



# Monthly Review

# APRIL 2025

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met April 14th and 28th. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Water Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 874, Sewer Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 875, and Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 876 were adopted
- ⇒ Council approved the Structure Fire Protection Services Agreement between the Village and TNRD (Electoral Area “I” Rural Ashcroft Fire Protection Service Area) as presented and authorized the Mayor & Corporate Officer to sign
- ⇒ CFO Bhalla guided Council and gallery members through a line-by-line budget presentation
- ⇒ Council approved a Letter of Support requested by the Equality Project
- ⇒ The Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 and the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 were introduced and read three times by Council
- ⇒ CAO Dyck gave Council her report on the FireSmart BC Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit she attended
- ⇒ DPW Bennewith updated Council on the 2025 Pool Staffing. Our Pool Supervisor is returning for her 11th Season; we have hired 4 lifeguards and 1 junior lifeguard; 1 lifeguard has advised she has obtained her instructor certifications, so we are working on what we can do to offer some lessons.
- ⇒ Council approved Ashcroft Farmers’ Market request for free use of Heritage Park and Railway Ave. road closure for 2025 Season beginning May 11th
- ⇒ Council accepted the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Shawn Birkenhead of Doane, Grant Thornton LLP

### Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:**

Barbara Roden

**Councillors:**

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Presentation of the  
5 Year Financial  
Plan and Tax Rate  
Bylaws

Monday

May 12, 2025

at 5:00 pm

## WHY WATER CONSERVATION?

Water is one of the most essential resources on Earth, sustaining all forms of life and supporting ecosystems, agriculture, industry, and human health. However, with rising populations, climate change, and pollution, freshwater resources are under increasing stress. **Water conservation refers to the responsible use and management of water to ensure its availability for present and future generations.**

Conserving water is crucial for several reasons. It helps preserve natural habitats, reduces the energy used in water treatment and distribution, and ensures the availability of clean water during times of drought. Effective water conservation also supports agriculture by ensuring reliable irrigation and reduces the strain on public infrastructure.

Simple everyday actions can significantly contribute to saving water. These include fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances, collecting rainwater, turning off taps while brushing teeth, and choosing drought-resistant plants for landscaping can make a big difference. On a larger scale, governments and organizations can implement policies that promote sustainable water use, invest in water-saving technologies, and raise public awareness.

## FIRESMART – Meet our FireSmart Team

The Village is pleased to announce that **Gwen Dost** has been appointed as our **FireSmart Coordinator**, with **Sharon French** serving as our **Local FireSmart Representative**. Together, they will lead efforts to enhance wildfire preparedness and safety throughout our community.

**Stay tuned for upcoming FireSmart initiatives, events, and educational opportunities—coming soon!**

## STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

**Effective May 1, 2025** the Village of Ashcroft has moved to **STAGE 1 Water Restriction**.

Even house numbers water on even days and odd house numbers water on odd days.

Residences with in-ground sprinklers may water from midnight to 6:00 am.

Residences that use hoses and sprinklers may water from 6:00 am to 9:00 am and 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

In the event of a power outage please restrict all water use except for emergency situation.

We thank you for your cooperation!

## ASHCROFT POOL

**TENTATIVE OPENING DATE**

**Saturday, May 17th**

Supervisor Nancy Villeneuve

250-453-9031

[ashcroftpool@ashcroft.bc](mailto:ashcroftpool@ashcroft.bc)

## 2025

### Upcoming Council

### Meetings

**May 12: Town Hall 5 pm**

**May 12: Regular 6 pm**

**May 26: Regular 6pm**

## NOW OPEN!

### LEGACY PARK CAMPGROUND

Host Gary Dost: 250-819-5327

[ashcroftlegacypark@gmail.com](mailto:ashcroftlegacypark@gmail.com)

### ASHCROFT MUSEUM

Curator Peter Konikow: 250-453-9232

[museum@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:museum@ashcroftbc.ca)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The Working Group is recommending that Council consider replacing the aging “Welcome to Ashcroft” signs in the 2026 budget. An inventory of businesses and available properties is also being developed, along with an Investor Page to support economic growth.

Although NDIT tourism funding was not approved, key marketing projects are continuing, including social media posts, updated brochures, and branded videos.

Looking ahead to 2025, the focus will shift to local business support. Plans include a Business Mixer and Business Walk in partnership with Community Futures, with surveys to gauge interest in extended hours, workshops, and participation in the Working Group.

Strategic priorities will be adjusted to reflect available funding.



## ASHCROFT AWARDED \$2.7M GRANT FOR COMMUNITY WATER METER PROJECT

The Village of Ashcroft is pleased to announce it has received \$2.7 million in provincial funding through the Universal Water Metering Pilot Project. This grant will fully cover the purchase and installation of water meters in the community—with no direct cost to residents.

This project is an important step toward upgrading local water and sewer infrastructure and ensuring long-term sustainability. With full funding in place, the Village is moving forward with a smart, cost-effective plan that benefits all residents.

A dedicated project webpage will launch soon, offering updates, FAQs, and ways for residents to stay connected. The Village will also host community events—such as town halls, drop-ins, and online forums—to share information and gather feedback.

Engineering estimates indicate the grant will cover all costs, including a built-in contingency. If additional funds are needed, the Village will use reserves to avoid passing any costs on to residents.

The Village encourages open, respectful dialogue throughout the process. Harassment of staff or Council will not be tolerated—we’re committed to working together with kindness and mutual respect.

Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward with this initiative.

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