

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday May 12, 2025, to order at 6:00pm

"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

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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Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street

Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

	<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

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 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

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 May 12, 2025, at 6:20 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, May 12, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor