

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, May 26, 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 Town Hall Meeting of Council held Monday, May 12, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of Council held Monday, May 12, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-3
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3. **DELEGATIONS**

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4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

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

5. **BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	N/A	
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6. **STAFF REPORTS**

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	<p>To seek Council approval for the temporary appointment of the Chief Financial Officer as the Deputy Approving Officer for the Village of Ashcroft during the Chief Administrative Officer's authorized vacation period.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT, Council appoints the Chief Financial Officer as the Deputy Approving Officer for the Village of Ashcroft, effective May 27, 2025, through to July 4, 2025, to act in the absence of the Approving Officer - Chief Administrative Officer.</i></p>	
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Minister Meeting Requests at UBCM</p> <p>Purpose: To seek Council's direction on whether staff should schedule any meetings with Provincial Ministers or Ministry of Attorney General and Community (MACC) staff during the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in September.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT Council provide direction to staff on whether to schedule any Minister or MACC staff meetings during the 2025 UBCM Convention.</i></p>	P. 11-12
6.3	<p>CAO Report - Community BBQ – Saturday, August 23, 2025</p> <p>Purpose: To seek Council's confirmation on whether August 23, 2025, is an acceptable date for the annual Community BBQ, to be held in collaboration with the FireSmart team and Council, with participation from Urban Systems to support ongoing community outreach on the water metering project.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT Council confirm whether August 23, 2025, is acceptable for hosting the Community BBQ in collaboration with the FireSmart team and Urban Systems; and</i> <i>THAT, if approved, staff proceed with organizing the event and promoting it to the community.</i></p>	P. 13-14
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6.4	N/A	

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

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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



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

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

12.1	N/A	
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13. **RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

13.1	N/A	
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14. **ADJOURNMENT**



MINUTES

TOWN HALL Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, May 12, 2025, at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
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

Mayor Roden called the Town Hall Meeting of Council for Monday May 12, 2025, to order at 5:00 pm
"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

2. WELCOME TO THE TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Roden welcomed residents attending in person and online, advising this is the legislated meeting required for municipalities to present the annual financial plan, then turned the meeting over to CFO Bhalla for his presentation.

3. 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2025-2029 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

CFO, Yogi Bhalla gave a PowerPoint presentation reiterating that this is a legislated meeting, and he would be presenting the 2024 Audited Financial Statements, 2025 Tax Rates, and the Five-Year Financial Plan.

CFO Bhalla explained that the Community Charter requires a balanced budget to be presented annually. He introduced the principles of fund accounting, which includes three primary funds:

- General Operating
- Water
- Sewer

These are managed separately and support specific service areas.

Restricted and Unrestricted Assets:

- Restricted Assets: \$5.3 million
- Unrestricted Assets: \$1.9 million
- Overall, the Village's financial position improved over the previous year

Tangible Capital Assets (TCA):

- TCA decreased from \$19.3 million to \$18.9 million due to amortization and depreciation

Revenue and Expenses:

- Total Revenue: \$5.1 million
 - Total Expenses: \$4.4 million
 - Revenue sources included municipal taxation, government grants, permits, penalties, and sales of services
 - Expenses included general government, protective services, transportation, environmental health, recreation, water, and sewer operations
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FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN 2025–2029

CFO Bhalla presented the 2025–2029 Five Year Financial Plan and explained that the first year (2025) is forecasted with as much accuracy as possible, while the subsequent years are projected in accordance with statutory requirements.

Highlights:

- 2025 Revenue and Expenses: \$7,134,317
- No borrowing required
- Capital expenditures for 2025 are projected at \$1.78 million
- Tariffs are not yet included in the plan as their impact has not been determined

Grants:

CFO Bhalla noted that higher grant revenues in the first two years of the plan reflect currently secured funding, while the lower figures in later years reflect the uncertainty of future grant approvals.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXES PAYABLE

CFO Bhalla explained the role of the BC Assessment Authority, a provincial Crown corporation responsible for determining property values. The Village sets the tax rate, not the assessments themselves.

Important Notes:

- Average Single Family Assessment: \$368,292
- Average Single Family Tax Increase: \$34.55 based on a 3.5% tax rate increase
- Tax increases are adjusted annually to meet budgetary needs
- Assessment appeals must be filed directly with BC Assessment; the Village does not have authority to make changes
- There is a short window of time each year to submit an appeal

CFO Bhalla also clarified the contents of the tax notice and what portion of the total tax amount remains with the Village of Ashcroft.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Q: Why do you keep the residential and business tax increases the same?
A: To ensure a consistent and equitable approach across property classes; adjustments are applied evenly unless directed otherwise by policy or circumstance.
- Q: How are other tax rates determined, such as policing, education, and regional district contributions?
A: These rates are set by the respective governing authorities. The Village does not control them but must collect them on behalf of those entities.
- Q: Why does the Fire Department budget appear to decrease over time?
A: The apparent decrease is due to the inclusion of training grants and other outside funding sources in some years, which offsets core budget amounts.
- Q: With the provincial deficit, is there concern about reduced grant funding?
A: Yes, we are anticipating potential reductions and are planning accordingly to manage future grant uncertainty.
- Q: Can you clarify how farm tax rates work?
A: Farm classification and related tax rates are determined by BC Assessment and provincial regulations, not by the Village.
- Q: What is being done with the \$1 million received from the province?
A: It is being held in reserve, earning interest. These funds will be used to leverage future grant applications or offset the cost of capital projects.
- Q: There was some confusion regarding the Town Hall meeting mentioned in the newsletter. Can you clarify?
A: The Town Hall is an annual, legislated meeting to present the financial plan. Apologies for any confusion in the newsletter wording.
- Q: How much do we currently have in reserve?
A: Approximately \$6.6 million in total reserves, including restricted and unrestricted funds.
- Q: Was the public able to provide input during the budget process?
A: Yes, the budget process included multiple meetings open to the public, typically held during regular Council meetings.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Town Hall Meeting of Council for Monday May 12, 2025, at 5:29

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Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

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1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, April 28, 2025 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes f the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday April 28, 2025, be accepted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-94
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 28, 2025 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-95

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Sgt. Denise Harris – Ashcroft RCMP Seasonal Update Mayor Roden welcomed Sgt. Harris to the meeting for a brief update on local RCMP activity. Sgt. Harris reported that overall call volumes	
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	<p>are down by approximately 250 files Annual average ranges between 1,700 to 2,500 files. The only area showing a slight increase is mental health-related calls, which are up by three cases. Sgt. Harris noted a trend toward more advanced and complex mental health situations.</p> <p>The Ashcroft detachment is currently short one corporal and one constable, but active recruitment efforts are underway. A contributing factor to staffing challenges is the limited availability of suitable force housing. Typically, the RCMP seeks to purchase a 3-bedroom, 1-bathroom home large enough to accommodate a family.</p> <p>Q&A Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Roden asked if community or Council advocacy could help address the force housing issue. Sgt. Harris responded that local pressure can indeed help accelerate housing solutions by highlighting the urgency to higher authorities and when Ashcroft is being considered she will advise Council of the need for support. • Councillor Lambert inquired about emergency response when the detachment is off-duty. Sgt. Harris clarified that 911 dispatch will call out a member for emergencies. For non-emergency issues, the detachment's main phone line automatically forwards to dispatch. • Concerns were raised regarding speeding and whether there could be a stronger RCMP presence in Ashcroft. Sgt. Harris acknowledged the concern, noted efforts are ongoing and can be increased to manage traffic issues. • When asked about the presence of unhoused individuals in Ashcroft, Sgt. Harris confirmed there are a few, though reports to the detachment have been minimal. She encouraged residents to notify the RCMP if they see someone in need. • In response to how best to support someone found sleeping in a sheltered public area, Sgt. Harris advised reporting to the RCMP. Officers can follow up and potentially connect the individual with local support services, including E-Fry and Victim Services 	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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No questions received from the public

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-96
5.2	Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-97

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Memo - 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).	For Information
6.3	BEO Report – Q1 Report to Council 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. Mayor Roden noted her appreciation towards Reg for continuing the good work and working on the good neighbour bylaw.	For Information

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 Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council support the MLA's request and forward a letter of support as per the attached template.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-98
7.2	Ashcroft Plein Air 2025 Committee – Request for Door Prizes for the Committee's 10 th Anniversary Councillor Clement recused herself as being in a conflict leaving the room at 6:13 and returning at 6:15	

	<p>M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the request from the Plein Air Committee and provide door prizes in the form of Village swag up to a value of \$100.</i></p> <p>It was noted that artists are Encouraged to arrive in Ashcroft on Thursday to get the full day of painting in on Friday.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-99</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	BC Hydro EV Charging – Thank you for being our partner! Update – we can not get the stat yet but we have been connected with	
7.4	NDIT – 2025 Economic Development Capacity Building Application Approval to support wages for the Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator	
7.5	NDIT – 2025 Grant Writing Support Application Approval	
7.6	<p>TNRD – Aberdeen Tiny Library Expanding Hours, Programming as of May 1</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted that the Tiny Library hours of operation have increased from 16 hours to 32 hours per week</p> <p>She also noted the new book vending machines are very successful, books can be signed out with a library card and the chip in the book provides the TNRL all the necessary information.</p> <p>Of note – 50 years ago this week was groundbreaking for the construction of the Ashcroft library.</p>	
7.7	City of Enderby – Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act	
7.8	School District #74 – Newsletter	
7.9	<p>Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – May 1st, 2025</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted that although BC's snowcap average is at 72%, the Lower Thompson is at 0% and cautioned drought conditions.</p>	
8.0	Telkwa – Letter to Premier and BC Utilities Commission	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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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	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted elections were recently held for Ashcroft Indian Band and Bonaparte First Nation AIB re-elected Chief Greg Blain and Councillors Dennis Pittman and Earl Blain BFN re-elected Chief Frank Antoine and elected 3 councillors Tammy Brown, Matilda Morgan, Verna Billy Minnabarriet and a runoff election was held due to a tie which elected Rochelle Porter for the final seat. <p>M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council sends congratulatory letters to both First Nation's including a comment that we look forward to working with them in the future.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2025-100
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	<p>Councillor Lambert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors Strawberry Tea coming up June 7 at noon 	

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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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday May 12, 2025, at 6:20 pm.

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held Monday, May 12, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Approving Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council appoints the Chief Financial Officer as the Deputy Approving Officer for the Village of Ashcroft, effective May 27, 2025, through to July 4, 2025, to act in the absence of the Approving Officer - Chief Administrative Officer.

PURPOSE:

To seek Council approval for the temporary appointment of the Chief Financial Officer as the Deputy Approving Officer for the Village of Ashcroft during the Chief Administrative Officer's authorized vacation period.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Background & Discussion

Under Section 77 of the *Land Title Act*, municipalities must designate an Approving Officer to act on behalf of the local government in relation to subdivision approvals. The Chief Administrative Officer currently holds this designation for the Village of Ashcroft.

Council has approved a period of extended vacation leave for the CAO from May 27, 2025 to July 4, 2025. In order to ensure continuity of subdivision and land development processes during this time, it is necessary to appoint a qualified staff member to fulfill the duties of the Approving Officer in the CAO's absence.

It is recommended that the Village's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) be appointed as the Deputy Approving Officer for this period. The CFO is a senior staff member familiar with municipal procedures and is capable of exercising the authority and judgment required by the role.

To further support the CFO in this temporary capacity, it should be noted that the Village of Ashcroft has an existing agreement with the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) for the provision of planning services. This partnership ensures that professional planning advice and guidance are available should any subdivision or land use matters arise in the absence of the CAO. The TNRD Planning Department is aware of the CAO's extended leave and has expressed their willingness to assist as needed during this period to help maintain continuity of service and support for the community.

CONCLUSION

Appointing the CFO as Deputy Approving Officer ensures continuity in subdivision and land development services during the CAO's approved absence. With the additional support available through the TNRD Planning Department, the Village is well-positioned to maintain effective oversight and respond to any planning-related matters that may arise. This temporary appointment is a proactive step to ensure ongoing service delivery and regulatory compliance.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Minister Meeting Requests at UBCM

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council provide direction to staff on whether to schedule any Minister or MACC staff meetings during the 2025 UBCM Convention.

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's direction on whether staff should schedule any meetings with Provincial Ministers or Ministry of Attorney General and Community (MACC) staff during the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in September.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the UBCM Convention provides municipalities with the opportunity to engage directly with Provincial Ministers and ministry staff to raise concerns, advocate for local projects, and seek support on policy or funding matters.

At this time, staff have no recommendations for Ministerial or MACC meetings, as there are no pressing issues or outstanding matters that require provincial attention. Current operations and strategic initiatives are proceeding as planned, and no external intervention or direction is needed at this stage.

That said, UBCM remains a valuable venue for advocacy and relationship-building, and Council may wish to bring forward topics for consideration. Although staff does not have any current issues to raise, Council may identify specific areas, concerns, or opportunities they believe warrant Ministerial or MACC discussion. Should Council wish to pursue meetings based on political or strategic interests, staff can assist in preparing and submitting requests.

The deadline for submitting Minister and MACC meeting requests is **Tuesday, July 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM**. If a relevant issue arises before that date, staff can still submit a request on Council's behalf.

CONCLUSION

While staff does not currently recommend scheduling meetings at UBCM 2025, Council is invited to consider whether any topics should be advanced for discussion with Provincial Ministers or MACC staff. In the absence of such direction, staff will refrain from submitting meeting requests unless an issue arises prior to the July 2 deadline.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

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Attachment Listing

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: **Community BBQ**

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

*THAT Council confirm whether August 23, 2025, is acceptable for hosting the Community BBQ in collaboration with the FireSmart team and Urban Systems; and
THAT, if approved, staff proceed with organizing the event and promoting it to the community.*

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's confirmation on whether August 23, 2025, is an acceptable date for the annual Community BBQ, to be held in collaboration with the FireSmart team and Council, with participation from Urban Systems to support ongoing community outreach on the water metering project.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

DISCUSSION:

The Village is planning a Community BBQ to continue its commitment to public engagement, community building, and transparency around ongoing initiatives. This year's BBQ is proposed to take place on Saturday, August 23, 2025, and will include collaboration between:

- Village Council and staff
- The FireSmart Coordinator and Local FireSmart Representative
- Urban Systems, attending to provide information and answer questions related to the Village's water metering project.

The BBQ provides an excellent opportunity for Council and staff to connect with residents in an informal setting, promote fire safety awareness, and ensure the public is informed about the water metering rollout. Urban Systems has confirmed their availability on August 23, making this an ideal date to incorporate a dedicated water meter information table.



If this date is acceptable to Council, staff will proceed with event planning and community promotion.

CONCLUSION

The proposed date of August 23, 2025, allows for strong collaboration between FireSmart, Council, and Urban Systems, ensuring a well-rounded and informative community event. Staff are requesting Council's direction to confirm this date and proceed with planning.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

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Attachment Listing

Community Health Centre Society for Ashcroft and Area, (HAWC)

April 27, 2025

Mayor Roden,
Councillors Anstett, Clement, Davenport, and Lambert
Village of Ashcroft, Ashcroft, B.C.

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

HAWC is currently developing a healthcare survey for communities served by the Ashcroft Urgent Primary Care Centre (UPCC). We believe community engagement and consultation is essential, and that rural communities have unique needs, which are not always recognized by those making decisions for rural communities.

Our previous survey was done prior to the development of the current UPCC model of care for a rural site. The Ashcroft UPCC has been open since Sept. 27, 2022. Our journey to provide a fully staffed team based Urgent Primary Care Centre continues.

We need to hear from the public how our model of care is working, where the gaps/difficulties in accessing all services provided at the Ashcroft Health Site are, and suggestions from the community, to continue to advocate for change/improvements in our collective communities healthcare, with Interior Health.

The Village of Ashcroft allowed us to use their mail drop Village Account number to distribute the survey to all post office boxes in our catchment area. Per Canada Post the current number of post office boxes are as follows- Ashcroft- 600, Cache Creek- 425, Clinton- 350, Spences Bridge-90, Walhachin- 20, for a total of 1485.

Please accept this letter as our request to use the Village of Ashcroft mail drop account # to distribute the HAWC Healthcare Survey 2025. We are hoping to be able to distribute the survey in mid May.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

LeAnne Davies, President

Healthcare and Wellness Coalition



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May 21, 2021

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft
PO Box 129
Ashcroft, BC
V0K1A0

Dear Mayor and Council,

Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society (WRAPS) has hosted the Canada Day Celebration for the Village of Ashcroft and the surrounding communities since 2014. WRAPS is a registered non-profit charitable organization of volunteers dedicated to the promotion of the Arts in our local communities. Our work is not possible without the sponsorship and support of many organizations and individuals.

We are requesting a \$550 donation from the Village of Ashcroft for the Canada Day 2025 Celebration. Your donation will enable us to carry out an enjoyable and varied Canada Day program. In return you will receive, acknowledgement at the Celebration and in our promotional material.

We wish to continue using Heritage Park for the event as the trees provides shade for the participants. We request use of the Park for July 1st, 2025 and for closure of Railway Avenue from 6th to 7th Street from 10 AM to 1 PM, to facilitate the Children's Bike Parade and the participation of the Legion Members and RCMP. We also invite the Mayor or her representative to address the gathering at the Canada Day Ceremonies.

The Canada Day Agenda is to start at 11:00 am and finish at 1:00 pm. As in the past, we request the use of the Ashcroft Swimming Pool for free public swimming from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about WRAPS and what we do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly

Martina Duncan (for)
WRAPS Directors



May 16, 2025

BC Utilities Commission
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC Canada V6Z 2N3
Email: Commission.secretary@bcus.com

Re: Pacific Northern Gas Proposed Increase of Natural Gas Delivery Rates

Dear BC Utilities Commission,

On behalf of the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) I am writing to call for a comprehensive reset of Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) and an audit of the organization's operations and expenditures following the receipt of the correspondence sent by the Village of Telkwa, dated April 29, 2025.

As the current trend of PNG natural gas delivery rates for households continues to rise, families and residents of B.C. and the north coast are further driven towards the inability to cover the costs of necessities during the coldest parts of the year. This in addition to the indiscretion of PNG with regards to its operations on the projected two-hundred million (\$200,000,000) dollar expenditure on the new pipeline shows a lack of accountability for its economic loss on operational practices which should not be deferred to the people of B.C. to recover. For these reasons, the NCRD opposes any and all increases to PNG natural gas delivery rates.

Furthermore, the NCRD urges the B.C. Utilities Commission to conduct a thorough and transparent audit of PNG's financial practices and decision-making processes to review that fair and just rates are being provided to the communities of B.C. and the north coast.

Should you have any questions please contact NCRD staff.

Sincerely,

Barry Pages

Chair

*CC: Municipalities and Regional District of BC
Hon. Laanas – Tamara Davidson, MLA, North-Coast Haida Gwaii
Hon. Adiran Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
Hon. Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities*



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Thompson-Nicola Regional Library Launches Intuitive New App

Library News, Press Release, Service Update / May 20, 2025

Kamloops, BC – May 20, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is more portable than ever before, thanks to a new app that brings the library to your fingertips!

Compatible with both Android and Apple devices, the TNRL App enables patrons to manage their accounts, discover library programs, easily search new bestsellers, and access digital resources – all from the convenience of their phone or tablet.

“Life is busy, and this app makes it easy to connect with the library,” said Jenny Abramzik, Manager of Discovery & Support Services. “Whether it’s managing your account, searching for your next great read, or checking library hours, everything is just a tap away.”

While patrons can access the library website, tnrl.ca, from their phone or tablet, the new TNRL App provides a much-improved user experience. It’s faster and more intuitive to give users more time for things that matter during their library experience, like picking out your next read.

App features include:

Manage Your Account: Check due dates, renew items, and place holds with ease

Multiple Account Management: Perfect for families, users can manage multiple library cards from one device

Search the Collection: Browse for books and other materials anytime, anywhere

Access Library Information: Quickly view library hours and explore upcoming programs and events

The TNRL app is free to download on the App Store or Google Play. For more information, visit: tnrl.ca/app.

About the TNRL:

The TNRL is dedicated to enriching lives through literacy, learning, and community connection. With 13 library branches and a Mobile Library, TNRD offers a wide range of service, programs, and resources for all ages.

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May 21st, 2025

Village of Ashcroft
Mayor Roden & Council
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft BC



Dear Mayor Roden and Council,

On behalf of the Chief and newly elected Council of Bonaparte First Nation, I want to extend our sincere thank you for your warm congratulations and kind words.

Your gesture means a great deal to us as we begin this new chapter of Leadership. We deeply value the spirit of community between our towns and look forward to working closely together. By building a strong, respectful relationship, we can help ensure a brighter future for all our residents.

We appreciate your support and partnership, and we're excited about what lies ahead.

Warm regards,

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Frank Antoine
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Chief Frank Antoine
Bonaparte First Nation



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Office of the
PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

Via email: Mayor@ashcroft.ca; admin@ashcroft.ca

May 13, 2025

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Council,

As I prepare to conclude my time as President and Vice-Chancellor of Thompson Rivers University, I am writing to share with you the news that Dr. Airini will be stepping into this role beginning July 1, 2025.

Many will remember Dr. Airini from her previous service as Dean of Education and Social Work at TRU. She brings with her not only deep knowledge of this institution, but experience as a leader most recently at the University of Saskatchewan as Provost and Vice-President Academic, and a national and international reputation as a leader in educational equity, academic excellence, and university-community collaboration.

I know she is eager to reconnect with the TRU community and to listen—to faculty, staff, students, partners, and friends—as she charts a path forward grounded in TRU's values, priorities, and people.

You will find in her a thoughtful, energetic, and forward-looking leader. I am confident that under her guidance, TRU's next chapter will be one of continued distinction and impact.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Airini home to TRU.

Sincerely,

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BRETT FAIRBAIRN
President and Vice-Chancellor



Via Email: mayor@ashcroftbc.ca & admin@ashcroftbc.ca

May 13, 2025

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Council. Bonjour. Weyt-k.

I do hope your week is going well.

As you may have seen, Thompson Rivers University recently announced that I will be returning to Kamloops as the next President and Vice-Chancellor, beginning July 1, 2025. I am deeply honoured by this appointment and excited to return to TRU, a university I admire for its bold commitment to applied research and teaching, excellence, access, and community.

In these early days of transition, I am mindful of your own vital role within this region. The work you've done as Mayor and Council has helped shape this university's success and positive impact in the region TRU serves, the province, and beyond. Thank you.

As I begin reconnecting with the TRU community, I wanted to ensure that one of my first notes was to you. I would be grateful if you might share my greetings with your team, and I hope to meet with you in person, in the near future.

I would welcome the opportunity to listen and discuss—about TRU's recent progress and potential, and how we can work together to build on this momentum for TRU as a world class university for the region and British Columbia.

With warm thanks. Merci. Kukwstsétsemc.

Sincerely,

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AIRINI

Incoming President and Vice-Chancellor (1 July 2025)

Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the traditional lands of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwepemcúl'ecw, the unceded ancestral territory of the Secwépemc nation. From these campuses we also serve the people's of nearby territories including the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx.

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025					
MAY					
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-2025-92	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
R-2025-96	THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 877, 2025 be adopted as presented.	EA/CFO	Submit and File	submitted	completed
R-2025-97	THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 878, 2025 be adopted as presented.	EA/CFO	Submit and File	submitted	completed
R-2025-98	THAT, Council support the MLA's request and forward a letter of support as per the attached template.	CAO	Forward letter to MLA Milobar		completed
R-2025-99	THAT, Council supports the request from the Plein Air Committee and provide door prizes in the form of Village swag up to a value of \$100.	CAO	Send letter advising approval		completed
R-2025-100	THAT, Council sends congratulatory letters to both First Nation's including a comment that we look forward to working with them in the future.	CAO	Send letters to AIB and BFN		completed



Joint Para- Transit Committee

Minutes

May 21, 2025 - 11:08am

Cache Creek - TEAMS

In Attendance: Daynika White, BC Transit Govt Relations Manager
Jen Getz, BC Transit (guest presenter)
Damian Couture, VoCC
Brian Doddridge, VoC
Daniela Dyck, VoA
Cnclr. Peters, VoCC
Cnclr. Anstett, VoA
Michelle Wall, YCS
Christine Peterson, YCS

Regrets: Cnclr .Park, VoC
Nikki Vincent, YCSS

1. Welcome

Group was welcomed to Cache Creek in person and virtually.

2. Review of Notes from February 19, 2025,, Meeting

Distributed previously and attached.

3. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions from the Agenda.

4. Delegation:

There were no delegations.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Additional bus stop in Cache Creek at Sage and Sands Trailer Park Update – Cache Creek was waiting for the ground to thaw and then was inundated with spring startup projects. Expect sign to be situated in the next few weeks.

6. Business

a. BC Transit Government Relations Manager – Daynika White

- Annual Operating Agreement – Daynika briefly discussed the agreement. There were no questions or concerns at the time of the meeting.
- Regionalization – Daynika reported that the regionalization strategy was retracted, and that a formal letter was given to that effect and was attached to the agenda package.
- Jen Getz, Transit Planner – Jen presented an array of options for different strategic documents that transit systems can proceed with. Whatever the decision of the group, it is anticipated that work would begin in the fall. The group brought forward that a major consideration is the inclusion of neighboring jurisdictions to increase service usage, service locations, and reduce annual costs. A Service Review was discussed, and the topic is recommended for discussion at the next meeting to determine the best way to move forward.

b. YCS – Transit Manager – Michelle Wall – Michelle provided the following update items:

- April 29 – BC Transit partnership with Transit App changes. The free “Transit Royale” subscription on Next Ride App will be discontinued. The core functions on the App remain free. (FYI: There is a link on the BC Transit website for the Ashcroft-Cache Creek-Clinton Regional Transit system under “Real Time Trip Planning” where riders can download the free App. Riders may use for Wednesday and Friday routes only. Mondays to Kamloops as well as the Health Connection route on Tuesdays and Thursdays to Kamloops were not included at this time)
- May 5 – New bus stop location added at Riverside Drive, near Sage and Sands Mobile Home Park by Cache Creek. New Rider’s Guide posted online already, additional paper copies will be ordered shortly after current stock gets a little lower. Link to the new Rider’s Guide on our website and the Village of Ashcroft websites already updated. Clinton website link to be updated.
- Currently looking for an additional Casual Transit Driver in Ashcroft. Posting can be found on our website and Work BC, also shared with the Village of Ashcroft. Checking references for one applicant this week, hopeful we can start training soon.
- Providing Transit for the Clinton Rodeo coming up on May 24 and 25. The service is free for passengers and will operate from 12:30pm-2:30pm and 4:30pm-2:30am Saturday May 24 as well as 12:30pm-6:00pm on Sunday May 25. Stops include Clinton Canco, Cariboo Lodge, Petro Canada, and Clinton Pines RV Park as well as the Rodeo Grounds. Paid for by Clinton and District Agricultural Association. Their contact for Transit is Teri Allison (250-457-3249).

c. Community Updates:

- Clinton – Clinton has been discussing their bus shelter and is excited for the upcoming rodeo.
- Cache Creek – A new bus shelter was installed Friday last week, with a few final finishing items to be completed. Site is operational.
- Ashcroft – Nothing new to report for transit.

7. Summary of Ridership/Financial

a. Report of Revenue and Ridership to April 30, 2025

It was noted that we are passing pre-pandemic levels now with ridership and are slowly increasing. Daynika is planning to have the annual performance summary at the next meeting.

8. New Business

None.

9. Date for Next Meeting – August 20, 2025, at 11:00 am - Village of Clinton & Virtual

10. Adjournment – 11:44AM

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

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Damian Couture
Village of Cache Creek