusion:**

Council's approval is requested to proceed with the submission of the nomination. If successful, this recognition will further elevate Ashcroft's profile within the economic development community and reinforce the effectiveness of its branding efforts.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

**Legislative**

**Authority**

**Financial Implications**

The application requires a \$52.50 fee.

**Attachment Listing**

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** March 24, 2025  
**FROM:** Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator  
**SUBJECT: NDIT – Economic Development Capacity Building Grant Application**

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### RECOMMENDATION:

*THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a \$50,000 grant under the Economic Development Capacity Building stream to support ongoing position of the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator in the Village of Ashcroft.*

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Development Capacity Building stream.

### Prepared by:



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Margaret Moreira  
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator

### Approved by:



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Daniela Dyck  
Chief Administrative Officer

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### Introduction:

If successful, this grant will partially fund the wages of the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator, enabling the dedicated execution of strategic projects that contribute to Ashcroft's economic growth and sustainability. The EDTC will be responsible for implementing initiatives that foster business development, tourism promotion, and economic resilience, including:

#### Investment Attraction & Business Growth

- Proactively working to attract hotel investors to Ashcroft.
- Updating and leveraging the hotel/motel study to support investor engagement.
- Supporting local businesses through marketing, retention, and expansion strategies.

#### Tourism Promotion

- Enhancing Ashcroft's identity as the 'Heart of the True Desert' through targeted marketing efforts.
- Strengthening regional tourism partnerships to increase visitor engagement.
- Developing and distributing promotional brochures highlighting key community assets, including the Ashcroft Pool, Museum, Campground, and Arena, to enhance visitor experience and boost tourism.

### **Shop Local & Business Support Initiatives**

- Expanding shop local campaigns to support economic sustainability and community engagement.
- Collaborating on regional marketing efforts, such as participating in the regional journal's 'Celebrate Canada Buy Local' campaign.

### **Strategic Planning & Grant Development**

- Leading the implementation of Ashcroft's Economic Development and Tourism strategies.
  - Identifying and applying for additional funding opportunities to support community growth and resilience.
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### **Conclusion:**

Securing this grant will ensure the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator position is partially funded, allowing for uninterrupted leadership and execution of Ashcroft's economic development strategies. The Village will contribute the remaining necessary funds to cover wages and benefits, reinforcing its commitment to fostering economic growth and stability.

Council's support for this application is crucial to sustaining economic development efforts and achieving long-term community prosperity.

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### **Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

- Economic Development & Tourism Strategy

### **Legislative Authority**

- N/A

### **Financial Implications**

- \$50,000 Grant funding a portion of EDTC wages; the Village will cover the remaining wage and benefit costs as part of its budget allocations.

**From:** Sabrina Ede <[sabrina.ede@100milefreepress.net](mailto:sabrina.ede@100milefreepress.net)>

**Sent:** March 19, 2025 10:34 AM

**To:** Kris Hardy <[ea@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:ea@ashcroftbc.ca)>; EDT Village of Ashcroft <[edt@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:edt@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Subject:** Ashcroft Cache Creek Best Of Contest

Good morning,

I'm currently looking for a sponsor for our **Best Of** contest in the Ashcroft/Cache Creek area, launching this April.

This community-driven contest will invite the public to **nominate** their favourite businesses in various categories, followed by a voting period to determine the winners. The contest will run for **6 to 8 weeks**, with the winners announced on our website and in the **Ashcroft Journal's** print edition.

#### **What's involved in sponsoring?**

We simply ask for a couple of prizes (such as gift certificates to local businesses) to be awarded through a random draw to participants who nominate or vote.

#### **What do you get in return?**

- **Your logo** prominently displayed on all contest materials, including **print, online, and social media ads**.
- The option to include **up to three lead generation questions**, and email opt-ins with the collected contacts shared with you after the contest.

If this is something you would be interested in, please let me know as soon as possible. We're aiming for an **early April launch**, and I'd love to have you on board!

Looking forward to your thoughts.

Thanks,

Sabrina Ede  
Multi-Media Sales Consultant  
Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal  
100 Mile Free Press  
250-395-2219  
[sabrina.ede@100milefreepress.net](mailto:sabrina.ede@100milefreepress.net)

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January 28, 2025

Daniela Dyck, CAO  
Village of Ashcroft  
PO Box 129  
601 Bancroft Street  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Reference: LGPS-11081

**Re: 2024 CEPF Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training – CONFIDENTIAL Approval Agreement**

Dear Ms. Dyck,

Thank you for submitting an application, dated October 2, 2024, under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the 2024 Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training funding stream.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee has recommended your project, *Ashcroft 2025 Firefighter Training*, for partial funding. A grant in the amount of \$36,447.58 has now been approved.

To be eligible for funding, costs and activities must align with Table 1 (and where applicable, Appendix 2 and/or Appendix 3) in the *Program and Application Guide*. Training and equipment that is not identified in the *Program Guide* and/or did not meet the overall intent of the funding stream was not approved.

Based on this, the following proposed costs and activities were not approved for funding and the approved grant amount has been reduced accordingly:

- Auto Extrication training (\$3,600.00)

As outlined in the *Program and Application Guide*, an initial payment in the amount of \$18,223.79 or fifty percent (50%) of the total approved grant will follow by electronic funds transfer after the signed Approval Agreement has been returned to UBCM. The remainder of the grant will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General have provided funding for this program. In order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for grant payment:

*The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC*

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the Band Manager, CAO, CFO, or designate and returned to UBCM within 30 days of the date of the date of this letter;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval **in confidence until March 14, 2025**;
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above-named project and for the expenses itemized in your approved application and budget;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility and funding requirements as defined in the *Program and Application Guide* (refer to Sections 4, 5, and 6);
- (5) All project activities must be completed within one year and no later than January 28, 2026;
- (6) The final report is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of the project end date and no later than February 28, 2026;
- (7) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date;
- (8) Where applicable, the purchase of equipment required to support response to interface fires is limited to wildland firefighting personal protective equipment and equipment identified in Appendix 3 of the *Program and Application Guide*;
- (9) Where applicable, live burn training, training props, and facilities are limited to live burning using Class B fuels only.

In addition, local governments are encouraged to engage with local First Nations and Indigenous organizations. Engagement by local governments both locally and regionally can help build relationships with First Nations, benefit both communities and enhance reconciliation. More information on engagement best practices is available [here](#).

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all interim, progress, and/or final report materials may be made available to the Provincial government and First Nations' Emergency Services Society.

I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to support emergency preparedness and resiliency in your community.

If you have any questions, please contact 250-952-9177 or [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca).



Sincerely,



Sasha Pynn  
Program Officer

cc. Josh White, Fire Chief, Village of Ashcroft

Reference: LGPS-11081

**Approval-in-Part Agreement** (to be signed by the Band Manager, CAO, CFO, or designate)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorized designate of the Village of Ashcroft, have read and agree to the general Terms and Conditions and the requirements for funding under the **2024 Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training** funding stream.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Signature, Title

Date

*\*An original or certified digital signature is required.*

Please return an electronic copy of this signed Approval Agreement to [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca).



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Department: Solid Waste & Recycling

March 12, 2025

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

**RE: Municipal Yard Waste Clean-Up Event – 2025 Fee Waiver Offer**

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is committed to FireSmart principles and aiding Municipalities in reducing fire risk through removing combustible yard waste around homes and properties.

Following a motion made at the May 2024 Board Meeting, it was determined that the TNRD will offer an annual fee waiver for Municipal Yard Waste Clean-Up Events once per year. Yard waste self-hauled by residents is free to drop off year-round, however commercial yard waste drop off costs \$40/tonne. Waiving the commercial drop off fee once per year allows the Band to collect yard waste from residential and commercial properties if they wish and drop it off free of charge.

*Yard Waste is defined as organic materials originating from yard and garden management, maintenance or repair including but not limited to: grass, lawn and hedge clippings, flowers, weeds, pine needles, pinecones, leaves, shrubs, and shrub and tree branches (less than 8 inches in diameter), but does not include: tree stumps, branches greater than 8 inches in diameter, Noxious Weeds, Infested Vegetation, rocks, sand, soil, sod, or fruit or vegetable material.*

If the Village of Ashcroft wishes to participate in this offer, please submit your requested date for a Community Yard Waste Clean-Up event taking place in 2025 so that the TNRD can plan accordingly to accommodate the material. This will be a regular annual offer the Band may participate in.

Requests can be submitted via email at [recycleright@tnrd.ca](mailto:recycleright@tnrd.ca) or by phone at 250-377-2596.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Adriana Mailloux  
 Manager of Solid Waste & Recycling

CC: TNRD FireSmart Program, [firesmart@tnrd.ca](mailto:firesmart@tnrd.ca)

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**From:** Brian Bennewith <[dpw@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:dpw@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Sent:** March 18, 2025 8:19 AM

**To:** [recycleright@tnrd.ca](mailto:recycleright@tnrd.ca)

**Cc:** Daniela Dyck <[cao@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:cao@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Subject:** Community Yard Waste Clean-up

Good Morning,

The Village of Ashcroft is planning our annual spring yard clean-up for our community on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, this may spill over into the 11<sup>th</sup> depending on the amount to be picked up in our community.

Please let me know if this OK to proceed with under the free waiver for Municipal Yard Waste Clean-up.

Thank you,

Brian Bennewith  
Village of Ashcroft  
Director of Public Works  
PO Box 129  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Phone: 250 453 9161  
Cell: 250 457 7497  
Fax: 250 453 9664  
[dpw@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:dpw@ashcroftbc.ca)





## **SPECIAL YARD WASTE PICK UP**

To aid Ashcroft residents with their **SPRING CLEANUP**, additional waste pick-ups will be provided on **WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 9 & 10, 2025.**

**YOU MUST PHONE THE OFFICE AT 250-453-9161 BY MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 TO HAVE YOUR NAME PUT ON THE LIST TO ENSURE PICK-UP. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST, YARD WASTE MAY NOT BE PICKED UP!**

**THE VILLAGE CREW IS ONLY ABLE TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING:**

- ◆ Branches less than 8" in diameter & 8' in length.
- ◆ Leaves/Grass/Weeds/Twigs (***cannot be bagged***)
- ◆ Non-Refrigeration Appliances
- ◆ Old Tires
- ◆ **NO** Construction Waste / House Hold Waste
- ◆ Maximum weight of any single item or bundle is 100lbs.
- ◆ The total weight per address is 1,000 lbs.
- ◆ The total volume of material per address is 4 cubic yards (6' x 6' x 3').
- ◆ Yard Waste must be out where it can be picked up by equipment.
- ◆ Yard Waste cannot be on Highway Right-of-Way.
- ◆ Yard Waste must be a defined pile on a level surface. Items must be kept separate (no mixing).

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- ◆ **YARD WASTE MUST NOT BE AGAINST FENCES, SIGNS, BUILDINGS OR RETAINING WALLS OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!**
- ◆ **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR YARD WASTE OUT PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 2025.**
- ◆ **KINDLY HAVE YOUR YARD WASTE OUT TO BE PICKED UP ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION & SCHEDULE. THANK YOU.**

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## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER



March 2025

Our Healthy Communities team works with Indigenous communities, municipalities, regional districts and other partners to create opportunities for all people to live well. Healthy built and natural environments, along with supportive social and economic circumstances, are the essential building blocks for health. Topics within the newsletter reflect this broad scope. Learn more about the [Healthy Communities team](#), find your [local team member](#) or visit our [website](#).

*In every issue you will find:*  
**Community Recognition**  
**Advancing Healthy Public Policy**  
**Events & Learning Opportunities**  
**Funding Opportunities**

### COMMUNITY RECOGNITION



#### City of Rossland's New Accessibility Plan

The City of Rossland recently released [Path to Inclusion: The Rossland Accessibility Plan](#), a strategic initiative aimed at making the City a more inclusive, welcoming, and accessible environment for all residents and visitors. This plan is the result of extensive community consultation and collaboration with accessibility experts.

Club and Shuswap Recreation Society to officially open the rubberized indoor walking track at the Shaw Centre! This project has been in the making since [December 2023](#). This newly created space will help to provide free and accessible physical activity opportunities keeping people active year round. The City will be providing [maintenance and repair](#) of the track.

## ADVANCING HEALTHY PUBLIC POLICY



### Climate Ready Infrastructure Service for Local Governments

The [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) is a newly established capacity building project for local governments across Canada. The service connects local governments and communities with top climate experts to support the integration of low-carbon resilience into local infrastructure projects. By providing expert guidance and technical advice, local governments gain the tools needed to better serve their communities, reduce emissions, and meet the challenges of climate change head-on.

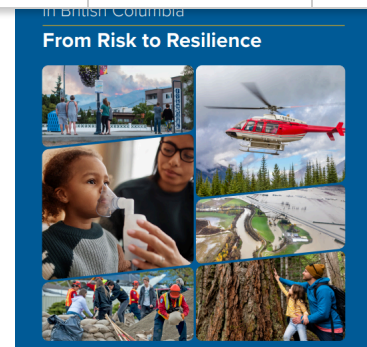


### Climate and Housing Resource: How to Build More Housing in a Changing Climate

As climate change continues to increase the frequency and severity of extreme weather and weather-related hazards, like floods and wildfires, building homes in safer locations is crucial. This [new report](#) by the [Canadian Climate Institute](#) explains the need for all levels of government to strengthen land use policies and align housing, infrastructure, and disaster assistance policies to steer new homes away from the most hazardous areas.

## Changing Climate

The new report [Climate and Health in British Columbia: From Risk to Resilience](#) brings together extensive research and provides recommendations for health systems and other sectors about extreme heat, wildfire, flooding, and drought. The idea is to create communities that are resilient to these events in order to support health and wellbeing for all people in a changing climate.



## EVENTS & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



### REGISTER NOW! Road Traffic Data in BC

This [webinar, hosted by the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit](#), will explain the publicly available road traffic data sources across British Columbia.

**BC INJURY** research and prevention unit

**Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 10:00AM PST**

[Register Here](#)



### WATCH! Alcohol Policy: How Communities Can Act On a Local Level

In this [recorded webinar from BC Healthy Communities](#), Councillor Tom Stere (District of Tofino), Dr. Nancy Poole (Centre of Excellence for Women's Health), and Dr. Silvina Mema (Interior Health) explain how the District of Tofino is adapting its municipal alcohol policy to support the health and wellbeing of residents.

### WATCH! Why Urban Biodiversity Is Essential for Well-being

Over 80 percent of Canadians now live in cities, and the conversion of land to urban areas is one of the fastest-growing and most irreversible global changes. This [recorded webinar from the Canadian Urban Environmental Health Research Consortium](#) covers trends in urban biodiversity, the importance of urban nature for well-being, and strategies for increasing biodiversity across all neighborhoods.



Housing affordability is a challenge across the province. This [recorded webinar](#) from the Hey Neighbour! Collective discusses how municipalities can support lower rents through informed housing policy considerations. And be sure to check out this Happy Cities webpage, which contains a [wide range of project resources for building socially connected housing](#).

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## TAKE PART! Municipal Leadership in Climate Adaptation and Resilience

[Join the Tamarack Institute in April for a virtual conversation](#) on how cities and communities across Canada are navigating extreme weather events and demonstrating leadership when it comes to strengthening local climate adaptation and resilience. Panelists include Rebecca Alty, Mayor of Yellowknife, and Don Iveson, former Mayor of Edmonton.

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 10:00AM PST**

[Register Here](#)

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### CMHC Affordable Housing Fund for New Construction

The [Affordable Housing Fund](#) provides long-term low-cost repayable loans, forgivable loans and/or contributions focusing on two key priority areas of the National Housing Strategy: the creation of new affordable housing and the repair and renewal of existing affordable and community housing. The **New Construction stream** has two dedicated sub-streams:

- [The Rapid Housing Sub-Stream](#) option supports the construction of shelters, transitional and supportive housing for those in greatest need.
- [The Community Housing Sub-Stream](#) option supports the construction of new affordable housing supply in mixed-use, mixed-income communities.

The [Renew and Repair stream](#) preserves and revitalizes the existing community and affordable housing stock.

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[The FireSmart Pilot Program](#) for Regional District Cooperative Community Wildfire Response Organizations provides funding to regional districts in B.C. to increase community resiliency and to help build a cooperative pathway for wildfire response by undertaking training and purchasing personal protective equipment for local community members in areas that do not fall within a structural fire protection jurisdiction area.

**Applications due May 30, 2025**

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## Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative in British Columbia

[The Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative \(RHII\)](#) supports the residential homebuilding supply chain and changes the way homes are built in British Columbia by advancing innovative homebuilding solutions and boosting manufacturing efficiency in the homebuilding sector. The RHII in British Columbia is part of a nationwide Government of Canada initiative that will invest \$50 million over 2 years and is an important part of Canada's Housing Plan.

**Applications due March 31, 2026 or when funding is fully committed**

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## UBCM Active Transportation Planning Grants

The [Active Transportation Planning program](#) supports local governments to incorporate or enhance active transportation components of formal planning documents. Local governments with a population up to 25,000 that meet the grant criteria are eligible for up to \$30,000 toward their active transportation planning costs.

**Funding permitting, applications accepted until September 30, 2025**



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# Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

The March 1<sup>st</sup> snow survey is now complete. Data from 95 manual snow courses and 111 automated snow weather stations around the province (collected by the Ministry of Environment and Parks’ Snow Survey Program, BC Hydro and partners), and climate data from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the provincial Climate Related Monitoring Program have been used to form the basis of the following report.

## Executive Summary

- As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the provincial snowpack is below normal, averaging 73% of normal (27% below normal), remaining similar to the 72% on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The snowpack is higher than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 when the B.C. average was 66% of normal.
- The Fraser River at Hope snow index is below normal at 74%.
- Due to low snow conditions, below normal freshet flood hazard is expected this season.
- Low snowpack and seasonal runoff forecasts combined with warm seasonal weather forecasts and lingering impacts from on-going drought are pointing towards elevated drought hazards for this upcoming spring and summer.
- By early March, approximately 80% of the annual B.C. snowpack typically accumulates.
- There are still four to eight weeks left in the snow accumulation season. While conditions may change slightly over this period, current trends in low snowpack are expected to persist.

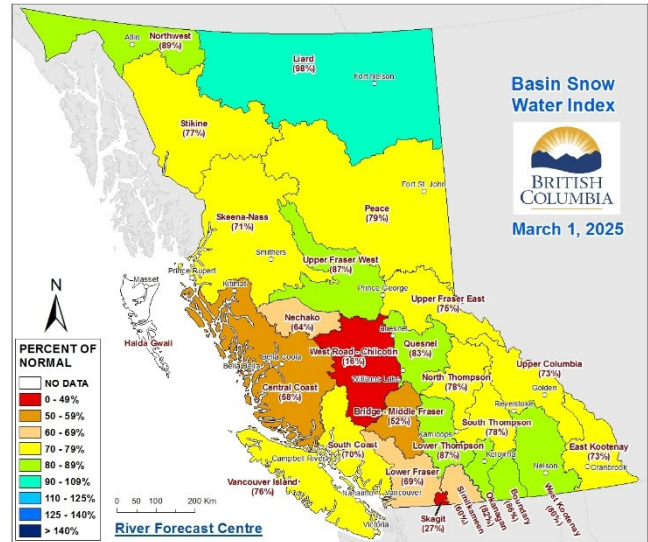


Figure 1. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Basin Snow Water Index Map of British Columbia. Larger and colour-friendly versions available in full report.

Table 1. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Snow Basin Indices in B.C.

| Basin                                 | % of Normal | Basin          | % of Normal | Basin            | % of Normal |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Upper Fraser West                     | 87          | North Thompson | 78          | South Coast      | 70          |
| Upper Fraser East                     | 75          | South Thompson | 78          | Vancouver Island | 76          |
| Nechako                               | 64          | Fraser River   | 71          | Central Coast    | 58          |
| Middle Fraser                         | 66          | Upper Columbia | 73          | Skagit           | 27          |
| Lower Thompson*                       | 87          | West Kootenay  | 80          | Peace            | 79          |
| Bridge*                               | 52          | East Kootenay  | 73          | Skeena-Nass      | 71          |
| Chilcotin*                            | 16          | Boundary       | 86          | Liard            | 98          |
| Quesnel*                              | 83          | Okanagan       | 82          | Stikine          | 77          |
| Lower Fraser                          | 69          | Similkameen    | 60          | Northwest        | 89          |
|                                       |             | Nicola         | 71          | Fraser R. @ Hope | 74          |
| <b>British Columbia 73% of Normal</b> |             |                |             |                  |             |

Next scheduled snow bulletin release: April 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

March 4, 2025  
Shianne Bains  
Injury Prevention Lead  
Shianne.bains@interiorhealth.ca

Dear Village of Ashcroft,

Thank you for your application to the *British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety for Vulnerable Road Users Program*, for your project entitled, "Traffic Calming for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety".

**Congratulations!** The committee has reviewed your proposal and will be providing you with a grant award in the amount of **\$14,500**.

The funds may be used for the following:

- Speed bumps
- 1 speed reader board

Please be aware of the following details for your award:

1. Grant funds may only be used for the expenditures and activities listed above.
2. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2026. If a project extension is required, please let the Injury Prevention Lead know as soon as possible.
3. If funds remain at project completion or if the project is unable to be completed, the Injury Prevention Lead and you will discuss the appropriate course of action. This may include returning the funds to Interior Health.
4. You are required to submit a progress report at midpoint and a final report when the project is completed. The report templates will be provided on the [grant platform](#) closer to the date.
5. You may be asked to share your findings, successes, and challenges with other grant recipients and key partners. The images and documents shared may be published on [Vision Zero BC](#). Please review your project summary as this information will be posted publicly on our website. See the Project Card document included in your award email for further details.
6. You must acknowledge the Vision Zero Road Safety Grant Program in relevant publications, events, and other materials produced as part of your project.

**We respectfully request that you refrain from any public/media announcements regarding your successful application to the British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety for Vulnerable Road Users Grant Program until we have indicated that it is appropriate to do so.** We will let you know as soon as you may go ahead with public/media announcements regarding this funding.

If you accept the award terms outlined above, please sign below and return to [bcinjury@bcchr.ca](mailto:bcinjury@bcchr.ca) and [shianne.bains@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:shianne.bains@interiorhealth.ca) by **Thursday March 13, 2025**.

Thank you for your commitment to improving road safety in British Columbia.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Shelina Babul  
Director, BC Injury Research & Prevention Unit



Katrina Lehenbauer  
Manager, Healthy Communities, Interior Health

I accept the BC Vision Zero in Road Safety Program Award and agree with the financial arrangements as stated above:

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Full Name

Signature

Date

**Payment Details:**

Should you accept the funding, a cheque will be mailed to you. Please fill out the following information.

**Cheque Payable To** (this must be an organization): \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_





## NEWS RELEASE

### Public Feedback Period Now Open for Draft Parks and Trails Strategic Plan

**Kamloops, BC – March 19, 2025** –The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is inviting the public to review its draft Parks and Trails Strategic Plan and provide feedback in the coming weeks, helping to shape future planning of TNRD parks and trails.

The draft Parks and Trails Strategic Plan has now been completed, following a first round of public consultation, engagement with stakeholders and First Nations, research, analysis, and discussions with staff and elected officials through the Parks and Trails Strategic Plan Development Committee.

This Plan will guide the management, operations, and development of TNRD parks and trails over the next 10 years. The draft Plan evaluates existing TNRD parks and trail assets, identifies opportunities for future park developments and potential partnerships, makes recommendations for prioritizing future projects, and more.

- View: [Draft Parks and Trails Strategic Plan](#)

Residents are invited to review the Plan and participate in public consultation through the following options:

1. **Online Survey:** Open until April 14, 2025. To take this short survey, [click here](#).
2. **Virtual Open House:** April 8, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. At this open house, the draft Plan will be shared beginning at 6:00 pm, and members of the public will be able to ask questions and provide feedback. To register for this open house, [click here](#).

For more information about the TNRD Parks and Trails Strategic Plan, and to access the survey and open house links, visit: [tnrd.ca/parks-strategy](http://tnrd.ca/parks-strategy).

Following this round of public consultation, the final Parks and Trails Strategic Plan is expected to be adopted by summer 2025.

Currently, the TNRD parks system includes 12 Community Parks and Trails, three Regional Parks, and 19 undeveloped parks, which are primarily parcels of land dedicated as park space within subdivisions. Parks range in size from 0.09 hectares to 109 hectares.

Historically, TNRD parks were developed as stand-alone projects, often at the request of specific community groups. Many of these parks are located in the North Thompson Valley. A TNRD Parks and Trails Strategic Plan will ensure there is a strategic approach and adequate resources to developing community or regional parks and recreation infrastructure for the entire region. This Plan will also support grant funding applications for capital projects at new or existing parks.

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# Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Tara Faganello, ADM  
Local Government Division



Good afternoon, colleagues

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on 2024 and to offer my sincerest thanks for continuing the important work in your communities to deliver on the priorities of British Columbians. I continue to be grateful for our partnerships as we work toward our shared goal of building stronger communities.

Since the fall of 2024, we have been committed to the transition of a newly formed Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. This new Ministry presents a great opportunity to improve the lives of people in our communities as we continue to support local governments by delivering programs and services, in particular housing and related infrastructure, that are key to vibrant, well-governed communities. Our new Ministry and Minister Kahlon retain responsibility for all of the local government related legislation and our team in Local Government Division remain available to you and your staff.

This reunion of Housing and Municipal Affairs aligns nicely with the work we're doing to support government's goals of working with municipalities and the interconnections between infrastructure and housing. The teams from Housing and Municipal Affairs are no strangers to one another; their responsibilities have been embedded in past Cabinet structures, and these teams have been focused on a productive exchange of knowledge and information about housing priorities and local government matters.

Part of our LGD team was moved to support the Honourable Brittny Anderson in her new role as Minister of State for Local Government and Rural Communities in the Office of the Premier. This role will allow for more focus on the distinct challenges faced by rural and remote communities and provide a direct link for UBCM into the Premier's office.

The rest of our LGD program areas remain intact and our relationships with the local governments will not change.

Additionally, a few highlights of 2024 include

- involvement in 13 Environmental Assessment projects and focusing on the impacts of associated environmental, economic, social, cultural and health effects and adverse cumulative effects from the projects on the direct and surrounding communities;
- supporting two new legislative items that expand categories for which development cost charges can be collected and enable the collection of amenity cost charges and leading the development of the interim guidance materials for these new changes;
- review of 264 bylaws for Inspector approval;
- actively worked with five municipal advisors for local governments facing exceptional governance challenges;

- working through research and policy questions on Inclusive Regional Governance, and leading external engagement with five regional districts, respective First Nations, and consultants, which is expected to culminate in a historic evolution to our regional district system—enabling First Nations to sit at the Board table alongside Municipal, Electoral Area, and treaty First Nation members while leaving the foundational regional district system components in place—especially the regional district finance system;
- continuing to work through project issues to address cost increases and other challenges for communities, as well as implementing the administration of Critical Community Infrastructure grants from last March, with more than 450 approved projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program;
- working on negotiations with the federal government on the Canada Community-Building Fund and the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund;
- securing \$50 million to deliver a pilot project for water meters, through Budget 2024, to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of universal water metering to assist communities in addressing drought impacts;
- added Land Use, Planning, and Regional Impacts as the newest branch, which has come with mature skills and resources and has developed its identity and advanced from the initial leadership team of three to a full team;
- increased interest and support with three new Regional Growth Strategies initiated by Land Use, Planning, and Regional Impacts branch (Peace River Regional District, Cowichan Valley Regional District, and Regional District of the Central Kootenays);
- releasing two guidance documents for public libraries: AGM Basics for Public Library Associations and [Privacy Guidelines and Workshops](#), which will support improved governance of the public library system and increase protection of library users’ privacy;
- creating a new template for reporting on the use of the Library Enhancements funding, which enables them to tell provincial, regional, and local success stories through improved information gathering; and
- refreshed the strategic plan for public libraries, which continue to respond to gaps in communities.

Additionally, in fall 2023, B.C. introduced amendments to the *Local Government Act* and *Vancouver Charter* to enable local governments to deliver housing faster, supporting the delivery of more homes for British Columbians. To assist local governments in implementing these changes, a series of new or updated guidance documents are being released this month. These guides cover Tenant Protection Bylaws, Inclusionary Zoning and Density Bonusing, Amenity Cost Charges, Development Cost Charges, Pro-active Planning, Works and Services, Land for Transportation, and Transportation Demand Management.

For information about how the Province is responding to U.S. tariffs, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/tariffs>.

Speaking directly with you about your communities is an essential part of our collaborative work. I have enjoyed visiting many of your communities over the past year and I always appreciate the opportunities to connect at in-person events. Our collaborative efforts will continue to have positive impacts on communities throughout BC. It is important orders of government work collaboratively together and we have that focus at the staff level.



I am deeply thankful for everything you do, and will do, for your community. From everyone in the Local Government Division at the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, we wish you and your communities all the best for a very happy and healthy 2025.

**Tara Faganello, CPA CGA BA Ec.** (she/her)

**Assistant Deputy Minister**

Local Government Division | Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

And **Inspector of Municipalities**



Where ideas work

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025

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| Motion No.          | Motion  | Staff Responsible                        | Comments   | Updates  | Status      |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|-------------|
| <b>2025 MOTIONS</b> |   |  |  |  |             |
| 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 |  | Added to WG agenda fro discussion                        | 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/CFO                                  | Amend Fees & Charges, Water and Sewer Bylaws to include a new category for utility fees for non-profit organizations |  | in-progress |
| R-2025-53           | 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. | CAO                                      | Issue DVP-2025-01  | DVP signed off, preparing to send to LTSA and approve ZC | completed   |
| R-2025-54           | THAT, Council direct staff to prepare a gift basket showcasing Ashcroft's new brand "Heart of the True Desert" not to exceed \$125.00 of Ashcroft swag and that local businesses be approached and asked if they could donate an appropriate item for the 2025 SILGA Convention.  | EDT/CAO                                  |  | EDT has been asked to request small donated items        | in-progress |
| R-2025-55           | THAT, Council directs staff to send the attached letter to Minister Osborne in support of the BC Farmers Market request.  | CAO                                      | Forward Letter   |  | completed   |
| R-2025-56           | THAT, Council defers the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Center request to a future meeting and invite the organizers to come and make a presentation to Council in regard to their event in the near future.   | EA                                       | Draft letter   |  | completed   |
| R-2025-57           | THAT, Council approves the annual request from the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society and donates a Family Pool Pass to the Easter Egg Hunt.   | EA                                       | Draft Letter   |  | completed   |
| R-2025-58           | Move the Recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Meeting to disburse the spring intake Grant in Aid funding as follows:<br>1. TOPS - 387.50<br>2. Royal Purple - \$422.50<br>3. South Cariboo Sportsmen Association - \$422.50<br>4. Ashcroft 4-H - \$422.50<br>5. Twisted Desert Music Society - \$422.50<br>6. South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society - \$422.50  | EA                                       | Draft Letter   |  | completed   |



# Enhancing Parks, Recreation & Culture Working Group

## Meeting Notes

Monday March 10, 2025, at 9:03 am

**In Attendance:** Nadine Davenport, Cnclr. & Chair  
Jessica Clement, Cnclr.  
Daniela Dyck, CAO  
Brian Bennewith, DPW  
Kris Hardy, EA & Recording Secretary

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Davenport called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

### 2. Minutes

- September 11, 2024 Meeting – previously distributed and were included on the Regular Agenda for the October 1, 2024 Council Meeting
- Attached for review

### 3. Discussion

#### a) Mesa Vista Park:

- N/A

#### b) Pool Park:

- N/A

#### c) Heritage Park:

- Awaiting grant funding.
  - The REDIP grant was resubmitted and applied for under the full stream funding. We should know by the end of March whether we are successful or not; however, the deadline does tend to get moved.

#### d) Legacy Park:

- New Park Operators for 2025 – Gary & Gwen Dost
  - Brian advised that our previous campground hosts, Ross Deboer and Jamie Case gave their notice and were not coming back this season to run the campground
  - New campground hosts, local residents, Gary & Gwen Dost will be hosting this season
- Moving Info Centre from Heritage Park to upper parking lot of Legacy Park Campground
  - Prior to the Info Centre Building being moved from Heritage Park to Legacy Park, Public Works crew are looking to pour a concrete pad as early as next week to accommodate placement of the info centre building becoming the new campground office
- Legacy Park Information Signs - changes required due to Info Centre becoming new campground office
  - Brian indicated that signage in the campground requires changing as the office will now be located in the upper parking lot on the left as you enter the campground. No longer require a "Host" campsite in the park



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- e) Old Fire Hall:
    - N/A
  - f) Wagon Site:
    - N/A
  
  - g) Arts and Culture: Downtown Core:
    - N/A
  - h) Drylands Arena
    - TCMHA request to address key issues at the Arena
      - Discussed the physical limitations of the building and property noting the limited space and unlikelihood of appeasing TCMHA's request.
      - A female dressing room was established years ago under the bleachers in the old skating club storage area with basically benches & lighting; the village over time added rubber matting in that dressing room as well as rubber matting in front of the spectator bleachers in order that players could walk out of dressing room in their skates
        - Discussed the TNRD be approached to provide financial assistance as majority of skaters/visiting teams (minor, men's, & women's teams) are from out of town
        - Consider contracting engineers to assess the building to determine if additions could be added at side or back of building. Can we push walls out towards Bancroft Street?
          - Things to consider:
            - "high water mark" and riparian area
            - new water & sewer connections
            - Bring in modulars or building an extension to arena building
        - One bar water tap will be installed in each of the 4 main dressing rooms to assist players with filling up their water bottles
        - Discussed user groups fundraising for some of the upgrades
      - Currently there is no money available in the 2025 budget for the TCMHA requested upgrades to the arena
- i) Curling Rink
  - N/A
- j) Community Hall
  - N/A
- k) Cemeteries
  - Brian advised there are only 20 available niches left in the Columbaria walls in the cemetery
  - A budget of \$25,000 has been set for installing another Columbarium (which involves a base, concrete pavers, etc.)
  - It was noted there are a number of "unknown" full-size graves in the cemetery and at one point many years ago those graves had been tested but have yet to be tested by a ground penetrating system
    - There is no money in this year's budget to research this



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- There is money in the Columbaria budget, but do we use this money to research developing an area for more full-size graves?
- It may be possible to map out 30 more full-size graves if the land at the end of the cemetery can be developed and determined to belong to the Village via a survey
  - Survey costs could be upwards of \$5,000 or more
- The question was asked do we have operational funds available that we can use to do a survey?
  - A conversation needs to take place with our CFO

#### I) Benches & Garbage Receptacles in Downtown Core

- Brian supplied the WG with a map of the downtown core and indicated where benches and garbage receptacles were located:

##### **Benches**

- 1 – GT Automotive
- 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> & Railway Avenue (empty lot)
- 1 – NGN
- 1 – Rainbow Bench in front of Post Office
- 1 – Empty lot near old Buffalo Station (3<sup>rd</sup> and Railway)
- 2 – Fire Hall
- 2 – Drug Store (not our benches)
- 1 – Mia’s Restaurant
- 1 – Credit Union
- 2 – Safety Mart block
- 1 – Old Fire Hall
- 1 – Wagon Site
- 1 – Car Wash
- 2 – Rollgear (not our benches)
- 1 – Chevron Station
- 1 – Sam’s Diner
- 1 – Cenotaph
- 1 – Museum near the Journal
- 1 – Post Office on their property (not ours)
- 1 – 2 Anglican Church (not ours)

##### **Village Garbage Receptacles**

- 1 – Home Hardware
- 1 – Revelations
- 1 – ReMax
- 1 – Post Office
- 1 – Service BC
- 1 – Fire Hall
- 1 – Near old Buffalo Station
- 1 – Community Futures
- 1 – Rollgear
- 1 – Safety Mart



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- 1 – Old Fire Hall
- 1 – Wagon Site
- 1 – Skateboard Park
- 1 – Arena Parking Lot
- Several throughout Heritage Place Park
- Cemetery
- Possibly the TNRD Library

#### **4. Next Steps**

- a) Talk to CFO about available funds for a survey and report back to next WG meeting
- b) Talk to CFO about funds for an engineering report for arena
- c) Send a letter to TCMHA advising them:
  - the Village will install Bar Taps in the four dressing rooms for next season;
  - the Village will work towards an engineering study and building codes as to what we may do for future renovations and/or expansion to the arena facility
  - the 2025 Budget has already been set, and any preliminary studies/work will have to be budgeted for 2026
  - any future renovations/or additions to the arena facility may require user group fundraising

#### **5. Date for Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 12, 2025 @ 9:00 am

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

The foregoing is the writer's interpretation of the discussion held.

Kris Hardy, EA, Recording Secretary  
Recording Secretary

In Attendance: DPW, Chair, Brian Bennewith  
Cnclr., Doreen Lambert  
CAO, Daniela Dyck  
Recording Secretary, EA, Kris Hardy

Regrets: Cnclr. Jonah Anstett

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:34 am

### **1. Discussion**

- Update: Bakery and Liquor Store 15-minute designated parking stalls
  - Highlighted "NEW" signs have been attached to the 15-minute parking signs
    - The "NEW" signs will remain up for 4-6 months to familiarize patrons with the new parking restriction
  
- Update: Two solar powered mobile speed signs and two speed bumps grant funding
  - Discuss how to proceed with the 50% grant funding received
    - We are able to purchase one speed sign and one speed bump with the \$14,500-\$15,000 funding received
    - Can we purchase two speed signs with the grant funding and discuss with the CFO if there are village funds available to purchase one speed bump?
  
- Update: Speed zone signs
  - Survey results indicate that most residents would like the speed limit changed to 30km/h throughout the village
    - Cost of road signs is approximately \$75 each
  - This item went before Council and has been referred to the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>
  
- Update: Willow Grove Apartment Request for Angular Parking on Government Street
  - Brian met on-site with Warren Wall of the Willow Grove Strata Corporation.
  - Brian explained the current parking situation and how angular parking would look, using photos of the area along Government Street in front of Willow Grove Apartments.
  - The Village will consider angular parking but will not enforce back-in angular parking. It is up to the Strata Corporation to monitor how residents park.

- If the Strata wishes to install no-posts to prevent parked vehicles from overhanging onto the lawns, that decision and cost will be entirely theirs.
- The Village will request a letter from the Strata Corporation confirming they have consulted their residents regarding parking preferences along Government Street. The letter must also include a motion from the Strata endorsing angular parking before any changes are made.
  - Brian made a motion:  
*That the Willow Grove Strata must provide the Village of Ashcroft with a letter that includes a motion by the Strata endorsing angular parking in front of their building on Government Street.*  
*Should they wish to install no-posts, the responsibility and cost will fall solely on the Strata Corporation.*  
*CARRIED.*
- Traffic and Parking on Elm Street boulevard in front of Thompson View Manor & Lodge
  - Concerns were raised about vehicles parking along the narrow boulevard on Elm Street directly in front of TVM and TVL.
  - Discussed whether No Parking signs be placed there; this could likely cause vehicles to park on boulevards in front of residential homes on the opposite side of Elm Street.
  - The Village will send a letter to TVM and TVL, requesting that residents, staff and visitors be encouraged to use off-street parking spaces provide by TVM and TVL.
  - A copy of the letter will be sent to the RCMP in case complaints are received.
- Yellow Curbing
  - Discuss yellow curbing being done to regulation
    - Recommendation to change yellow curb painting to 6 meters to conform to the provincial guidelines

## 2. New Business

## 3. Next Steps

- Proceed with ordering two speed signs
- Send a letter to Warren Wall of the Willow Grove Strata Corporation
- Send a letter to Thompson View Manor and Thompson View Lodge
- Proceed with 6 M yellow curb painting during line painting





Street Safety Working Group  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 9:30 am

**4. Date for Next Meeting**

TBD

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

The foregoing is the writer's interpretation of the discussion held.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kris Hardy".

Kris Hardy, EA  
Recording Secretary