MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 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 – 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 *THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 14, 2025, be adopted as presented.*	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-84

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	

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 members of the public were in attendance.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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

	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. Mayor Roden thanked the CAO for attending on behalf of the Village.	
6.3	**DPW Verbal Report – 2025 Pool Staffing Update** Purpose: 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. DPW Brian Bennewith provided Council with a brief update in regard to pool staffing and operations. • Nancy Villenueve 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 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.	

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

	FOR ACTION	
7.1	**Ashcroft Farmer's Market – Request for Use of Heritage Park – 2025 Farmers Market Season** M/S Lambert / Clement *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.*	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 *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.	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-92
7.6	**BCEDA Launches DisasterSmart BC**	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	**Task Manager**	

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 *THAT, Council accepts the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Shawn Birkenhead of Doane, Grant Thornton LLP.*	CARRIED. Unanimous. R-2025-93

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

10.	**N/A**	

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 17th Strawberry Tea is scheduled for June 7th 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**	

13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	**N/A**	

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday, April 28, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor