

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2. **MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, April 28, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday April 28, 2025, be accepted as presented.</i>	P. 1 - 4
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 28, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 5 - 9

3. **DELEGATIONS**

3.1	Sgt. Denise Harris – Ashcroft RCMP Seasonal Update	
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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**

5.1	Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 10 - 13
5.2	Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 14 - 15

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>CAO Memo - FireSmart Coordinator and Local FireSmart Representative Update</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with an update on the recruitment and appointment of the Village's FireSmart Coordinator and Local FireSmart Representative (LFR).</p>	P. 16 - 17
6.3	<p>BEO Report – Q1 Report to Council</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a detailed update and status of the bylaw files for the first quarter of 2025.</p>	P. 18 - 20

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Letter from MLAs Milobar, Stamer, Luck, Bird and Doerkson – Request for Support in Redesigning the Kamloops BC Cancer Centre M/S	P. 21 - 25
7.2	Ashcroft Plein Air 2025 Committee – Request for Door Prizes for the Committee's 10 th Anniversary M/S	P. 26 - 28
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	BC Hydro EV Charging – Thank you for being our partner!	P. 29 - 30
7.4	NDIT – 2025 Economic Development Capacity Building Application Approval to support wages for the Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator	P. 31
7.5	NDIT – 2025 Grant Writing Support Application Approval	P. 32
7.6	TNRD – Aberdeen Tiny Library Expanding Hours, Programming as of May 1	P. 33 - 34
7.7	City of Enderby – Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act	P. 35 - 36
7.8	School District #74 - Newsletter	P. 37 - 38
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS



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8.1	Task Manager	P. 42
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	EDT Working Group Notes – April 11, 2025	P. 43 – 44
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council
Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday April 28, 2025, at 5:00 pm

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 to order at 5:04 pm.

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

2. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

3. MINUTES

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

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1	Shawn Birkenhead, Doane Grant Thornton LLP - 2024 Audit Presentation Deputy Mayor Davenport welcomed Shawn Birkenhead of Doane, Grant Thornton LLP to the meeting and invited him to present the 2024 audit results with Council. Shawn thanked Council for the opportunity to present the audited financial statements for 2024 and provided Council with two reports. Report 1 – Audited Financial Statement 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shawn gave an unqualified audit opinion and expressed that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the village.Shawn highlighted the increase in cash and cash equivalents, a decrease in accounts receivable, and an increase in deferred	
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	<p>revenue. The village's net financial assets increased to \$6.6 million, and the annual surplus was \$695,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn discussed the statement of accumulated surplus, statement of operations, and statement of cash flows emphasizing the positive cash flows in the village operations. • Shawn discussed the Village of Ashcroft's financial statements, including the adoption of new accounting standards and their impact on the village's financial reporting. • He highlighted the additional work required to review the standards for revenue and the changes to the accounting policies. • Shawn explained the notes on financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, deferred revenue, asset retirement obligation, tangible capital assets, accumulated surplus, and government transfers. • Shawn clarified that the tangible capital assets' value is based on cost less when it's been amortized, not fair market value. • Shawn shifted the conversation with a discussion on the village's budget and segmented disclosures. <p>System Switch Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogi commented about the challenges faced during the system switch from local server-based accounting software to cloud based, which began in August and concluded in November. • Shawn noted the switch was a challenge, but it did not affect the fairness of the financial statements. • Yogi also mentioned that the postal strike caused extra work for the auditor. Shawne expressed appreciation for the work done by village accounting team and mentioned that the figures and proper numbers moved over accordingly. <p>Report 2 - Audit Strategy Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn discussed the audit report to those charged with governance, which discusses the audit strategy and resolves. Shawn mentioned that the audit report talks about the purpose of the report, its scope, and the status of the audit. • Shawn discussed the audit risk and results, which include significant transactions, significant risks, accounting policies, accounting estimates, and accounting disclosures. • Shawn notes that the adjustments and uncorrected misstatements were immaterial. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shawn discussed the internal control and the comment about journal entry approvals. Shawn notes that during the audit separate journal entry testing is done to ensure everything is correct. Shawn discussed the technical updates and the audit approach and plan. <p>Shawn concluded his presentation and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>Cam Tedford: Asked for clarification in regard to land amortization and land values identified in the audit. Shawn clarified the accounting practices for land and buildings, explaining that they are recorded at their historical cost and not increased in value. Without any other questions Shawn wrapped up his presentation highlighting the importance of cyber security, especially for small communities, and offered resources for assessments and recommendations available through his firm. Mayor Roden noted that MIA also provides risk assessments for village owned properties including cyber security. Deputy Mayor Davenport thanked Shawn for his comprehensive presentation.</p>	
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5. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1	NONE	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1	NONE	
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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

7.1	NONE	
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8. TERMINATION

Deputy Mayor Davenport adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council at 5:42 pm

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the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Meeting of Council held Monday, April 28, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Nadine Davenport,
Deputy Mayor



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Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

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

EXCUSED:

Media – 1
Public – 0

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday April 28, 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

M/S Clement / Lambert

THAT, the Regular Meeting Agenda for Monday April 28, 2025, be amended to include the Acceptance of the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented at the COTW Meeting.

CARRIED.

Unanimous. R-2025-83

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 14, 2025 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 14, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-84
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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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 members of the public were in attendance.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be introduced and read a first time by title only.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-85
	M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be read a second time.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-86
	M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be read a third time.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-87
5.2	Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be introduced and read a first time by title only.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-88
	M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be read a second time.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-89
	M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be read a third time.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-90

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Memo – FireSmart BC Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit – Conference Report CAO Daniela Dyck provided a brief review of the highlights from the FireSmart Conference thanking Council for the opportunity to attend noting that the conference costs will be covered under the FireSmart grant funding and are not a Village expense.	

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	<p>Daniela also noted that having been at the conference prior to onboarding Ashcroft's FireSmart Coordinator is beneficial as both management and the coordinator will have a shared vision of the FireSmart program and strategy for the community.</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked the CAO for attending on behalf of the Village.</p>	
6.3	<p>DPW Verbal Report – 2025 Pool Staffing Update</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>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>DPW Brian Bennewith provided Council with a brief update in regard to pool staffing and operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Villeneuve will be returning for her 11th season. • Nancy and 2 PW staff members recently attended a course on pool and hot tub operations • The Village has hired 4 lifeguards and 1 junior lifeguard for the season. • 1 of the lifeguards notified the village that she has obtained her instructor certification. We are working on what we can do to offer some lessons • The junior lifeguard will be taking her NL certification in July and is keen to take the swim instructor certification as well. • 1 Lifeguard is returning for her second season the others are all new most of whom graduated through the recruitment program coordinated by the village last year offering the bronze courses. • We do not have a head lifeguard which was a concern, but through the National Lifesaving Society we learned that we do not have to have a head lifeguard; however, we have connected with a National Lifesaving Instructor that will come to Ashcroft for the seasonal orientation and monthly in-service training • Tentative opening is scheduled for May 17th • There will be some staff limitations; however, our postings remain open, and we will hire additional guards when possible • Pool will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays • May and June limited hours pool schedule as lifeguards are in school will be 4-7pm or 4-8 pm • July and August noon to 8:00pm <p>Mayor Roden thanked the DPW and staff for being proactive last year and coordinating all the Bronze Cross and Medallion sessions so that we have staffing for this season.</p>	

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	Mayor Roden asked if the pool will be offering Aqua Fit – at this time we do not have confirmed aquafit instructor.	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft Farmer's Market – Request for Use of Heritage Park – 2025 Farmers Market Season M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft Farmers Market request for free use of Heritage Park and closure of Railway Ave between 6th and 7th Street on Sundays from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm beginning May 11, 2025 and ending October 12, 2025.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-91
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	The Ashcroft HUB – The School's Out at the HUB will be planting and designing the flower containers around downtown this year	
7.3	TNRD – April 17 Meeting Highlights	
7.4	TNRD – OCP Consultation Round 2 – April 23, 2025	
7.5	CEO, Susan Brown – Announces Retirement from Interior Health M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council sends a letter thanking Susan Brown for her years of service and specifically for her support for the new seniors' complex being constructed by Thompson View Manor Society.</i> CAO Dyck asked for direction as to when Council would like the letter to be sent. Direction to staff – send letter in November closer to retirement date.	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-92
7.6	BCEDA Launches DisasterSmart BC	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	Doane, Grant Thornton LLP – Acceptance of the 2024 Audited Financial Statement as presented by Shawn Birkenhead M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council accepts the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Shawn Birkenhead of Doane, Grant Thornton LLP.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-93
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden May 3 – Grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Chinese Museum in Lytton June 7 Walhchindig	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement June 7 Plein Air	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert Attended TVMS meeting on March 26 – hoping to break ground soon at the senior's complex site Attended Seniors meeting on April 17 th Strawberry Tea is scheduled for June 7 th doors open at 12:00 pm Dairy Queen is donating all the strawberries for the tea.	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday April 28, 2025, at 6:19 pm.

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Council held Monday, April 28, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 877

Being a bylaw for the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft to adopt the Five Year Financial Plan commencing the year 2025.

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 "Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025."
2. Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw are hereby adopted and are the Five Year Financial Plan of the Village of Ashcroft commencing January 1st, 2025.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April , 2025

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April , 2025

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April , 2025

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 2025

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 877 as adopted by Council.

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 877 - SCHEDULE "A"

FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN 2025 - 2029

	Year 1 2025	Year 2 2026	Year 3 2027	Year 4 2028	Year 5 2029
Revenues					
Property Taxes	1,885,505	1,932,643	1,980,959	2,030,483	2,081,245
Parcel Taxes	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000	166,000
Fees and Charges					
Sales of Services	311,800	326,800	326,800	326,800	326,800
Other					
User Fees	1,008,000	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,010,000	1,010,000
Borrowing Proceeds - MFA	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenue					
Interest	141,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000
Grants/Other Gov'ts.	2,643,063	2,250,000	850,000	850,000	850,000
Other	59,650	101,000	101,000	101,000	101,000
Services to Other Gov'ts.	91,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Transfers from Funds					
Reserve Funds	0	0	0	0	0
DCC	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer form Equity	715,000	662,000	662,000	662,000	662,000
Accumulated Surplus	113,299	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	7,134,317	6,592,443	5,240,759	5,290,283	5,341,045
Expenses					
Debt Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Principal	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditure	1,780,000	1,742,620	344,845	317,416	237,248
Deficiency	0	0	0	0	0
Other Municipal Purposes	0	0	0	0	0
General Municipal	2,537,611	2,601,051	2,666,078	2,732,729	2,801,048
Fire Protection	623,102	170,000	175,000	180,000	185,000
Water	561,544	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Sewer	502,055	505,000	505,000	505,000	505,000
Transfer to	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve Funds	415,005	311,771	287,836	293,137	350,749
Amortization Expense	715,000	662,000	662,000	662,000	662,000
Accumulated Surplus	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	7,134,317	6,592,443	5,240,759	5,290,283	5,341,045

**Village of Ashcroft
2025-2029 Financial Plan
Statement of Objectives and Policies
Schedule 'B' of Bylaw No. 877**

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the *Community Charter*, the Village of Ashcroft (Town) is required to include in the Five Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the *Community Charter*,
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.

Funding Sources

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2024. Property taxes form the greatest proportion of revenue. As a revenue source, property taxation offers a number of advantages, for example, it is simple to administer and it is fairly easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for services that are difficult to fund on a user-pay basis. These include services such as general administration, fire protection, police services, bylaw enforcement and street lighting.

User fees and charges form the second largest portion of planned revenue. Many services can be measured and charged on a user basis. Services where fees and charges can be easily administered include water and sewer usage, building permits, business licenses, and sale of services – these are charged on a user pay basis. User fees attempt to apportion the value of a service to those who use the service.

Objective

- Over the next five years, the Village of Ashcroft will balance the proportion of revenue that is received from user fees and charges with the projected funds operations require.

Policies

- The Village will review all user fee levels to ensure they are adequately meeting both the capital and delivery costs of the service.
- Where possible, the Village will endeavor to supplement revenues from user fees and charges, rather than taxation, to lessen the burden on its limited property tax base.

Table 1: Sources of Revenue

Revenue Sources	% of Total Revenue	Dollar Value
Property Taxes *	26%	\$ 1,885,505
Parcel Taxes	2%	\$ 166,000
Sales of Service	18%	\$ 1,319,800
Grants/Transfers	50%	\$ 3,562,362
Borrowing Proceeds	0%	\$ -
Other Sources	3%	\$ 200,650
Total	100%	\$ 7,134,317

* contains \$274,034 Capital Replacement Reserve funds

Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Table 2 outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. The residential property class provides the largest proportion of property tax revenue. This is appropriate as this class also forms the largest portion of the assessment base and consumes the majority of Town services.

Objectives

- Maintain the property tax rate as low as possible while still providing for future needs.

Policies

- Continue to maintain and encourage economic development initiatives designed to attract more retail and commercial businesses to invest in the community. New investment from these areas will help offset tax increases while providing more revenue for the Village.
- Align the distribution of tax rates among the property classes with the social and economic goals of the community, particularly to encourage a range of employment opportunities.
- Regularly review and compare the Village of Ashcroft's tax burden relative to other municipalities in British Columbia.

Table 2: Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Property Class	% of Total Property Taxation	Dollar Value
Residential (1)	48%	\$ 902,616
Utilities (2)	9%	\$ 163,170
Light Industrial (5)	19%	\$ 365,011
Business and Other (6)*	23%	\$ 434,993
Recreation/Non-profit (8)	0%	\$ 748
Farmland (9)	1%	\$ 18,967
Total	100%	\$ 1,885,505

Permissive Tax Exemptions

- The Annual Municipal Report for 2024 contains a list of permissive exemptions granted for the taxation year and the amount of revenue foregone. The list demonstrates the policy of council that permissive exemptions are granted to not-for-profit institutions that form a valuable part of our community. These include religious institutions and some recreational facilities and service organizations.

Objective

- To ensure permissive tax exemptions are utilized to maximize the benefit to the municipality and citizens.

Policy

- To maintain permissive exemptions for religious institutions, recreational facilities, and service organizations.

Capital Asset Reserve

- In 2011 the Village recognized the need to accumulate funds to pay for future replacement of infrastructure. Accordingly, a separate tax was established and funds collected are accounted for separately from general municipal taxes.

Objective

- To establish a reserve to fund future infrastructure replacement.

Policy

- To supplement revenues from government grants wherever possible to lessen the amount of funds utilized from the reserve fund.
- To seek out projects which will reduce the operating costs of the Village enabling them to repay funds back into the reserve over time.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 878

Being a bylaw for the levying of rates for municipal, hospital, and regional district purposes for the year 2025.

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

1. The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2025:
 - a. For all lawful general purposes of the municipality on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for general and municipal purposes, rates appearing in column "A" of the schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
 - b. For capital asset reserve purposes on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in column "B" of the schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
 - c. For hospital purposes on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for hospital district purposes, rates appearing in column "C" of the schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
 - d. For Thompson-Nicola Regional District purposes on the assessed value of land and improvements for hospital district purposes, rates appearing in column "E" of the schedule attached hereto and forming a part hereof.
2. The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel of real property shall be one dollar (\$1.00).
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April, 2025

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April, 2025

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 28th DAY OF April, 2025

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF, 2025

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 878 as adopted by Council.

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 878

SCHEDULE A - TAX RATES 2025

Property Class	Tax Rates (dollars of tax per \$1000 taxable value)					
	A General Municipal	B Capital Reserve	C Regional Hospital District	D Improvement District	E Regional District	F Specified Area
1. Residential	2.6597	0.4694	0.3035		0.6459	0.0000
2. Utility	26.4573	4.6697	1.0624		2.2607	0.0000
2. Utility (Tax Limit Area)	2.7215	0.4803	1.0624		2.2607	0.0000
5. Light Industry	16.1566	2.8516	1.0320		2.1961	0.0000
6. Business	10.8500	1.9150	0.7437		1.5825	0.0000
8. Rec/Non Profit	5.0268	0.8872	0.3035		0.6459	0.0000
9. Farm	11.0294	1.9467	0.3035		0.6459	0.0000

MEMO

DATE: May 12, 2025
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: FireSmart Coordinator and Local FireSmart Representative Update

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the recruitment and appointment of the Village's FireSmart Coordinator and Local FireSmart Representative (LFR).

Discussion

Since winter 2024, the Village has actively pursued the recruitment of a qualified individual to serve as FireSmart Coordinator and Local FireSmart Representative. Initial efforts included formal advertising and outreach through regional networks. Although some interest was received, the only fully qualified applicant withdrew due to competing work commitments.

In spring 2025, following continued recruitment efforts, an experienced LFR from the Lillooet area submitted an application and completed an interview. Unfortunately, a subsequent change in her work situation prevented her from committing to the number of hours required to support Ashcroft's program needs.

Recognizing the ongoing challenges, administration shifted focus and began promoting the position within the community. This approach successfully attracted a respected local resident, Gwen Dost, who was eager to take on the role of FireSmart Coordinator. While Gwen does not have a background in fire mitigation, there is a wide range of training resources and courses available to support her development.

To ensure a strong start to the program, administration re-engaged the Lillooet applicant, Sharon French, and offered her a revised role as Local FireSmart Representative in a mentorship capacity. This creative solution allows the Village to leverage Sharon's technical knowledge and experience to guide and support Gwen as she implements the FireSmart program locally.

Both Gwen Dost and Sharon French have accepted their respective positions and are enthusiastic about engaging the community and advancing fire mitigation efforts. They will be participating in public events such as the Ashcroft Farmers Market, hosting pop-up information booths, and attending other community functions.

The FireSmart team can be reached at firesmart@ashcroftbc.ca and is eager to connect with residents. In the coming months, the program will prioritize public education, awareness, and the assessment of critical infrastructure. Additionally, funding from this year's FireSmart grant will support the development of a Community Wildfire Resilience Plan (CWRP) – a provincial requirement that, once completed, will allow the Village to access future funding for wildfire mitigation projects and begin private property FireSmart Assessments when requested by the property owner.

Over time, and with the proper groundwork in place, the Village hopes to implement FireSmart rebate incentives similar to those in other communities, helping private property owners offset the costs of mitigation work and become a FireSmart community.

Conclusion

After facing initial recruitment challenges, the Village has successfully established a locally supported and mentored FireSmart program. With Gwen Dost as the FireSmart Coordinator and Sharon French providing LFR mentorship, Ashcroft is well-positioned to enhance community wildfire preparedness through education, engagement, and the development of a Community Wildfire Resilience Plan. Staff will continue to support and monitor the program's rollout and report back on progress and milestones.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: May 12, 2025
FROM: Reggie Amyotte, BEO
SUBJECT: Q1 Report to Council

RECOMMENDATION

For Information Only

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with detailed update and status of the bylaw files for the first quarter of 2025.

Prepared by:



Reggie Amyotte,
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer,

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Discussion

Bylaw Enforcement Summary – Q1 2025

During the first quarter of 2025, bylaw enforcement and complaint management activities included the following:

- Continued follow-up on three outstanding dog-related complaints carried over from the previous period.
- Six new complaint files were opened, with successful resolutions achieved in four cases.
- Unsightly premises remain a common concern; however, proactive communication with residents has proven effective. When individuals contact the Bylaw Office, collaborative planning often leads to voluntary compliance.
- Several zoning-related inquiries and issues arose, primarily due to residents being unaware of property use allowances and permitting requirements. These were addressed through clarification and guidance.
- Snow removal presented the usual early-year challenges, but compliance was largely achieved following written reminders and outreach from this office.

In total, 12 letters were issued and 21 complaints were resolved during the reporting period. Additionally, 9 Fire Pit Renewal Permits were approved.

Work is ongoing to develop a **Good Neighbour Bylaw**, with assistance from colleagues and other professionals. The goal is to complete and implement this bylaw in the near future. I remain committed to improving compliance strategies through continued training and by learning from those with greater

experience and knowledge in the field. Efforts also continue to enhance my communication skills to ensure that each situation is approached with clarity, respect, and professionalism.

Conclusion

The first quarter of 2025 has been productive, with growing cooperation from residents and steady progress in enforcement efforts. As always, I remain dedicated to fostering a respectful and proactive approach to bylaw compliance in Ashcroft and to supporting community well-being through education, engagement, and continuous improvement.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Bylaw Actionable Items Table

Bylaw Actionable Items Table

	Jan-25			Feb-25			Mar-25		
Task	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved
Dog Complaints	3	2	1	4	2	1	5	2	2
Unsightly Complaints	4	0	0	4	0	1	3	1	1
Watering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/trailers/RV	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Overgrown Trees (PW)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Zoning	0	3	1	2	3	3	2	0	2
Noise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Removal	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Traffic control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fire Hazard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outdoor Burning	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sign bylaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Business license	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	8	6	3	11	9	10	10	9	8
Fire Pit Inspections (1st time)		0			0			0	
Fire Pit Renewals		3			3			3	

Peter Milobar, MLA
Kamloops Centre

Ward Stamer, MLA
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Tony Luck, MLA
Fraser – Nicola

Lorne Doerkson, MLA
Cariboo – Chilcotin

Rosalyn Bird, MLA
Prince George – Valemount

April 28, 2025

Dear Chief, Mayor and Councils,

RE: Request for Support in Redesigning the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre

As MLAs for Kamloops Centre, Kamloops – North Thompson, Fraser – Nicola, Cariboo – Chilcotin and Prince George-Valemount, we are writing to request your support and advocacy for the redesign of the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre to ensure it provides the same level of care, resources, and services as other cancer centers throughout British Columbia.

Currently, the proposed Kamloops Cancer Centre differs significantly from other provincial cancer facilities in terms of being designed as a site with two different locations, one of which will be overseen by the local health authority and the other site overseen by B.C. Cancer; neither of their data and information software work with each other and lastly, the Kamloops centre will not include a PET-CT scanner.

These inconsistencies create inequitable access to cancer care for residents in our region compared to other areas of the province and will also create major challenges for proper recruitment and retention. Many communities across BC have benefited from comprehensively designed cancer centres that follow a provincial standard. Our community deserves the same level of care and consideration.

Although we have brought this to the Minister of Health's attention by way of letter, an in person meeting and most recently questioning the Minister during debate on budget estimates, we respectfully request that you advocate for this redesign by either using the enclosed letter template or drafting your own letter, requesting the Minister of Health address the concerns being raised by the medical community to ensuring the healthcare needs of the region are being adequately met not only now, but in the years to come.

We kindly ask that you email your letter to us by May 22nd as we are hoping to present your letters en masse to Minister Osborne at the legislature before the end of session.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and provide additional information as needed.

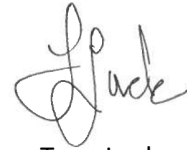
Sincerely,



Peter Milobar
MLA Kamloops Centre



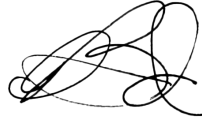
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Cc. Chair and Board, Columbia-Shuswap Regional District
Chair and Board, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Chair and Board, Thompson Regional Hospital District
Chair and Board, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Mayor and Council, Village of Ashcroft
Mayor and Council, District of Barriere
Mayor and Council, Village of Cache Creek
Mayor and Council, Village of Chase
Mayor and Council, District of Clearwater
Mayor and Council, Village of Clinton
Mayor and Council, City of Kamloops
Mayor and Council, District of Lillooet
Mayor and Council, District of Logan Lake
Mayor and Council, Village of Lytton
Mayor and Council, City of Merritt
Mayor and Council, Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
Mayor and Council, City of Williams Lake
Mayor and Council, District of 100 Mile House
Chief and Council, ʔEsdilagh First Nation (Alexandria Indian Band)
Chief and Council, Adams Lake Indian Band (Sexqeltqin)
Chief and Council, Ashcroft Indian Band (Nlaka'pamux)
Chief and Council, Bonaparte First Nation (St'uxwtews)
Chief and Council, Boothroyd Band
Chief and Council, Boston Bar First Nation
Chief and Council, Bridge River Indian Band (Nlxwisten)
Chief and Council, Cayoose Creek Band (Sekw'el'was)
Chief and Council, Chawathil First Nation (Lexw Siyo:les, Hope)
Chief and Council, Coldwater Indian Band (C'etkwmx)
Chief and Council, Cook's Ferry Indian Band
Chief and Council, High Bar First Nation (Llenlney'ten)

Chief and Council, Kanaka Bar Band (T'eqt'aqtn'mux)
 Chief and Council, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (Fort George Indian Band)
 Chief and Council, Lhoosk'uz Dene Government (Kluskus Indian Band)
 Chief and Council, Little Shuswap Lake Band (Skwlax te Secwepemculecw)
 Chief and Council, Lower Nicola Indian Band
 Chief and Council, Lower Similkameen Indian Band (Skichistan)
 Chief and Council, Lytton First Nation (TI'kemtsin)
 Chief and Council, Nazko First Nation (Ndazkoh)
 Chief and Council, Neskonlith Indian Band (Neskainlith)
 Chief and Council, Nicomen Indian Band (Nicoamen, Nicomeen, Nikaomin)
 Chief and Council, Nooaitch Indian Band
 Chief and Council, Oregon Jack Creek Band
 Chief and Council, Peters First Nation
 Chief and Council, Shackan Indian Band
 Chief and Council, Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation
 Chief and Council, Simpcw First Nation (North Thompson River)
 Chief and Council, Siska Indian Band
 Chief and Council, Skeetchestn Indian Band (Deadman's Creek)
 Chief and Council, Skuppah Indian Band
 Chief and Council, Soda Creek Indian Band (Xat??II First Nation)
 Chief and Council, T'it'q'et First Nation (Lillooet Indian Band)
 Chief and Council, Takla First Nation
 Chief and Council, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops Indian Band)
 Chief and Council, Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation (Ts'kw'aylaxw First Nation)
 Chief and Council, Tsay Keh Dene First Nation
 Chief and Council, Tsilhqot'in National Government (Chilcotin First Nation)
 Chief and Council, Tsq'ésceñ? First Nation (Canim Lake Band)
 Chief and Council, Union Bar First Nation
 Chief and Council, Upper Nicola Band (Nicoamen)
 Chief and Council, Whispering Pines/Clinton First Nation (Pelltiq't)
 Chief and Council, Williams Lake First Nation (T'exelc, U12 T'exelc)
 Chief and Council, Xaxli'p First Nation (Fountain Indian Band)
 Chief and Council, Yale First Nation
 Chief and Council, Yekooche First Nation (Yekoochet'en)

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Honourable Josie Osborne
Minister of Health
PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC, V8W 9E2
SENT VIA EMAIL: HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Osborne,

RE: Urgent Request for the Redesign of Kamloops Cancer Care Centre

On behalf of the Chief and Council of [Band], we are writing to express our strong support for the redesign of the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre to ensure it meets the same comprehensive standards as other cancer treatment facilities across British Columbia.

Our Council has been made aware of significant concerns raised by medical professionals regarding the current design proposal for the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre. These healthcare experts have clearly articulated that the current design will not deliver the comprehensive Regional Cancer Centre that our region desperately needs. As elected representatives responsible for the wellbeing of our citizens, we find these concerns deeply troubling.

The Interior Health region serves a large geographic area with diverse communities that deserve equitable access to cancer care. Residents of Kamloops and surrounding communities should not have to travel to Kelowna or Vancouver to receive the same level of cancer treatment available elsewhere in the province. A properly designed comprehensive Regional Cancer Centre in Kamloops would:

- Ensure equitable access to life-saving cancer treatments for all residents in our region
- Reduce travel burden on patients and families already facing significant health challenges
- Enable local recruitment and retention of specialized healthcare professionals
- Support integrated care that addresses both physical and emotional needs of cancer patients
- Prepare our region for projected increases in cancer incidence due to our aging population

We respectfully request that you direct your Ministry to engage meaningfully with local medical professionals and stakeholders to address their concerns and revise the current design to ensure the Kamloops Cancer Care Centre is designed on one site, as is the standard of other BC Cancer sites including builds currently under construction across BC.

Our citizens deserve nothing less than the same quality of cancer care provided to British Columbians in other regions of the province. We are confident that with proper consultation and a commitment to equitable healthcare delivery, an appropriate design can be achieved that will serve the needs of cancer patients throughout the Interior for decades to come.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to work collaboratively toward a solution that ensures our region receives a cancer centre that truly meets the needs of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

[Chief's Name]

On behalf of [Band] Council:

[Councillor Names Listed]

Cc: Peter Milobar, MLA Kamloops Centre
Ward Stamer, MLA Kamloops ☐ North Thompson
Tony Luck, MLA Fraser – Nicola
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Heidi Alther
Committee Member, Ashcroft Plein Air 2025
Winding Rivers Arts and Performance Society (WRAPS)
Box 1265, Ashcroft BC V0K 1A0

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street, Ashcroft BC V0K1A0

April 23, 2025

Re: Request for Door Prizes in support of the *Ashcroft Plein Air 2025 10th Anniversary*

Dear Mayor and Council:

Winding Rivers Arts and Performance Society (WRAPS) and *Ashcroft Plein Air 2025* request in-kind support from the Village of Ashcroft for an exciting community celebration. WRAPS requests door prize/s in support of activities, which take place on June 6, 7 and 8th.

Ashcroft Plein Air 2025, the 10th Anniversary Event, welcomes up to 50 artists and guests from British Columbia and beyond to get inspired by Ashcroft's beautiful vistas and heritage buildings. This event is in alignment with the new Village brand: *Heart of the True Desert*. Throughout the weekend, visiting and local artists enliven the landscape as they paint, draw, photograph, cut glass and video outside in Plein Air. On June 8th, Ashcroft citizens are invited to attend the Wet Show and Sale and enjoy local musicians at St. Alban's Hall.

In 2024, The Village of Ashcroft as well as 11 local businesses and community organizations supported *Ashcroft Plein Air* with in-kind donations. Desert Sands Community School and *Ashcroft Plein Air* sponsored two students to participate as youth artists in 2024 and we look forward to youth participation again this year. This sponsorship provides youth with the opportunity to create and exhibit their artwork alongside nationally and internationally exhibiting professional artists.

Your in-kind support this year would further enhance the positive impact of this unique 10th Anniversary community event.

Please feel free to contact me at 780 264 3405 if you have any questions.
Thank you in advance for your consideration of this exciting partnership.

Sincerely,



Heidi Alther
Committee Member

Attachments: Sponsorship Package,
Ashcroft Plein Air 2025 Artist Invitation Poster



ASHCROFT PLEIN AIR 2025

Friday, June 6th to Sunday, June 8th.

Join us in Ashcroft BC to paint our beautiful vistas and heritage buildings.

Friday Night Gourmet Appy Artist Meet and Greet,
Saturday Dinner and Sunday Brunch included
Wet Show and Sale on Sunday

Come out on Thursday so that you can spend all day Friday painting!

ARTISTS - \$125

NON-PAINTING GUESTS - \$75

"I had a great time. The food was great, and we had a
great time getting to know your town"

- LC (Plein Air Participant)

For more info and to register: ashcroftpleinair@gmail.com | 250 457 7128



In-Kind Sponsorship Package

Ashcroft Plein Air 2025

10th Anniversary Community Event

Sponsorship Opportunities

Door Prizes

- Prize/s from your organization that Plein Air 2025 Artists will receive throughout the event.

Sponsorship Recognition

- Your contribution will be gratefully acknowledged at the opening ceremonies on Friday June 6th and at the Artist's Dinner on June 7.
- Your organization's Logo will also be displayed throughout the weekend at St. Alban's Hall in a prominent *Things to do in Ashcroft* wall poster.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

BC Hydro EV charging

Top-rated charge point operators in North America: 2024



April 25, 2025

Thank you for being our partner!

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach out to thank you for being a valued part of BC Hydro's EV charging network. We've recently hit a major milestone thanks to site hosts like you, tripling the size of our network over the past year to 591 charging ports, stretching farther than any other network in the province.

By hosting our chargers on your site, you're playing a key role in supporting EV adoption across B.C., and we truly couldn't do it without you.

Additionally, we are proud to share that BC Hydro has been named one of ChargeHub's best-rated charging networks in 2024, with a mention of excellence for improving user's charging experience.

Learn more about the ChargeHub* recognition [here](#).

Our ongoing priority is to maintain high reliability and ensure every driver's visit to your site is a great one. When drivers know they can count on a great experience, they will return to your site often.

We are also excited to share our latest EV progress report, which looks at how BC Hydro and EV drivers are driving change across the province. The report shares the latest information on EV adoption in B.C., our network growth, and what's ahead for EV charging in 2025 and beyond.

[Read the Progress Report](#)

Thank you again for being a part of this journey. Together, we're building the future of transportation in B.C.

**With over a million users a year and an active community of EV drivers sharing reviews daily, the ChargeHub app provide real-time insights into the charging experience across North America. Each quarter, their analysts review this data to better understand charging network performance from a driver's perspective, and it's through this analysis that BC Hydro was recognized as one of the top-rated charging networks in 2024.*



Kees Jansen | Director EV Service Delivery

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April 29, 2025

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

**Attention: Barbara Roden
Mayor**

**Subject: 2025 Economic Development Capacity Building
Northern Development Project Number IA-0000011924**

Thank you for your application to the 2025 Economic Development Capacity Building program. Northern Development is pleased to advise you that your application has been approved up to \$50,000 to support wages for the Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator position.

Any changes to the budget require prior approval from Northern Development before proceeding.

Funding under this program is provided as a reimbursement upon Northern Development's receipt of reporting documents. Complete reporting is due by February 28, 2026. Reporting materials can be found on Northern Development's website at www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/capacity-building/economic-development-capacity-building/.

The Northern Development Board wants to see the Village of Ashcroft reach its economic potential and we look forward to being a partner in that endeavor.

Sincerely,
Northern Development Initiative Trust

c: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

May 5, 2025

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

**Attention: Barbara Roden
Mayor**

**Subject: 2025 Grant Writing Support
Northern Development Project Number IA-0000011888**

The Northern Development Initiative Trust board appreciates your interest and application to the 2025 Grant Writing Support program. The purpose of this funding is to provide grant writing support for priority community projects and to provide assistance to non-profits and First Nations located in or near your community. We are pleased to advise you that your application has been approved for a rebate grant up to \$8,000 toward a community grant writing position during the 2025 calendar year. Northern Development is flexible as to when you contract or hire these services during 2025.

The Village of Ashcroft must submit a completed Grant Writing Support program reporting form which can be found on Northern Development's website at www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/capacity-building/grant-writing-support/. This report must verify a minimum of \$10,500 in wages or contract payments and a minimum of \$200,000 of grant applications during the approved calendar year. The minimum requirements must be met in order to receive the full \$8,000 rebate. Complete reporting is due by February 28, 2026.

The Northern Development Board wants to see the Village of Ashcroft reach its economic potential and we look forward to being a partner in that endeavor.

Sincerely,

Northern Development Initiative Trust

c: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
Margaret Moreira, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator



NEWS RELEASE

Aberdeen Tiny Library Expanding Hours, Programming as of May 1

Kamloops, BC – April 29, 2025 – The newest library within the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is proving that while it might be tiny, it is mighty. Effective May 1, 2025, the Aberdeen Tiny Library branch will have its weekly hours double, from 16 to 32, and the branch will be open six days per week instead of four.

The tiny library opened in Aberdeen Mall in 2023 as a pilot program, and the branch will continue to operate in this space for an additional three years, following approval from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Board of Directors.

"We heard from patrons loud and clear that they love the Aberdeen Tiny Library and wanted to see more open hours," said Margo Schiller, TNRL Manager of Kamloops Libraries & Engagement. "The TNRD Board's unanimous support means that we'll be open more often to increase the convenience of accessing this library for patrons. It also means that all three Kamloops libraries will be open Sundays, year-round."

New hours of operation effective May 1, 2025:

- Monday: **CLOSED**
- Tuesday: **12:00 – 4:00 pm**
- Wednesday: **12:00 – 4:00 pm**
- Thursday: **10:00 am – 5:00 pm**
- Friday: **10:00 am – 5:00 pm**
- Saturday: **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- Sunday: **12:00 – 4:00 pm**

Please note that the tiny library's holds locker and vending machine are available during all hours that Aberdeen Mall is open.

Additionally, Aberdeen Tiny Library is adding new program offerings. Storytime & Craft will join the roster of ongoing programs, which already features Teeny Tiny Storytime and Books n Blenz. On May 7 and June 4, the tiny library will also host two special programs of Storytime & Craft at the West Highlands Community Centre (in place of Teeny Tiny Storytime on these specific days). Beginning in the fall, a weekly Storytime will be held on Friday mornings, also at the West Highlands Community Centre.

"It's been great to see the growth of the Aberdeen Tiny Library since day one," said Mike Brown, Aberdeen Tiny Library Branch Head. "We're excited to offer more for patrons – from open hours to programs – and to continue that personalized library experience we've become known for."

Aberdeen Tiny Library is an important addition to the TNRL branches; it's the first new library in Kamloops since 1974. The library is well-positioned to serve south Kamloops, which is where the majority of the city's population growth is projected to occur.

By the Numbers:

- At 352 square feet, the Aberdeen Tiny Library is the smallest TNRL library (even smaller than the Mobile Library)
- In its first year of operation, more than 23,500 materials were circulated through the tiny library branch, making it the seventh-highest circulating library in the TNRL
- In 2024, more than 18,000 people visited the tiny library

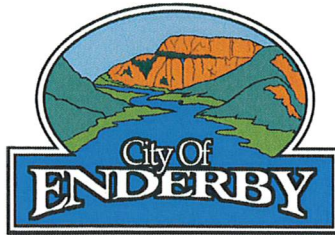
For more information, visit: tnrl.ca/aberdeen.

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April 23, 2025

MLA David Williams
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act

Dear Mr. Williams:

Council has resolved to express its concerns regarding *Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

Council for the City of Enderby recognizes that the economic challenge posed by tariffs requires an effective government response. However, that response must flow from our shared commitment to transparency, accountability, and public participation.

Council respectfully requests that the Government of British Columbia makes the following changes to *Bill 7 – 2025 Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*, before it becomes law:

1. Modify Part 2 [Procurement Directives] of the Act to ensure that there is adequate provision for oversight, accountability, and performance measurement in government purchasing programs and policies under this part;
2. Define the intent, scope and limits of Part 3 [Tolls, Fees and Charges] of the Act and include a requirement for regular and ongoing consultation with British Columbian citizens, including indigenous persons, and businesses to understand and adapt to the consequences of measures taken under this part; and
3. Add a requirement to Part 5 [General Provisions] of the Act requiring regular public reporting of regulations made under the Act, including the objectives, performance measures, and impacts of those regulations upon British Columbian citizens, including indigenous persons, and businesses.

Moreover, we urge the Government of British Columbia to:

4. Commit to not reintroducing Part 4 [Lieutenant Governor in Council's Response Powers] of the Act whatsoever, including as a separate enactment.

When the intentions of a law enacted by the Legislative Assembly are not clearly expressed, regulations risk defining the law rather than following from the law. In this time of crisis, we urge the Government of British Columbia to legislate in a manner that upholds the rule of law, not the rule of regulation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Huck Galbraith
Mayor

Cc: Local Governments of BC
British Columbia New Democratic Party
Conservative Party of BC
Green Party of British Columbia



BOARD BULLETIN

APPROVED POLICIES

The Board of Education approved the following policies at its May 6, Board of Education Meeting:

Policy 2.120	Investments
Policy 2.30	Budget and Capital Plan Development, Monitoring and Reporting
Policy 2.40	Financial Planning and Management
Policy 4.60	Child Care
Policy 7.50	Employee Recognition

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

The Board approved the Five-Year Capital Plan Bylaw which includes the following expenditures funded through the Capital Management Branch of the Ministry:

FACILITY NAME	PROJECT	AMOUNT FUNDED
Cayoosh Elementary	SEP-HVAC Upgrade Phase 3	\$1,790,455
Cayoosh Elementary	PEP Accessible Playground	\$200,000
2 Buses	Internal Combustion Engine	\$338,400

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation on the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget. This is the second in a series of presentations the Board will receive before approving the budget at its June 3, 2025 Open Board Meeting. The preliminary budget was shared through the District Website along with a survey to gather feedback from the public, education partners, and staff.



Board members joined schools in recognizing Red Dress Day, held May 5th as a National Day of remembrance and activism honouring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+).



2025-2026 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board approved the following schedule of meetings for the 2025-2026 school year:

- September 9, 2025
- October 7, 2025
- November 4, 2025
- January 6, 2026
- February 3, 2026
- March 3, 2026
- April 7, 2026
- May 5, 2026
- June 2, 2026

Open, Policy, and Committee of the Whole Meetings are always open to the public who can join via teleconference, Zoom, or in person at the Board Office in Ashcroft.

Student Success

The Board congratulates Talon Close for winning a gold medal in welding at the Provincial Skills Competition! Talon is eligible to compete in Regina for a national medal.

Way to go



Truth and Reconciliation

Kumsheen ShchEma-meet students in both division one and two toured Lytton First Nation’s band office on April 15th. Students met with various staff members in a number of departments. Students asked great questions and developed an understanding of roles and responsibilities.

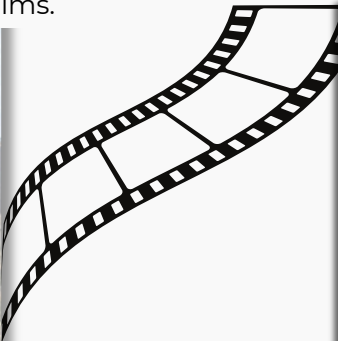
Communication

Students in Mrs. Remple’s class were beyond excited to play math games with their families at a Family Tea on April 10. They played crib, Yahtzee, Pig, Penguin, and Lily Pad. the Students were able to choose the game they wanted to explain and play with their families. Students also worked hard at sewing pouches with games inside as a take home gift.



Team

Students at Cache Creek Elementary took part in a dynamic 5-day filmmaking workshop led by The Cinematheque. Working in small crews and guided by professional filmmakers, students scripted, filmed, and edited their own short films using professional equipment. The program emphasized hands-on learning and creative expression, with a special focus on First Nations storytelling and connections to the land. Students rotated through key production roles and grounded their stories in the local landscape and culture. The workshop will culminate in a screening of 5-6 original short films.



Sustainability

This table shows utility and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission savings year to date for the last 12 months. The weather was a big help of course (mild winter) and the work staff continues to do to watch where we can save in this regard.

	% Savings (July 2024-Feb. 2025)	% Savings (Mar. 2024-Feb. 2025)
Electricity	17%	15%
Natural Gas	11%	13%
Propane	30%	36%
TOTAL ENERGY/GHG	17% / 17%	18% / 21%

Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – May 1st, 2025

The May 1st snow survey is now complete. Data from 86 manual snow courses and 113 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 May 1st, the provincial snowpack is below normal, averaging 71% of normal (29% below normal), decreasing from 79% on April 1st. In 2024, the B.C. average was 66% of normal.
- The Fraser River at Hope snow index is below normal at 70%.
- Annual snow accumulation in B.C. typically reaches maximum levels in mid-April; the May 1st survey provides insight into possible late season snow accumulation, the timing of snowmelt onset, and whether melt is early, late or following seasonal patterns.
- Snowmelt is trending earlier than normal with 15% of the peak total snowpack at automated stations melting by May 1st.
- Below normal spring freshet hazard is expected due to low snowpack. Local flooding from extreme rainfall is possible.
- Low snowpack, early snowmelt and warm seasonal weather forecasts are pointing towards elevated drought hazards for this upcoming season. Visit [B.C. Drought Information Portal](#).

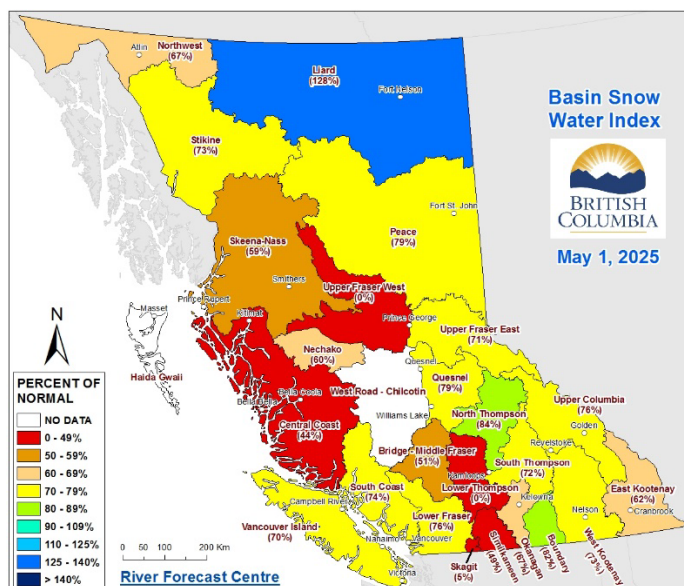


Figure 1. May 1st, 2025 Basin Snow Water Index Map of British Columbia. Larger and colour-friendly versions available in full report.

Table 1. May 1st, 2025 Snow Basin Indices in B.C.

Basin	% of Normal	Basin	% of Normal	Basin	% of Normal
Upper Fraser West	0	North Thompson	84	South Coast	74
Upper Fraser East	71	South Thompson	72	Vancouver Island	70
Nechako	60	Fraser River	72	Central Coast	44
Middle Fraser	62	Upper Columbia	76	Skagit	5
Lower Thompson*	0	West Kootenay	73	Peace	79
Bridge*	51	East Kootenay	62	Skeena-Nass	59
Chilcotin*	N/A	Boundary	82	Liard	128
Quesnel*	79	Okanagan	67	Stikine	73
Lower Fraser	76	Similkameen	49	Northwest	67
		Nicola	51	Fraser R. @ Hope	70
British Columbia 71% of Normal					

Next scheduled snow bulletin release: May 22nd-23rd, 2025



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April 29, 2025

The Honourable David Eby
Premier of the Province of British Columbia
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
Premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier:

Council is writing on behalf of the Village of Telkwa to formally call for a comprehensive reset of Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) and an audit of the organization's operations and expenditures. The proposed increases in natural gas delivery rates, which are anticipated to take effect on May 1, 2025, have raised significant concerns among our residents, particularly families, seniors, and youth who are already facing economic hardships.

The current trajectory of PNG's rate increases will force households to make difficult choices between heating their homes and buying food during the coldest parts of the year. As such, the Village of Telkwa opposes any and all increases to PNG rates. We are particularly concerned about the projected \$200 million expenditure on the new pipeline, which has not demonstrated sufficient accountability or transparency. It is imperative that PNG be held accountable for its past decisions and operational practices that have led to this situation, including the lack of foresight that failed to ensure that forestry and other industries benefited from the new infrastructure.

Furthermore, while PNG asserts that these rate changes are necessary for the continued safety and reliability of its natural gas system, we believe that a public review of their expenditures is warranted. The purpose of the carbon tax should not be overlooked, as it adds another layer of concern regarding the recommendations put forth by PNG.

We urge the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to conduct a thorough and transparent audit of PNG's financial practices and decision-making processes. It is essential to ensure that no further financial burdens are placed on our residents and that the well being of our communities is prioritized.



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We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your prompt action in addressing our concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Dekens", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Leroy Dekens
Councillor Annette Morgan
Councillor Simon Schatt
Councillor Cathy Frenette
Councillor Lee Ewald

cc: BC Utilities Commission
Municipalities and Regional Districts of BC
Sharon Hartwell, MLA for Bulkley-Stikine
Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
Brittney Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities

APRIL					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2025 MOTIONS				
R-2025-05	THAT, Council direct staff to prepare a Good Neighbour Bylaw to be brought back for consideration.	BEO/CAO	Develop Draft Bylaw		in-progress
R-2025-85	THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be introduced and read a first time by title only.	EA	Update Bylaw for Final Reading May 12th Meeting		completed
R-2025-86	THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be read a second time.	EA	Update Bylaw for Final Reading May 12th Meeting		completed
R-2025-87	THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be read a third time.	EA	Update Bylaw for Final Reading May 12th Meeting		completed
R-2025-88	THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be introduced and read a first time by title only.	EA	Update Bylaw for Final Reading May 12th Meeting		completed
R-2025-89	THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be read a second time.	EA	Update Bylaw for Final Reading May 12th Meeting		completed
R-2025-90	THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be read a third time.	EA	Update Bylaw for Final Reading May 12th Meeting		completed
R-2025-91	THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft Farmers Market request for free use of Heritage Park and closure of Railway Ave between 6th and 7th Street on Sundays from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm beginning May 11, 2025 and ending October 12, 2025.	EA	Send letter approving request and request a copy of their insurance; also notify transport companies of street closures		completed
R-2025-92	THAT, Council sends a letter thanking Susan Brown for her years of service and specifically for her support for the new seniors' complex being constructed by Thompson View Manor Society. CAO Dyck asked for direction as to when Council would like the letter to be sent. Direction to staff – send letter in November closer to retirement date.	CAO	Letter to be sent in November closer to her retirement		Diarized in Calendar to send letter in November

In Attendance: Margaret Moreira, EDTC
Daniela Dyck, CAO
Jessica Clement, Councillor
Nadine Davenport, Councillor
Linsie Lachapelle, General Manager, Community Futures

Call to Order

9:05 a.m.

1. Discussion

Wayfinding Signage: EDT WG discussed an option to have new “Welcome to Ashcroft” signs created as the old ones are needing to be replaced. A suggestion was made to send a recommendation to Council as a consideration for next year’s budget and funding opportunities.

NDIT Marketing Initiatives:

Projects not moving forward

- a) Invest BC Advertising (\$2,250): WG decided to postpone placing an ad in Invest BC until next year. In the mean time, EDTC will create an inventory of businesses and vacant lands for sale/rent as well as an Investor page to help promote Economic Development in Ashcroft.
- b) Visitor Guide \$4,000 (printing only): This project will be postponed until 2026. EDTC will resubmit project in the NDIT Marketing Initiatives and look for other funding possibilities to assist in the design costs.
- c) Mastermind Videos \$494 (logo update for two videos)
- d) Brochures for Ashcroft Pool and Drylands Arena: \$4,000 (quote was for four brochures)

Projects moving forward

- a) Social Media Posts: \$500
- b) Investor Page: \$1,620.00
- c) Imagery: \$4,000
- d) Lone Wolf Productions videos (logo update for eight videos): \$150
- e) Brochures for Legacy Park Campground and Museum: Quote to be revised

Tourism vs Economic Development

With the NDIT Marketing Initiatives not being approved, the EDT WG will be focusing on Economic Development for 2025. WG recommended hosting a Business Mixer and Business Walk in collaboration with Community Futures.

Business Walk Survey could include the following questions:

- Would you be open to extending your business hours for a night market
- Would you be interested in Workshops? If so, what kind of workshops (social media, finance, website)
- Would you be interested in attending a Business Mixer (social event with appetizers, music and bar)

- Would you be interested in being a member of the Economic Development Working Group? If so, would you attend every meeting or just meetings of interest?

Business Mixer: "Celebrate Your Business Community" (social event in collaboration with Community Futures)

- Live Music
- Cash Bar
- Appetizers
- Games

Strategic Priorities

A date was set to revisit strategic planning as the previous meeting had technical issues and the priorities discussed at that meeting have to be modified due to grant funding.

2. Next Steps

EDTC to contact Lone Wolf Productions to update eight videos with new Ashcroft Logo

EDTC to contact Kelly Touhey to define scope of project and timelines

EDTC to contact Marian Lowe, CoCreate to define scope of Investor Page

3. Recommendation

Send a recommendation to Council to consider adding new "Welcome to Ashcroft" signs to next years budget and funding opportunities as the current ones are in dire need of replacing.

4. Date for Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – May 9th @ 10am

Strategic Planning – May 16, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.-11:00 am

5. Adjournment

9:55 a.m.

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



Margaret Moreira,
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator