



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT  
REGULAR MINUTES**

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE  
OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

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

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

**EXCUSED:**

Media – 1  
Public – 1

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

**2. MINUTES**

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

**3. DELEGATIONS**

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**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

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

No comments or questions were received from the public.

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<p><b>CFO Report – Application for Water Meter Pilot Project</b> Purpose: The purpose of this report is to request Council to approve application to the BC Water Meter Pilot Project which provides 100% funding of eligible costs to purchase and install water meters up to a maximum of \$5 million.</p> <p>M/S Lambert/ Clement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>THAT, the municipality commits to pay the applicant share of eligible costs, ineligible costs, cost overruns and ongoing operating and other costs associated with water metering with funding secured through adequate municipal reserves and appropriate tax increases necessary to fully fund the service; and</i></li> <li>• <i>THAT, Council commits appropriate staff to actively participate in the adjunct research pilot project and community of practice; and further,</i></li> <li>• <i>THAT, Council commits to provide information, including but not limited to water production and consumption data, to the research project administrator in the format and data interval specified by the Ministry.</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion: Comments in favour of the project as it reduces water consumption and encourage better water stewardship. Comment that water metering will be mandated in the future, and this is an opportunity to implement the project on our terms with grant funding and minimal impact to the Village budget. Water modelling indicates we are nearing our current water treatment capacity; metering may reduce the possibility of capital improvements at the WTP. Water Master Plan drafted in 2010 addresses water metering; this aligns our practices to the Master Plan.</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-04
6.2	<p><b>BEO Report – Development of a Good Neighbour Bylaw</b> Purpose:</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-05



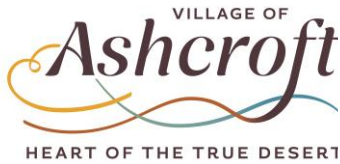
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	<p>This purpose of this report is to provide Council with a rationale as to why a Good Neighbour Bylaw should be developed, what the bylaw should include and seek Council approval to draft the bylaw.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council direct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

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

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



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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	<b>Task Manager</b>	
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**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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

10.	<b>N/A</b>	
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**11. COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

**12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

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

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

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor