



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett (Zoom)
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: CAO, Daniela Dyck

Media – 1
Public – 2

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, June 23, 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

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 9, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 9, 2025, be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-113
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Paul Martin – Fire Safety and Unsightly Fire Hazard Yards/Properties Mr. Martin brought forward his concerns to Council regarding the condition of certain properties in Ashcroft, specifically noting backyards containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dead trees and shrubs• Accumulations of combustible materials	
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	<p>He suggested that Council consider conducting a walkabout to observe firsthand the potential fire hazards and general unsightliness of these properties.</p> <p>Mayor Roden acknowledged his concerns and advised that the Village is currently in the process of developing and implementing a FireSmart Program. She noted that, as part of these efforts, the Village may explore bringing in a chipper in the future to assist residents with the removal of dead vegetation.</p>	
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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.

4.1	<p>Rick Laing – Objection to Water Meters being installed in Ashcroft</p> <p>Mr. Laing voiced his concerns regarding the installation of water meters in Ashcroft. Although this item was not on the Agenda, Mayor Roden permitted him to speak to Council.</p> <p>Mr. Laing stated he was opposed to the installation of water meters and expressed his intention to prevent the Village from spending beyond the \$2.7 million grant allocation. He further indicated that he would continue to voice his opposition to the water meter program moving forward.</p> <p>Mayor Roden, along with the Chief Financial Officer, addressed Mr. Laing's concerns.</p>	
4.2	<p>Cameron Tedford – Protocol for Individuals wishing to address Council on items not contained in the Agenda</p> <p>Mr. Tedford expressed concerns regarding the number of Council meetings he has attended where he was unable to address Council on matters not listed on the Agenda. He questioned the Mayor about procedural consistency, particularly in light of Mr. Laing being permitted to speak on an item not on the current Agenda.</p> <p>Mayor Roden acknowledged that the topic of water meters was not on the Agenda and clarified that the "Public Input" section is designated for members of the public to speak specifically to items listed on the Agenda. She further noted that allowing Mr. Laing to speak was a judgment call on her part, given that the water meter installation program has been a contentious issue among residents.</p>	

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5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Adoption of the 2024 Draft Annual Report Purpose: To request Council’s formal adoption of the Village of Ashcroft 2024 Annual Report following the required public review and feedback period. M/S Anstett/Clement <i>THAT, Council adopt the Village of Ashcroft 2024 Annual Report as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-114
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CFO Report – Verbal Report – Financial Update Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council that may not come up during regular meetings or Committee of the Whole. Topics include operational updates, or other areas of interest to the village.	
6.3	EDTC Report – BC Economic Development Summit & Keep it Rural Conference Purpose: To provide Council with a brief summary of my attendance at the BCEDA Summit and Keep it Rural Conference	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Briefcase, 8 Film Productions Inc. – Producer Jonnie Broi request for a single intermittent road closure at the intersection of Railway Avenue and 7th Street on July 5th between 10 pm and 1 am for a short scene M/S Clement/Davenport <i>THAT, Council approve the request by Briefcase, 8 Film Productions Inc. for a single intermittent road closure at the intersection of Railway Avenue and 7th Street on July 5th between 10 pm and 1 am for a short scene.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-115
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	UBCM – 2025 EOC Equipment and Training Approval Agreement	

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7.3	Village of Chase – Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care – Funding for Public Education	
7.4	Royal Purple Association – Thank you for Grant In Aid	
7.5	School District No. 74 – Board Bulletin – June 2025	
7.6	TNRD Board Highlights for June 11 Meeting	
7.7	TNRD – Community Grant Write Available	
7.8	TNRD – FireSmart Free Chipping Event Days	
7.9	TNRD – Summer Reading Club 2025	
7.10	Interior Health June 2025 Newsletter	
7.11	BCRHN – Mid-June 2025 Newsletter	

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	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden</p> <p>Mayor Roden acknowledged and thanked Councillor Lambert for her years of dedicated service to the Village of Ashcroft. Councillor Lambert is relocating to Vancouver Island to be closer to family. Councillor Lambert became Councillor in the 2013 by-election. She again ran successfully in the 2014-2018 election. She took a term off and ran successfully in the 2022-2026 election.</p> <p>Pending discussions between Mayor Roden and CAO Dyck, it is hoped that Councillor Lambert will be able to continue to serve on Council by attending meetings via Zoom until December 31, 2025, thereby eliminating the need for the Village to incur the costs associated with a by-election.</p>	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	<p>Councillor Lambert</p> <p>Councillor Lambert attended the Seniors Annual Strawberry Tea</p>	



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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

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:12 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, June 23, 2025.

Yogi Bhalla, CFO
Chief Financial Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor