

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, August 25, 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 Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 28, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P.1-7
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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	BEO/CAO Report: Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 for Introduction and First Two Readings Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present Council with the completed Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 for consideration and subsequent adoption. The bylaw consolidates multiple outdated regulations and establishes clear, enforceable standards to support safety, property maintenance, and respectful neighbourhood conduct. M/S	P.8-28
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	<i>THAT, Council give first and second readings to "Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025" and direct staff to return the bylaw for consideration of third reading at the next Regular Council Meeting.</i>	
5.2	<p>BEO Report: Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025 Introduction and First Two Readings</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to introduce Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025 for Council's consideration. This amendment is presented concurrently with the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 to ensure that enforcement mechanisms are aligned with the new regulations.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT, Council give first and second readings to "Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025", and direct staff to return the bylaw for consideration of third reading at the next Regular Council Meeting.</i></p>	P. 29-44

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CFO Report: Resolution to Support Application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for Reservoir & PRV</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support for the Village's application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for the construction of the PZ3 Reservoir, and to authorize staff to submit the grant application and oversee the project in accordance with all program requirements.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT, Council of the Village of Ashcroft endorses the proposed application to the Union of BC Municipalities' Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) for the construction of the Pressure Zone (PZ3) Reservoir, and directs staff to submit the grant application and manage the project in accordance with all program requirements.</i></p> <p>And further THAT, Council of the Village of Ashcroft resolves that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>It supports the proposed project to construct the PZ3 Reservoir;</i> <i>It commits to managing any grants received in accordance with the requirements of UBCM for the Strategic Priorities Fund;</i> <p><i>and</i></p>	P. 45-46

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>It commits to covering any project cost overruns necessary to bring the project to successful completion.</i> 	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	BEO Report: Q2 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 second quarter of 2025.	P. 47-49

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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7.1	2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities M/S	P. 50-51
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FOR INFORMATION		
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7.12	City of Campbell River – Invitation to UBCM Events – Strengthening Resource Communities Together and Motion being brought to UBCM <i>This information has been emailed to Mayor and Councillors attending the 2025 UBCM Convention (RSVP is September 12th)</i>	P. 72-74
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 75
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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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	

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



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

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 July 28, 2025 to order at 6:01 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 / Anstett

THAT, Item 3.1 Andrew Cumblidge delegation request to discuss Village Provided Services be deleted from the agenda and that the HomeZero Collective initiative be added to New Business.

CARRIED. Unanimously R-2025-116

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 23, 2025 M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 23, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-117
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Via Zoom – Amandeep Singh – HomeZero Collective – Results of Home Energy Efficiency Pilot Project in Vernon – Request for letter	
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	<p>of support from Council to support the upcoming application to FCM's Community Efficiency Financing Program.</p> <p>Amandeep Singh presented the Vernon Solar Retrofit Pilot Project, which focused on retrofitting 11 homes with solar panels, heat pumps, and energy-efficient systems. Key outcomes included a 46% reduction in energy consumption and an 88% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Project Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originated in Vernon, BC as part of their climate action plan ("Home Zero"). • Funded through FCM's Community Efficiency Financing Program, BC Hydro, and homeowner contributions. • Pilot demonstrated cost-effective, whole-house retrofits that could be scaled regionally. • Retrofits aimed to remain within homeowners' existing utility cost structure; significant cost savings occur after loan repayment. • Provided housing stock analysis and considered a whole-house, community-scale approach. • Assistance offered with financing applications to streamline homeowner participation. • Diverse project team assembled to provide all necessary skills. • FCM Capital Project Grant: \$5M, including a \$2M loan loss reserve. • A for-profit entity was created to attract additional capital. • Seeking support from municipalities across the region, including Ashcroft. <p>Benefits to Residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in energy bills for participating homeowners. • Program is practical, scalable, and supports climate targets. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing costs within homeowners' monthly budgets. • Engaging communities at a neighbourhood level to build support. <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion planned from neighbourhood-level pilots to over 500 homes with additional private investment. • Outreach to municipalities in the region for support and participation. <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor asked whether the expansion would target one community; response: project would begin at the neighbourhood level. 	
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	Action Item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item is time sensitive as such Council will consider raising the matter under New Business tonight. 	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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There were no comments or questions received from the public.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Council Member Virtual Attendance and Consideration of By-Election</p> <p>Purpose: To seek Council direction regarding a member of Council who has relocated outside the Village of Ashcroft and is no longer able to attend meetings in person. The Council member has expressed a willingness to continue participating virtually or to resign, depending on Council's preferred approach. This report outlines the legislative work, legal considerations, and options available for Council's review.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council accepts Councillor Lambert's resignation and direct staff to initiate the process for a by-election; AND FURTHER THAT, no amendments be made to Council Procedure Bylaw No. 834, 2020 to expand eligibility for electronic participation at this time. Councillor Lambert will continue to attend meetings virtually until the position is filled.</i></p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Mayor Roden noted the motion is not at all a reflection on Councillor Lambert, but believes a by-election is the best way forward. It will enable another community member to step up and try their hand at local government. Council thanked Councillor Lambert for everything she did for the village, her commitment and dedication to the community will be</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-118</p>

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	<p>missed by many residents and organizations in the community especially the seniors. Councillor Davenport echoed the above statement. Councillor Lambert noted she will miss working with Council and staff and advocating for the community.</p>	
6.2	<p>CAO Report - Next Steps – By-Election Planning and Appointment of Election Officials Purpose: This report outlines the required next steps for conducting a municipal by-election following Council's decision to proceed with filling a Council vacancy, including the appointment of elections officials and an overview of legislated timelines under the <i>Local Government Act</i>. M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council appoints Daniela Dyck as Chief Election Officer and Kristine Hardy as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the upcoming municipal by-election, in accordance with Section 58 of the Local Government Act effective July 30, 2025.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-119</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Verbal Report 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.</p> <p>Verbal Report Items: FireSmart – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is gaining momentum and community awareness • Hosted an info session in partnership with Interior Savings Insurance last Friday • Several complaints received at the office in regard to properties posing a fire risk to the community – these mostly fall under our unsightly bylaw – however, clean up is not as quick as one hopes as we must follow our due process and provide correspondence and timelines prior to remedial action. • This year we are unable to complete private property assessments as we must complete a CWRP first • CWRP is in progress • Critical infrastructure assessments are permitted in the first year and they are ongoing • We will be able to complete home assessments after the second round of funding is approved. 	

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	<p>EOC Training – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training is ongoing and will likely require two to three more office closures. • EOC kits are received and includes 7 laptops including hardware to connect, printer, carrying cases for easy deployability and all the required equipment. – covered by UBCM grant • The Emergency Response Plan is also under review under a separate grant funding stream and will include FN engagement • Training will conclude with a tabletop exercise including stakeholder tentatively scheduled for August 28th • Establish an ongoing education plan through JIBC and other training opportunities to fully train all critical positions • Current training provides basic knowledge of EOC operations and how to use the EOC Assist Tool <p>Kloutchville Creek Fire – K21041</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire reported July 22nd • Caused by lightning up on Carson Mtn. • Grew to 0.5 he. • 9 firefighters supported by 2 helicopters • Classified as out July 24, 2025 	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Charting the Course UBCM 2025 – Small Talk Forum at the 2025 UBCM Annual Convention – Requesting Submissions of Challenges, Success Stories, or other Discussion Topics – Deadline for submissions is Friday, August 15, 2025</p> <p>No Motion</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted that if a Council member has a suggestion before the deadline to bring it to the CAO.</p>	
7.2	<p>Rail Safety Week 2025 Across Canada September 15-21, 2025 – Request to Adopt attached Resolution</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council adopts the attached Rail Safety Week resolution proclaiming Rail Safety Week 2025 in Ashcroft from September 15-21, 2025.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-120</p>
7.3	<p>Stacey Biekx – Courageous K9 Sponsorship Request</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the Courageous K9 request for sponsorship in the amount of \$319</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-121</p>

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	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Councillor Anstett noted it is an honour to support veterans and first responders through the challenges they face.</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted the request is in alignment with Council's support for the Honour Ranch.</p>	
7.4	<p>MP Frank Caputo – Ashcroft Pre-Budget Consultation – Request for Detailed Suggestions on Pre-Budget</p> <p>M/S Roden / Davenport</p> <p><i>Direction to staff: THAT, staff prepare a memo to MP Caputo discussing the need for increased and ongoing infrastructure funding for small communities highlighting the North Ashcroft Reservoir Twinning project and the Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades.</i></p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>Councillor Clement requested that support for the not-for-profit sector be included in the infrastructure needs memo to MP Caputo.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Unanimously</p> <p>R-2025-122</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	TNRD Board Highlights – June 26, 2025	
7.6	TNRD – Local Email Lists Sign Up	
7.7	TNRD Receives “Innovate Idea Award” for Streamlined GIS Data Management	
7.8	Minister of Health, Josie Osborne – Thank you for letter regarding the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Coupon Program (FMNCP)	
7.9	IH – Important Public Health Notification – Measles Awareness and Prevention for Summer	
7.10	BC Hydro – Updated Distribution Extension Policy Launches July 5	
7.11	HAWC – Thank you card	
7.12	Summer ESS Newsletter – June 2025	
7.13	IH – Construction to starts on new BC Cancer Centre in Kamloops	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager</p> <p>Comment – It is appropriate to forward the letter to Susan Brown now.</p>	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	<p>HomeZero Collective – Request for Letter of Support</p> <p>M/S Clement /Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council provides a letter of support to the HomeZero Collective for their funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Unanimously</p> <p>R-2025-123</p>
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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	Mayor Roden Attended an informal dinner meeting last week with the Minister of Health. Also in attendance were Mayor Ranta and Director Thorpe. Mayor Roden noted that the meeting enabled a good discussion in regard to health issues in the area.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert Attended the seniors meeting in June.	

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, July 28, 2025, at 6:44 pm.

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

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: August 25, 2025
FROM: Reggie Amyotte, BEO and Daniel Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: **Good Neighbour Bylaw for Introduction and First two Readings**

Recommendation:

That Council give first and second readings to "Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025," and direct staff to return the bylaw for consideration of third reading at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the completed Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 for consideration and subsequent adoption. The bylaw consolidates multiple outdated regulations and establishes clear, enforceable standards to support safety, property maintenance, and respectful neighbourhood conduct.

Prepared by:



Reggie Amyotte,
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer,

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Background

On January 13, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Good Neighbour Bylaw to be brought back for consideration."

This followed a staff report outlining the need for a more comprehensive bylaw to address recurring community concerns, many of which were not adequately covered by the Village's existing bylaws. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer conducted research into comparable bylaws in other jurisdictions, which informed the development of a new framework by staff that reflects Ashcroft's unique needs and challenges.

The new bylaw is intended to replace:

- *Unightly Premises Bylaw No. 505, 1990*
 - *Noise Control Bylaw No. 684, 1983*
 - *Fireworks Bylaw No. 765, 2009*
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Discussion

The *Good Neighbour Bylaw No.879, 2025* modernizes the Village’s regulatory framework and provides residents, property owners, and enforcement officers with a comprehensive, easy-to-understand guide to acceptable standards for property use and maintenance.

Key features include:

- Consolidated Regulations: A single bylaw replaces three outdated ones, improving consistency and usability.
- Alignment with Zoning Bylaw: The bylaw has been written in full alignment with *Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018*, ensuring consistency in definitions, building standards, setbacks, and use provisions.
- FireSmart Principles Embedded: Requirements for vegetation management, firewood storage, and restrictions on cedar hedges reflect FireSmart Canada best practices to reduce wildfire risk in the community.
- Property Maintenance & Unsightly Premises: Clear standards for cleanliness, debris storage, fence maintenance, derelict vehicles, and snow removal.
- RV and Cargo Container Use: Regulated to prevent long-term occupancy and ensure appropriate placement and appearance.
- Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species: A dedicated list of prohibited plants has been included to help mitigate fire risk, preserve sightlines, and protect infrastructure.
- Cedar Hedge Regulations: The planting of new cedar hedges is prohibited, and existing ones must be trimmed and maintained under FireSmart principles.
- Noise and Nuisance Provisions: Limits on construction noise, amplified sound, idling, and persistent animal noise.
- Outdoor Lighting and Burning: Lighting must be directed downward to prevent glare and light trespass; open burning is restricted to clean firewood or yard waste under safe conditions.
- Animals, Hens, and Bees: Reasonable provisions allow backyard hens and beekeeping within limits and zoning rules.
- Pigeon Keeping, Racing and Sporting Events: Regulates pigeon keeping and bans racing or sporting events involving pigeons in the Village.
- Penalties and Enforcement Tools: A comprehensive ticketing schedule (Schedule D) outlines fines and provides for escalating enforcement. The bylaw also allows for cost recovery where the Village must undertake remedial work.
- Compliance Checklist: A voluntary “Good Neighbour Checklist” (Schedule E) supports public education and proactive compliance.

Strategic Alignment

This bylaw supports Council’s strategic goals by:

- Promoting neighbourhood livability and safety
- Enhancing civic pride and property stewardship
- Supporting FireSmart resilience and sustainability
- Ensuring clear and fair bylaw enforcement mechanism

Legislative Authority

The Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26, grants municipalities authority to regulate unsightly premises, nuisances, animals, noise, fire hazards, and other matters affecting community health and safety.

Financial Implications

There are no new financial costs anticipated. Staff will continue to enforce bylaws within existing capacity. Where necessary, the Village is empowered to recover costs from property owners for non-compliance and enforcement actions.

Attachment Listing

- Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 - Draft for Consideration

**VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
BYLAW NO. 879, 2025
GOOD NEIGHBOUR BYLAW**

A Bylaw to Promote Quality of Life, Civic Responsibility, and Respectful Neighbourhoods

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Ashcroft is authorized pursuant to the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26 to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to nuisances, property maintenance, noise, animals, and other matters;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to promote civic responsibility, protect the health and safety of the public, enhance the appearance of the community, and establish clear expectations for good neighbourly conduct;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1 – CITATION AND PURPOSE

1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as the "**Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025**".

1.2 The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote civic responsibility and good neighbourly relations by establishing clear rules for the use and maintenance of private and public property within the Village of Ashcroft.

1.3 This Bylaw repeals the following bylaws in their entirety:

- Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 505, 1990
- Noise Control Bylaw No. 684, 1983
- Fireworks Bylaw No. 765, 2009

1.4 The following Schedules attached hereto are hereby made part of this Bylaw and adopted as the Good Neighbour Bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft:

- Schedule A (Good Neighbour Bylaw Text)
- Schedule B (Definitions)
- Schedule C (Noxious and Invasive Plants)
- Schedule D (Designated Contraventions and Penalties)
- Schedule E (Residence Compliance Checklist)

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025
ADOPTED THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No.879 as adopted by Council.

Barbara H. Roden, Mayor

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE A

GOOD NEIGHBOUR BYLAW TEXT

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PART 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT & REMEDIAL ACTION

2.1 The provisions of this Bylaw shall be administered and enforced by Bylaw Enforcement Officers (BEOs) or other persons designated by the Village.

2.2 No person shall obstruct or interfere with a BEO or other Village representative in the lawful exercise of their duties.

2.3 A BEO or other designated official may enter onto any property at reasonable times to determine compliance with this Bylaw, subject to the requirements of the Community Charter.

2.4 Each day that an offence under this Bylaw continues constitutes a separate offence.

2.5 **Ticketing Authority:** Designated contraventions under this Bylaw may be enforced by a **Notice of Bylaw Violation** in accordance with the **Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 845, 2023** and any amendments thereto.

2.6 **Cost Recovery for Fire Department Responses:** Where any contravention of this Bylaw results in a Fire Department response, the Village may recover all associated costs as outlined in **Schedule B** of this Bylaw.

2.7 Remedial Action Authority:

If a property owner or occupier fails to comply with an order, notice, or direction issued under this Bylaw within the time specified, the Village may, without further notice, enter onto the property and perform the work required, either using Village staff or contractors.

The cost of carrying out the work, including administration fees, may be recovered from the property owner as a debt owed to the Village.

Costs that remain unpaid at the end of the calendar year may be collected in the same manner and with the same priority as property taxes in accordance with **Sections 17 and 258 of the Community Charter**.

This section specifically applies, but is not limited, to:

- Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and walkways abutting private property;
- Removal of noxious weeds, overgrown vegetation, or accumulated debris;
- Demolition or removal of unsafe structures;
- Any other work deemed necessary by the Village to address an ongoing contravention.

PART 3 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

3.1 Unsightly Premiss

Every owner or occupier of property must maintain their property in a clean, tidy, and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of filth, discarded materials, or rubbish. This includes, but is not limited to, unused or dilapidated items such as broken furniture, appliances, tires, construction materials not associated with active work, crates, barrels, scrap metal, derelict or partially dismantled vehicles, yard waste, and any solid or semi-solid materials inconsistent with normal residential use. Property must also be free of noxious, harmful, or offensive substances and any objects that may present a hazard to health or safety. Conditions that are unsightly—such as visible graffiti, unmaintained or overgrown landscaping, deteriorating structures, offensive odours, or stored debris—are not permitted.

3.2 Boulevards

Owners or occupiers of property adjacent to a boulevard must maintain that boulevard to the same standard as their property. Grass and weeds must not exceed 15 cm in height. Boulevards must be kept clear of debris and any obstruction that could impede pedestrians or vehicles.

3.3 Fences, Buildings, and Accessory Structures

All fences, buildings, sheds, and other structures must be maintained in good repair. Dilapidated or unsafe structures must be repaired or removed.

All fences, buildings, sheds, and other structures must comply with the provisions of the Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018, as amended from time to time.

3.3A Shared Fences

Where a fence is located on the property line and serves as a boundary between two properties (a “shared fence”), both adjoining property owners are equally responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the shared fence.

If one owner intends to repair, replace, or significantly alter a shared fence, they must provide the adjoining owner with at least **14 days’ written notice** of the proposed work, including an estimate of costs and description of materials.

If a shared fence is damaged by the actions or negligence of one property owner, that owner is responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement.

Shared fences must be constructed and maintained to a reasonable standard of safety and appearance consistent with the neighbourhood and must comply with any height or material restrictions set out in this Bylaw or other applicable regulations.

If owners cannot agree on the maintenance, repair, or replacement of a shared fence, the Village may, at its discretion, enforce this section or refer the matter to the processes available under the **Fences and Trespass Act** (BC).

3.3B Cargo Containers

Only **one cargo container** is permitted on a residential lot unless otherwise approved by the Village.

The cargo container must not exceed **15 square metres in floor area** and must comply with all applicable setbacks under the Zoning Bylaw.

Cargo containers must be located in the rear or side yard and may not obstruct emergency access routes, driveways, or sightlines.

A **building permit** is required before placing a cargo container on any property.

Containers must be placed on a **concrete pad or other hard, level surface** approved by the Building Inspector.

Containers must be properly ventilated and secured to prevent unauthorized access.

No person shall use a cargo container for human habitation or for business use without Village approval.

Cargo containers may not be used to store hazardous, flammable, or explosive materials in quantities greater than those permitted for household use, and all such materials must be stored in accordance with fire and safety regulations.

Containers must be maintained in good repair, free from rust, graffiti, or structural defects, and screened from view of adjacent properties and streets to the extent possible.

The Village may require property owners to provide an inventory of container contents if there are reasonable safety concerns for the neighbourhood or first responders.

3.4 Derelict and Uninsured Vehicles

No owner or occupier shall permit derelict, wrecked, inoperable, or unlicensed vehicles to remain on their property in a manner that is visible from any street or neighbouring property, except where they are:

- stored inside a fully enclosed garage or accessory building; or
- neatly stored at the rear of the property, with no more than one unlicensed vehicle permitted on lots 1,700 m² or smaller, and no more than two on larger lots.

Vehicles may not be parked or stored on boulevards, lanes, or other Village property without prior authorization.

For the purposes of this section, derelict or unlicensed vehicles that are visibly deteriorated, lack valid insurance or registration, or appear inoperable are considered discarded materials and may be deemed unsightly under this Bylaw.

3.5 Recreational Vehicles and Motorhomes

Recreational vehicles (RVs), campers, and motorhomes are not permitted to be used as permanent or semi-permanent dwellings on any property within the Village of Ashcroft. For the purposes of this Bylaw, an RV is defined as a self-propelled vehicle or trailer designed for temporary accommodation during travel or recreational use, including motor homes as defined under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Visitors staying with friends or family may occupy an RV for a maximum of seven (7) consecutive days, provided the vehicle is parked entirely on private property, does not obstruct sidewalks or traffic sightlines, does not create a tripping hazard, and does not impede access for emergency services. This exception is intended for occasional visits only and may not be used to facilitate frequent or recurring occupancy. Generally, use under this provision should not exceed one stay per calendar year per property.

Temporary RV occupancy is not permitted on boulevards, public rights-of-way, or other Village-owned lands unless expressly authorized in writing by the Village.

RVs may be stored on private property only if they are not being used as dwellings, are maintained in good repair, and are parked in a driveway or side/rear yard without blocking sidewalks, road access, or visibility. No more than one RV may be stored on a residential lot unless otherwise permitted under the Zoning Bylaw.

3.5A Temporary Shelters

In addition, temporary shelters—such as tents or nylon/plastic coverings that are non-rigid and no larger than 10 square metres—are not permitted for long-term occupancy and must be located and maintained in a way that does not contribute to unsightly conditions or create safety concerns.

3.6 Firewood Storage

Firewood must be stacked neatly and stored in a manner that reduces fire hazards, using FireSmart principles. The amount stored must be reasonable for the size of the lot and must not block access to buildings or property lines. **Firewood must not be stored in a location that creates a fire hazard for neighbouring properties.**

3.7 Vegetation, Trees, and Hedges

Owners and occupiers are responsible for maintaining all trees, hedges, shrubs, and other vegetation on their property in a condition that is safe, tidy, and not unsightly. Vegetation must be kept trimmed to prevent obstruction of sidewalks, roadways, or public rights-of-way, must not encroach onto neighbouring properties, and must not block sightlines at intersections or driveways. Overgrown, unmanaged, or dead plantings must be regularly maintained or removed to preserve visibility and reduce fire risk.

Hazardous or invasive vegetation—including noxious weeds as designated under the *Weed Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 487—must be promptly removed. Property owners are responsible for controlling the spread of such species and ensuring their removal does not result in regrowth.

Fruit Trees: Property owners must ensure that all fruit-bearing trees are regularly maintained to prevent the accumulation of fallen or rotting fruit. Ripe fruit should be picked in a timely manner to avoid attracting wild animals such as bears, raccoons, or deer, and to minimize the risk of vermin infestation. Any fallen fruit must be collected and properly disposed of. Failure to manage fruit trees in accordance with this section may result in enforcement action under this Bylaw.

Cedar Hedges: No person shall plant, establish, or replace a hedge consisting of cedar trees or shrubs on any property within the Village of Ashcroft.

Existing Cedar Hedges – Risk Reduction Requirements: Owners of existing cedar hedges must maintain them in a manner that reduces wildfire risk and nuisance conditions, including but not limited to:

- Regular trimming to reduce hedge density and remove dead or brown foliage.
- Maintaining a clearance of at least 30 centimetres (12 inches) from the ground to reduce ladder fuels.
- Removing accumulations of fallen debris and trimmings.

Cedar Hedge Phased Remediation: Property owners with existing cedar hedges are encouraged to phase in the removal, thinning, or replacement of hedges over time. The Village will continue to pursue FireSmart program funding to support private property remediation, including possible cost-sharing for trimming, removal, or chipping, subject to funding availability.

Redevelopment Requirement: Where redevelopment, substantial renovation, or major landscaping of a property occurs, any existing cedar hedge must be removed and replaced with FireSmart-appropriate vegetation.

Additional Risk Reduction Encouragement:

Property owners are strongly encouraged to prioritize the removal or thinning of cedar hedges that directly abut dwellings, accessory buildings, or other structures, as these pose the highest wildfire and safety risks. This guidance is consistent with **FireSmart BC and FireSmart Canada principles**, which recommend reducing or eliminating flammable vegetation within the first 1.5 metres of any structure to protect homes and neighbouring properties.

Non-compliance with the basic FireSmart maintenance requirements of this section (such as removing dead or dry material) may result in enforcement action under Schedule B.

3.8 Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks

Every owner or occupier of real property whose property abuts a sidewalk or walkway must remove all snow and ice from the entire width of the sidewalk or walkway:

- As soon as possible after a snowfall or freezing event; and
- No later than 10:00 a.m. on the day following the snowfall or freezing event.

Snow removed from a sidewalk must not be placed on a roadway or on another sidewalk, boulevard, or lane where it may obstruct traffic or drainage.

If the owner or occupier fails to remove snow and ice as required, the Village may remove it in accordance with Section 2.7 (Remedial Action Authority) and invoice the property owner for all costs incurred.

PART 4 – NOISE CONTROL

4.1 No person shall make, cause, or permit noise that unreasonably disturbs others.

4.2 Without limiting section 4.1, the following are prohibited:

- Loud music or amplified sound that can be heard beyond the property line;
- Persistent animal noise;
- Construction or power tool use between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- Vehicle engine idling in excess of 10 minutes, and vehicles must be parked in a manner that prevents exhaust fumes from entering any private residence.

4.3 This section does not apply to emergency services, Village operations, or authorized public events.

PART 5 – OUTDOOR BURNING

5.1 Prohibited Materials

No person shall burn or cause to be burned any garbage, construction waste, plastics, rubber, painted or treated wood, domestic refuse, or other noxious materials in a wood stove, burning barrel, fire pit, outdoor fireplace, or any other device.

5.2 Permitted Materials

Only clean, dry firewood or yard debris (where burning is permitted under Provincial or Village fire restrictions) may be burned in an outdoor fire pit, wood stove, or other approved burning appliance.

5.3 Nuisance Smoke

No person shall operate an outdoor burning appliance in a manner that creates excessive smoke, odour, or air quality concerns for neighbouring properties.

5.4 Enforcement

Any contravention of this section may result in:

- Immediate extinguishment of the fire by the Fire Department or Bylaw Enforcement Officer, and;
 - Penalties and cost recovery in accordance with **Schedule B** of this Bylaw.
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PART 6 – FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS

6.1 The sale, possession, and discharge of fireworks or firecrackers is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the Village.

6.2 Any person causing an incident involving fireworks or firecrackers is liable for the full cost of the Village's response, as outlined in **Schedule B**.

PART 7 – ANIMALS, HENS, AND BEES

7.1 No person shall keep animals that create a nuisance through noise, odour, or damage to property.

7.2 Backyard Hens

- A maximum of four hens may be kept on a property. Roosters are prohibited.
- Hen coops must be located in rear yards, a minimum of three metres from property lines, and may not exceed 6 m² in area or 2 m in height.

7.3 Beekeeping

- Beekeeping is permitted only where allowed by the Zoning Bylaw.
- Properties larger than 1,100 m² may keep a maximum of two hives; properties under 1,100 m² may keep one hive.
- Hives must be located in a fenced rear yard and at least three metres from all property lines.

7.4 Pigeons and Bird Sporting Events

- No person shall organize, permit, or participate in a Bird Sporting Event within the Village of Ashcroft.
 - No person shall release pigeons or other domesticated birds for the purpose of competition, racing, distance flying, or endurance events, including but not limited to pigeon racing, high flyer, tippler and pigeon gaming (Kabootar Bazi) events.
 - No person shall abandon pigeons within the Village. Domesticated pigeons left without care are deemed abandoned and subject to enforcement under this Bylaw.
 - No person participating in a Bird Sporting Event shall trespass on private property in search of released birds or operate drones, radios, or other devices in a manner that causes nuisance or disturbance.
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PART 8 – OUTDOOR LIGHTING

8.1 Outdoor lighting must be directed downward and shielded to prevent light trespass onto neighbouring properties. Lighting must not create glare for drivers or interfere with traffic safety.

SCHEDULE B – DEFINITIONS

1. General Clause

Unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw, all terms shall have the same meaning as set out in the Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018, as amended or replaced from time to time.

2. Defined Terms

- **Accessory Building** means a building or structure subordinate to the principal building or use and located on the same parcel.
- **Bird Sporting Event** means any competition, contest, or activity involving the release of pigeons or other domesticated birds for distance, endurance, or time-based performance, including but not limited to pigeon racing, high flyer events, and tippler flying.
- **Boulevard** means the area between the curb and the adjacent property line that is not used as a sidewalk, including any landscaped or grassed area.
- **Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO)** means a person appointed by the Village to enforce one or more of its bylaws.
- **Cargo Container** means a prefabricated metal shipping container typically used for freight transport, repurposed for storage on a parcel of land.
- **Companion Animal** means a cat, rabbit, guinea pig, rodent, bird, or reptile (excluding dogs) kept as part of a household, but not including animals regulated under the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 488.
- **Discarded Materials** includes, but is not limited to, broken, unusable, or unwanted household items, appliances, furniture, scrap metal, building materials, and yard waste that are not in active use or stored in a tidy and orderly fashion.
- **Derelict Vehicle** means a vehicle that is inoperable, unlicensed, partially dismantled, or in a visibly deteriorated condition such that it cannot be legally driven or used on a highway.
- **Dwelling Unit** means a self-contained unit providing sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities for residential use by one or more persons.
- **FireSmart Principles** means landscaping and property maintenance practices intended to reduce wildfire risk, as recommended by FireSmart Canada.
- **Hazardous Vegetation** means any tree, shrub, or other plant that poses a risk to safety, access, sightlines, or infrastructure, or increases the risk of fire.
- **Invasive Plant** means a non-native plant that adversely affects habitats, ecosystems, or human activity, including species listed under Schedule A of this Bylaw.
- **Motor Vehicle** has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 318.
- **Noxious Weed** means a plant designated as such under the *Weed Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 487.
- **Occupier** has the same meaning as in the *Community Charter*, and includes a tenant, lessee, agent, or other person who has the right of access to and control over land or buildings.
- **Owner** has the same meaning as in the *Community Charter*, and includes a person registered in the Land Title Office as the fee simple owner of a property.
- **Pigeon** means a domesticated bird of the species **Columba livia domestica**, commonly kept for racing, sporting events, or as pets.
- **Pigeon Racing (Kabootar Bazi)** means a sport involving skilled trainers (called "Khalifas" or "Ustads") who train their pigeons to fly back to their loft using various cues and techniques.
- **Recreational Vehicle (RV)** means a self-propelled vehicle or trailer designed for temporary living quarters for recreational or travel use, including motor homes, camper vans, campers, and travel trailers.
- **Refuse** means garbage, debris, filth, or waste material of any kind that is discarded or abandoned.
- **Sightline** means the visual field required for safe navigation at intersections, driveways, and access points.

- **Temporary Shelter** means a non-rigid, portable structure used for temporary cover or accommodation, including tents, tarpaulins, or nylon/plastic coverings, not exceeding 10 square metres in floor area.
- **Unsightly** means a condition of property that is offensive to the community's aesthetic standards, including but not limited to graffiti, accumulation of discarded materials, unkempt vegetation, deteriorated buildings, or offensive odours.
- **Village** means the Village of Ashcroft.

SCHEDULE C – NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE PLANTS

The following plants and species are prohibited and must be removed from all properties when identified:

1. Noxious Weeds (as defined by the Weed Control Act)

- Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- Common Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
- Hoary Alyssum (*Berteroa incana*)
- Knapweed (all species)
- Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
- Russian Thistle (*Salsola tragus*)
- Scotch Thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)
- Spotted and Diffuse Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*, *Centaurea diffusa*)

2. Invasive Plants/Trees of Concern in Ashcroft

- Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)
- Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)
- Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
- Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*)
- Burdock (*Arctium spp.*)
- St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Russian Elm (*Ulmus laevis*)

Note: Property owners are responsible for controlling these species on their property. When removal is ordered, all roots must be destroyed to prevent regrowth. The Village may enter a property and remove such plants if an owner fails to comply, with costs charged back to the property owner.

The species listed represent the most common noxious and invasive plants and trees found in Ashcroft. However, additional species designated under the *Weed Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 487 may also apply.

SCHEDULE D – DESIGNATED CONTRAVENTIONS AND PENALTIES

The following contraventions are designated as ticketable offences under **Bylaw No. 845**. Each day the offence continues constitutes a separate offence.

Contravention	Section	Penalty	Early Payment (within 5 days)	Late Payment (after 30 days)	2nd Offence	3rd+ Offences
Failure to keep property clean and free from debris	3.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to maintain boulevard	3.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to maintain or repair a shared fence	3.3A	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to comply with cargo container requirements	3.3B	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove snow or ice from abutting sidewalks by 10:00 a.m. the day following a snowfall	3.8	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Burning garbage or prohibited materials in stoves, barrels, fire pits, or other appliances	5.1	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Storing derelict/uninsured vehicles contrary to bylaw	3.4	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Improper firewood storage	3.6	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Grass/weeds exceeding 15 cm in height	3.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove noxious weeds or invasive species	Sch. A	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Obstructing public rights-of-way with vegetation	3.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Planting, establishing, or replacing a cedar hedge contrary to this Bylaw	3.7	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to maintain an existing cedar hedge in accordance with this Bylaw	3.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove a cedar hedge when required due to redevelopment or major renovation	3.7	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Excessive noise (general prohibition)	4.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Construction/tool use during prohibited hours or idling vehicle causing fumes to enter a residence	4.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Persistent animal noise	7.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Sale, possession, or discharge of fireworks without authorization	6.1 & 6.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Nuisance animals	7.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Keeping roosters	7.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Exceeding permitted number of hens	7.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Organizing, permitting, or participating in a Bird Sporting Event	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Abandonment of pigeons	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750

Trespass or drone nuisance related to Bird Sporting Events	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Light trespass or unsafe lighting	8.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500


Footnote: If the Village clears snow/ice or otherwise performs remedial work under Section 2.7, the property owner will be invoiced for all associated costs. If unpaid by December 31 of that year, the costs will be added to the property taxes and collected in the same manner as property taxes.

Fire Department Response Cost Recovery: In addition to penalties above, where a contravention requires a Fire Department response, the Village may recover the following costs:

- **Manpower:** Minimum 2-hour call-out per firefighter at their assigned hourly rate; additional time billed at the same rate.
- **Vehicles (per hour):**
 - Engines: **\$500 active / \$250 standby**
 - Rescue Vehicle R1: **\$450 active / \$225 standby**
- **Equipment:** replacement cost.

SCHEDULE E – RESIDENCE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

This checklist is a non-binding guide for assessing compliance with the Village of Ashcroft Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025. It is intended to help property owners and occupiers understand and voluntarily meet the standards outlined in the Bylaw.

No.	Compliance Item	
1	Yard is free of garbage, scrap, or debris	
2	Stored items are neat and not visible from the street	
3	No unlicensed or inoperable vehicles are visible	
4	Only one RV stored on the lot (if any)	
5	RVs used for visitors no more than 7 days/year	
6	No RVs or vehicles parked on sidewalks or boulevards	
7	Firewood is stacked neatly and away from structures	
8	Hedges and shrubs trimmed and not abutting structures	
9	Cedar hedges (if any) are maintained and free of dead material	
10	Trees/shrubs are not blocking sidewalks or road visibility	
11	No excessive noise, especially late at night	
12	Animal areas are clean and not causing odours or noise	

Please note: Resident Compliance Checklist is provided for informational purposes only to assist property owners and occupiers in voluntarily complying with the provisions of this Bylaw. It is not enforceable but may be used to support community education and interpretation of bylaw requirements.

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: August 25, 2025
FROM: Reggie Amyotte, BEO
SUBJECT: Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw Introduction and First two Readings

Recommendation:

That Council give first and second readings to "Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025," and direct staff to return the bylaw for consideration of third reading at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to introduce Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025 for Council's consideration. This amendment is presented concurrently with the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 to ensure that enforcement mechanisms are aligned with the new regulations.

Prepared by:



Reggie Amyotte,
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer,

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Background

Council is considering first and second readings of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025, which consolidates and updates multiple outdated bylaws, including those regulating noise, unsightly premises, outdoor burning, and fireworks. The new bylaw establishes clear standards for property maintenance, nuisance control, animal care, and FireSmart compliance.

The Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 845, 2023 provides the framework for ticketing and fines. In order to enforce the provisions of the Good Neighbour Bylaw, the enforcement schedules within Bylaw No. 845 must be updated to repeal obsolete penalty schedules and replace them with new schedules that reflect the structure and contraventions contained in the Good Neighbour Bylaw.

Discussion

Bringing both bylaws forward at the same time ensures that Council has a complete picture of both the regulatory framework and the corresponding enforcement tools. The Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw does not create new regulations on its own; it simply aligns penalty schedules with the bylaws currently under consideration.

Should Council adopt the Good Neighbour Bylaw at a future meeting, the amendment to the Notice of Enforcement Bylaw will be presented for adoption simultaneously to support effective and consistent enforcement. If the Good Neighbour Bylaw is further revised before adoption, corresponding adjustments can be made to the enforcement schedules.

Attachment Listing

- Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025 - Draft for Consideration

VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
BYLAW NO. 880, 2025
NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW

A Bylaw to Amend “Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 845, 2023”

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft has adopted “Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 845, 2023”;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to amend the schedules to align with current bylaws and enforcement requirements;

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

1. Citation

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “*Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025*”.

2. Amendments

That “*Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 845, 2023*” be amended as follows:

2.1 Repeal the following Schedules in their entirety:

- Schedule A – Noise
- Schedule B – Unsightly
- Schedule C – Traffic
- Schedule D – Fireworks
- Schedule E – Water Conservation
- Schedule F – Dog Control
- Schedule G – Signage
- Schedule H – Outdoor Burning

2.2 Replace with the following revised Schedules:

- Schedule A – Traffic
- Schedule B – Water Conservation
- Schedule C – Dog Control

- Schedule D – Good Neighbour
- Schedule E – Signage
- Schedule F – Outdoor Burning

3. Severability

If any section or provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such section or provision shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw shall continue in full force and effect.

4. Effective Date

This Bylaw shall take effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025
ADOPTED THIS	th	DAY OF	, 2025

Barbara H. Roden, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 880, 2025 as adopted by Council.

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule A- Violations and Penalties - Bylaw No. 753 (Traffic Regulation Bylaw)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Section	Penalty	Early payment discount	Late payment penalty	Second Offense	Third (and additional) Offenses
Refusal to comply with lawful direction by Traffic Officer.	Division II (1)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Obstruction on Street or sidewalk.	Division II (6)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<u>Snow Removal</u> - Permit accumulation of snow or ice after 10:00 am.	Division II (8)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Placing device which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or parking of vehicles.	Division III (1)(e)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Interfere with traffic sign or traffic control signal.	Division III (1)(f)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<u>Pedestrian Control</u> - Congregating in a manner obstructing free passage of	Division IV (6)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

pedestrians or vehicles.						
<u>Hospital or Quiet Zone</u> - Sounding the horn in a hospital or quiet zone.	Division V (8)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<u>Unattended Motor Vehicle</u> – Failure to stop engine, lock engine and remove key.	Division V (21)	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Parking where prohibited.	Division VI	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500

Schedule B - Violations and Penalties - Bylaw No. 799, 2015 (Water Conservation)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Section	Penalty	Early payment discount	Late payment penalty	Second Offense	Third (and additional) Offenses
Damage of device resulting in waste of water	3(b)	\$150	\$105	\$195	\$300	\$500
Filling vehicle mounted tanks or equipment to carry or supply water with Village water distribution system.	3(c)	\$150	\$105	\$195	\$300	\$300
Waste of water by unnecessary use	3(e)	\$150	\$105	\$195	\$300	\$500
Interfering the Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO) of his/her duty	4(b)	\$200	\$140	\$260	\$500	\$1000
Using water outside of permitted times and/or days. (All stages included)	6(a)	\$150	\$105	\$195	\$300	\$500
Non-compliance with issued permit requirements	10	\$150	\$105	\$195	\$300	\$500

Unauthorized use of fire hydrant	11	\$300	\$210	\$390	\$500	\$1000
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Schedule C - Violations and Penalties - Bylaw No. 832, 2019 (Dog Control and Pound Operation)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Section	Penalty	Early payment discount	Early payment penalty	Second Offence	Third Offence
Obstruct Animal Control Officer	4.3	\$200	\$140	\$260	\$500	\$1000
At Large	5.1	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Fail to remove excrement	5.3	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Permit a dog to continuously cry or bark	5.5	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Permit a dog in the Chinese or municipal cemeteries or Village Parks.	5.7	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Fail to confine or control a female dog in heat	5.8	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
More than 2 dogs over 3 months old	5.9	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Possess an unlicensed dog	6.1	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Fail to secure a diseased or dangerous dog	7.2	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500
Fail to muzzle a dangerous dog	7.3	\$130	\$90	\$169	\$300	\$500

Schedule D -Violations and Penalties – Bylaw No. xxx,2025 (Good Neighbour)

Contravention	Section	Penalty	Early Payment (within 5 days)	Late Payment (after 30 days)	2nd Offence	3rd+ Offences
Failure to keep property clean and free from debris	3.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to maintain boulevard	3.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to maintain or repair a shared fence	3.3A	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to comply with cargo container requirements	3.3B	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove snow or ice from abutting sidewalks by 10:00 a.m. the day following a snowfall	3.8	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Burning garbage or prohibited materials in stoves, barrels, fire pits, or other appliances	5.1	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Storing derelict/uninsured vehicles contrary to bylaw	3.4	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Improper firewood storage	3.6	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Grass/weeds exceeding 15 cm in height	3.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove noxious weeds or invasive species	Sch. A	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Obstructing public rights-of-way with vegetation	3.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Planting, establishing, or replacing a cedar hedge contrary to this Bylaw	3.7	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to maintain an existing cedar hedge in accordance with this Bylaw	3.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove a cedar hedge when required due to redevelopment or major renovation	3.7	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Excessive noise (general prohibition)	4.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Construction/tool use during prohibited hours or idling vehicle causing fumes to enter a residence	4.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Persistent animal noise	7.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Sale, possession, or discharge of fireworks without authorization	6.1 & 6.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Nuisance animals	7.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Keeping roosters	7.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Exceeding permitted number of hens	7.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Organizing, permitting, or participating in a Bird Sporting Event	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Abandonment of pigeons	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750

Trespass or drone nuisance related to Bird Sporting Events	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Light trespass or unsafe lighting	8.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Schedule E- Violations and Penalties - Bylaw No. 840, 2020 (Signage)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Section	Penalty	Early payment discount	Late payment penalty	Second Offence	Third Offence
Failure to acquire permit	4.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Public building - Displaying non-exempt content.	4.7.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Warning sign – Exceeds amount & size limit.	4.7.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Flag - Exceeds 2.0 m ²	4.7.5	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Sandwich board - Exceeds size limit	4.7.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Work of art - Contains commercial or political message.	4.7.10	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Home occupation identification sign – Exceeds amount & size limit.	4.7.13	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Identification signs - Exceeds size limit or no type of use permit	4.7.14	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Community Message Signs – failure to comply with duration& removal	4.8.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Real Estate Signs – Exceeds size limit.	4.8.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Real Estate Open House Signs – Exceeds size limit.	4.8.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Real Estate Directional Signs – Exceeds size limit.	4.8.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Political Signs – Failure to comply	4.8.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Developmental activities sign – Failure to comply	4.8.4	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Prohibited sign	4.11	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Obstruction by sign	4.12	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Posting where prohibited	4.13	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Sign displayed on premise other than sign refers	4.14	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Obstructing / interfering with traffic or street	4.15	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Signs in public spaces – failure to remove with 7 days.	4.17	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Electrical Sign – Failure to have approved and labelled.	4.20	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Pylon Sign – Failure to have manufacturer’s name and weight on sign.	4.21	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Maintenance – Failure to maintain safe condition.	4.22	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Maintenance – Failure to be of high- quality appearance.	4.24	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Maintenance – Failure to maintain sign area.	4.25	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Sign No Longer Serves Purpose – Failure to remove within 14 days.	4.31	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Illumination of Sign – Compromising traffic safety and/or nuisance.	4.34	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Prevent BEO from carrying out duties.	4.40	\$200	\$140	\$260	\$500	\$1000
Failure to follow Sign Specifications	5.0	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to follow Sign Specifications by Zones	6.0	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Schedule F - Violations and Penalties - Bylaw No. 849, 2022 (Outdoor Burning)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Section	Penalty	Early payment discount	Late payment penalty	Second Offense	Third Offense
Burning combustible material	4(a)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Interface burning without approval or as per sub-sections	5(a) I, ii	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Unauthorized Use of portable burning devices as per sub-sections	5(e)I, ii, iii	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Unauthorized use of Outdoor Campfire – as per sub-sections	5(f) I, ii, iii	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Campfire Ban – Outdoor campfire during a campfire ban.	5(f)iii	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Permits – Campfire without a permit.	10	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of Schedules “B,” “C,” “D”	11	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Yogi Bhalla, CFO & Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Resolution to support application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for Reservoir & PRV

RECOMMENDATION

THAT, Council of the Village of Ashcroft endorses the proposed application to the Union of BC Municipalities' Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) for the construction of the Pressure Zone 3 (PZ3) Reservoir, and directs staff to submit the grant application and manage the project in accordance with all program requirements.

And further THAT, Council of the Village of Ashcroft resolves that:

- *It supports the proposed project to construct the PZ3 Reservoir;*
 - *It commits to managing any grants received in accordance with the requirements of UBCM for the Strategic Priorities Fund; and*
 - *It commits to covering any project cost overruns necessary to bring the project to successful completion.*
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support for the Village's application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for the construction of the PZ3 Reservoir, and to authorize staff to submit the grant application and oversee the project in accordance with all program requirements.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

The Village of Ashcroft intends to seek grant funding from the Strategic Priorities Fund to construct the PZ3 Reservoir. Since the completion of the property purchase for the intended reservoir site, staff have been awaiting the opening of this funding stream. The CFO and Director of Public Works have been working with Urban Systems engineers to prepare the project for submission.

The new reservoir will enable further development in North Ashcroft, provide reliable water security for residents and businesses, and enhance the Village's fire protection capacity.

DISCUSSION

This is a high-priority infrastructure project that will provide long-term community benefits. The Strategic Priorities Fund offers 100% net funding of eligible costs, administered through UBCM, which makes this an excellent opportunity to deliver a major capital project without creating a direct taxation burden.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- The Strategic Priorities Fund will cover 100% of eligible costs.
- Any ineligible costs or potential overruns will be addressed through the Village's regular budgeting process.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Infrastructure Renewal: Invests in critical water infrastructure to support current and future needs.
 - Community Resilience: Improves fire protection capacity and ensures water security for residents and businesses.
 - Financial Stewardship: Maximizes external funding opportunities to reduce reliance on local taxation.
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Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: August 25, 2025
FROM: Reggie Amyotte, BEO
SUBJECT: Q2 Report to Council

RECOMMENDATION

For Information Only

Purpose:

This purpose of this report is to provide Council with detailed update and status of the bylaw files for the second 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 – Q2 2025

In April, there were a total of 15 issues carried over, 10 new cases, and 9 resolved. The most active category was Dog Complaints, with 5 carried over and 5 new cases but only 1 resolved. Vehicles/trailers/RV showed good resolution with all 2 new and 1 carried over cases resolved. Unsightly Complaints, Zoning, and Snow Removal had no resolutions.

In May, the total volume slightly increased with 16 carried over, 9 new, and 11 resolved. Again, Dog Complaints remained high (9 carried, 0 new, 4 resolved), while Unsightly Complaints continued to accumulate without resolution. Snow Removal improved with 2 resolved out of 2 total, and Fire Hazards were addressed for the first time.

By June, unresolved items began to build up (14 carried over, 20 new), yet only 7 were resolved, indicating a backlog. Watering and Overgrown Trees showed sharp increases in new issues, while Dog Complaints remained unresolved. Overall, while some issues like Vehicles/trailers/RV were consistently managed, categories like Unsightly Complaints and Watering are trending upward with limited resolution, suggesting areas for more attention.

Also noted: Fire Pit Inspections were not conducted during these months, and Fire Pit Renewals only occurred in April (6 renewals).

Work on the Good Neighbour Bylaw has been an excellent opportunity to gain firsthand experience in bylaw development. Under the direction of the CAO, I researched good neighbour bylaws from other communities to determine effective content and enforceability. I also reviewed existing Village of Ashcroft bylaws that could be repealed and incorporated into the new bylaw, creating a “one-stop-shop” for residents to easily access the basic regulations affecting private property.

Throughout the process, I drafted several versions of the bylaw, refining each one based on feedback and guidance from the CAO. The final version was a collaborative effort between the CAO and myself. While the CAO prepared the final draft, I reviewed the document to ensure it reflected the research, content, and objectives we had established together. The result is a well-organized and enforceable bylaw that addresses neighbour relations and safety concerns.

I remain committed to improving compliance strategies through continued training, learning from those with greater experience and knowledge, and enhancing my communication skills to ensure each situation is approached with clarity, respect, and professionalism.

Conclusion

The second quarter of 2025 has created a little bit of a backlog, but there is growing cooperation from residents and that will create progress in my 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

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Task	Apr-25			May-25			Jun-25		
	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved
Dog Complaints	5	5	1	9	0	4	5	0	1
Unsightly Complaints	3	0	0	3	1	0	4	6	1
Watering	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	4
Vehicles/trailers/RV	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	0
Overgrown Trees (PW)	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	0
Zoning	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0
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	1	1	0	2	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	13	8	5	16	10	12	14	21	8
Fire Pit Inspections (1st time)		0			0			0	
Fire Pit Renewals		6			0			0	

8 August 2025

Mayor Roden & Council
601 Bancroft St
Ashcroft, BC
V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor Roden and Council,

Re: 2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities

With the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Victoria fast approaching, the Members of the Official Opposition would like to cordially invite you to meet during the Convention. As the Official Opposition, we respect deeply the critical role Local Governments play in strengthening our communities throughout British Columbia and remain dedicated to robustly representing your interests in Victoria and throughout the province. As the Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, I am committed to understanding the specific opportunities and challenges your community faces.

I am pleased to share the following engagement opportunities arranged by the Official Opposition for you throughout the UBCM Convention:

1. For a one-on-one meeting with me or any of our Opposition Critics at the UBCM Convention, please contact Hannah Driedger at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca or via telephone at 250-387-3507.
2. Our Caucus is hosting three roundtable discussions on the topics noted below in the Penwell Room at the Chateau Hotel on September 23rd and 25th.

If you are interested in attending, please take a moment to let us know at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca

Topic	Critic(s)	Date & Time
Crime	Elenore Sturko Bryan Tepper Steve Kooner Tony Luck	Tuesday, September 23 rd 1:30-2:30 pm
Health	Anna Kindy Brennan Day Claire Rattée Tony Luck	Tuesday, September 23 rd 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Housing	Linda Hepner Kristina Loewen Tony Luck	Thursday, September 25 th 4:30-5:30 pm


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3. On Thursday, September 25th, the Leader of the Official Opposition will be giving an address at the Victoria Convention Centre at 11:10 am.

Local governments often serve as the primary interface for our shared constituents, adeptly addressing their needs. Your capacity to respond effectively during crises and maintain consistent, high-quality daily services is fundamental to the well-being of British Columbians. Your commitment to enhancing your communities is commendable, and as the Official Opposition we are dedicated to ensuring government accountability and advocating for the provincial resources necessary to support your delivery of essential services.

In keeping with the 2025 UBCM Convention theme of *Charting the Course*, I hope each of you will take the time to connect with Official Opposition MLAs during the UBCM Convention so we can speak directly, discuss the shifting challenges our communities face and act collaboratively on solutions.

Sincerely,



Tony Luck, MLA
Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs

From: Ivan Scott <ivan.scott566@gmail.com>
Sent: July 30, 2025 9:21 AM
Cc: Ivan Scott <ivan.scott566@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Canadian Judicial Council

Dear BC City, Town, Village, Regional District Municipal Governments

Here is a copy of a letter I sent to the Canadian Judicial Council requesting urgent help with the broken Judicial Accountability and Revolving Door Justice that all British Columbian residents are experiencing - this letter has been copied to Mr Eby and his cabinet, as well as to all MLAs in BC - yours included. Please follow-up as a municipal government with your MLAs in person to discuss your concerns regarding this letter with him/her. I implore you to do this as soon as possible while the subject is still hot. Please send me the emails of any and all of your local newspapers so that I can send a letter to the editor. I wish this message to touch at least a million people such is the urgency. Another place to address this is at the 2025 UBCM Annual Convention which will be held in Victoria from September 22 to 26, 2025. Please help BC

Sincerely
Ivan Scott

Date: July 28, 2025

To:

Executive Director and Senior General Counsel
Canadian Judicial Council
Ottawa, ON K1A 0W8
Email: info@cjccm.ca
Fax: 613-288-1575
Phone: 613-288-1566

Re: Judicial Accountability and Revolving-Door Justice in British Columbia

Dear Members of the Canadian Judicial Council,

My name is Ivan Scott and I write to you not only as a private citizen of British Columbia, but also as a former corporate executive, professional civil engineer, and community advocate who led the “Keep the RCMP in Surrey” campaign, which garnered the support of over 100,000 British Columbians. I have long held a deep respect for the rule of law and the institutions that uphold it.

It is with this respect—and concern—that I express what I know to be a growing and justified alarm shared by many: our judicial system is no longer serving its fundamental duty to protect the public. The principles of transparency, efficiency, impartiality, and accountability, which should define Canadian justice, are steadily being undermined by systemic dysfunction and an apparent detachment from public expectation.

The Problem is clear—and it’s in the Courts

The signs are unmistakable. Major crime is increasing. Repeat offenders are regularly released on bail. Our police—both RCMP and municipal—work under increasing strain, only to see their efforts undone in court. What was once a justice system is increasingly seen as a revolving door for offenders.

The problem does not lie with law enforcement. It lies with courtroom decision-making, where public safety is often sacrificed in the name of procedural formalism or unchecked leniency.

Despite multiple letters sent directly to senior judicial figures in British Columbia, I have not received even the basic courtesy of a reply. This silence is not only discourteous—it is deeply troubling. It suggests an institution that believes itself immune to public concern. Judicial independence is essential, yes—but when it breeds institutional indifference, it becomes a threat to public trust.

A System That Serves Itself—Not the People

There is a prevailing perception that the system is more responsive to the interests of the legal profession than to the citizens it claims to serve. Prolonged litigation, absurd procedural delays,

and the toleration of vexatious lawsuits have become routine. The result? Justice too often goes to the party with the more expensive lawyer, not the more compelling case.

Here are some of the most pressing concerns:

1. **Justice for Sale** – The legal system increasingly appears structured to benefit legal professionals through extended and unnecessary litigation. Procedural complexity and needless delays seem almost designed to favor those with the resources to endure them. This perception is corrosive—and not unfounded.
2. **Lack of Judicial Accountability** – Judges who render irrational, dangerous, or ideologically driven decisions are insulated from consequence. There is no meaningful oversight, no performance review, and no real transparency. This would be unacceptable in any other public institution.
3. **Judicial Overreach** – Courts are not legislatures. Yet judges are increasingly assuming activist roles, making decisions that defy legislative intent under the guise of constitutional interpretation or “judicial independence.” This fosters public confusion and undermines respect for both parliament and judiciary.
4. **Unpredictability and Frivolity** – The legal system is marked by inconsistency, excessive reliance on prior-case minutiae, and the tolerance of frivolous or abusive claims. This unpredictability disincentivizes fair settlements, promotes endless litigation, and buries the public’s faith in reliable legal outcomes.
5. **Inefficient Use of Time** – The daily operating hours of courts, particularly the Supreme Court of British Columbia, are indefensibly short. A typical day runs from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm (with a 15-minute break), then 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (again with a 15-minute break). Four hours of courtroom work per day is neither efficient nor acceptable given the volume and urgency of cases.

Recommendations

The public demands a legal system that puts justice first. Therefore, I respectfully call on the Canadian Judicial Council to support or initiate the following reforms:

1. **Reform Bail Guidelines** – Tighten eligibility for repeat violent and sexual offenders, with mandatory public safety assessments.
2. **Implement Judicial Performance Metrics** – Track and report bail decisions, recidivism outcomes, and case timelines as a matter of public record.
3. **Mandate Victim and Community Input** – Ensure that release decisions formally acknowledge the impact on victims and communities.
4. **Establish a Civilian Judicial Liaison Office** – Create a public-facing ombuds office, independent of the legal profession, to monitor citizen complaints and unanswered correspondence.
5. **Rebalance Charter Application** – Review how Charter rights are weighed, ensuring public safety and dignity are given equal constitutional weight.
6. **Publish Monthly Revolving-Door Case Reports** – Provide the public with data on repeat offenders who are released and reoffend.

7. **Consider Broader Reform Consultation** – If provincial resistance persists, a national referendum or consultation on judicial oversight should be considered.

Conclusion

The judiciary is not immune from accountability simply because it is independent. Independence requires earned legitimacy—and that legitimacy depends on public trust. That trust is being lost.

This is not a call for disrespect toward the bench. It is a call for responsibility from it.

The judiciary is meant to serve the people, not the other way around.

I respectfully ask the Canadian Judicial Council to take a more active role in evaluating judicial performance, increasing transparency, and ensuring that courts are not allowed to operate above the standards expected in a modern, democratic society.

I am not alone in these concerns. Thousands of British Columbians—and many more Canadians—are losing faith in a system that appears unaccountable, inefficient, and detached from public realities.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and provide a statement on how the Canadian Judicial Council intends to engage with these pressing concerns. If no such mechanisms currently exist, I urge you to lead in helping to establish them.

Because silence is complicity—and we have been silent for too long.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Ivan Michael Scott

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Ashcroft & District Fall Fair

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July 25, 2025

Ashcroft Council
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC

Dear Ashcroft Council,

We hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the Ashcroft Fall Fair Committee, we are writing to request the use of the Drylands Arena for this year's Fall Fair, scheduled for **September 13 and 14, 2025**.

This will be the second year the newly formed committee has taken on the planning and delivery of this cherished community event. Last year's fair was a great success, and we are incredibly grateful to the Village of Ashcroft for your generous support in making the arena available to us. We're committed to building on that success and ensuring the Ashcroft Fall Fair continues to be a fun, inclusive, and meaningful tradition for our residents and guests.

To support this year's event, we are seeking use of the Drylands Arena on the following dates and times:

- **September 12:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (setup)
- **September 13:** 9:00 am – 8:00 pm (setup & judging)
- **September 14:** 9:00 am – 8:00 pm (main event)

As we continue to navigate financial constraints, we kindly ask that the Village consider donating the use of the arena again this year or offering it at a reduced rate. Any assistance you can provide would go a long way in helping us deliver another successful fair while keeping costs accessible for all participants.

We truly value the Council's ongoing support and belief in the importance of community events like the Fall Fair. If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to contact us at ashcrofddistrictfallfair@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to the opportunity to work together again in 2025.

Warm regards,
Kelsi Lysyshyn, Nicole Rouble, Deb Tuohcy, Rayla Reid & Danielle Nelson & Maike Mayden
Ashcroft Fall Fair Committee

From: Ashcroft Farmer's Market <ashcroftfarmersmarket@gmail.com>

Sent: August 19, 2025 4:08 PM

To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>

Cc: Auntie Mia's Barkery <auntiemiasbarkery@gmail.com>

Subject: Proposal to Relocate the Ashcroft Farmers' Market

Mayor and Council,

Myself and the current directors of the Ashcroft Farmers' Market would like to formally request permission from council to relocate the market to the Ashcroft Pool Park fields.

Our main reasons to seek the relocation of the market are as follows:

- **Increased visibility:** Ashcroft sees hundreds, if not thousands, of visitors on any given Sunday during the six months the market runs, but the vast majority of these visitors only travel into the north end of the village. By moving the market, it is a cost effective way for the village and local businesses to increase their visibility for their economic benefit
- **Safety and liability:** Even with the "Road Closed" signs provided by the village, it is a regular occurrence for vehicles to drive through the market during its operating hours. We want everyone to feel safe, and unfortunately current events even within our province (see the Filipino Festival in Vancouver) highlight some of the dangers of hosting events on roadways. One of our goals for next year is to host community block party-like events and the pool park provides a larger and safer space for us to be able to accomplish this.

It is no secret that the market has been struggling this year to attract customers and new vendors, and unfortunately these two issues go hand in hand - without new vendors or events, shoppers don't feel like they are missing out on anything by not attending, and vendors are slow to return without customers.

We want to really highlight to our visitors that Ashcroft is more than just one business, and as the Village of Ashcroft webpage says "Local retailers are the heart of our village, providing quality goods, exceptional service, and contributing significantly to the local economy." Let's put those local businesses of all sizes in the spotlight and help foster economic and entrepreneurial growth within our community.

We would request that we move our market at the earliest opportunity, as soon as August 31st to be able to see what the effects would be for the full season next year.

Please consider this motion for your agenda on August 25th, and I will be in attendance to answer any additional questions or concerns that you may have at that time, and give you an idea of what we have planned for next year.

Thanks,

The Ashcroft Farmers' Market Directors

From: [Marilyn Anderson](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Subject: Elephant Hill Art mural
Date: August 22, 2025 10:33:00 AM

Good morning Daniela!

I would like to donate the original 4 ft x 8 ft mural painting of Elephant Hill to the Village. Prints of this painting have gone as far as New York.

The mural is currently under my bandstand at 607 Railway, on 3/4" plywood and is protected with a several layers of varnish.

Please let me know if the village would like it. If not, I will put it up for sale.

Marilyn Anderson
Artist

Sent from my iPhone



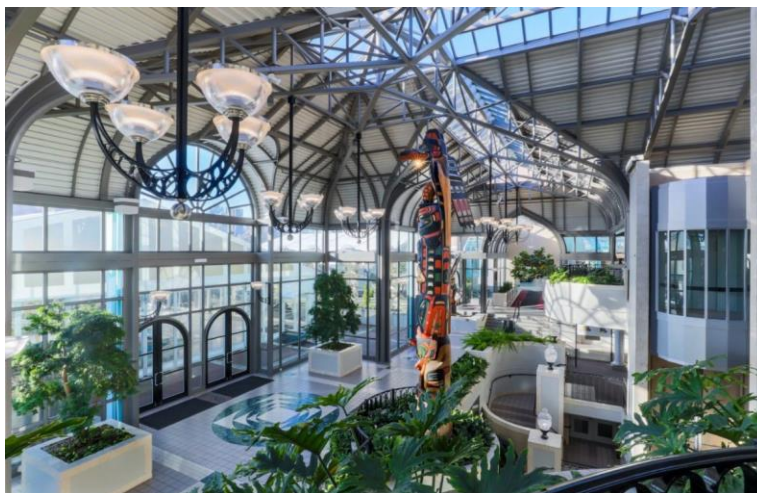
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Bulletin #2

You are receiving this email because you've registered for the 2025 UBCM Convention. The Convention Bulletin will share pertinent details and updates regarding the Convention in the coming months.



Ready To Connect at #UBCM25

UBCM is excited to welcome delegates to the 2025 Convention in beautiful Victoria. Our [Convention Program](#) is packed not only with all the familiar functions that our UBCM members expect, but we're continually fine tuning the agenda to bring you relevant and timely new session content.

Our [Study Sessions](#) will mark the beginning of an eventful week. Do not forget to reserve a spot - there are many relevant and thought-provoking sessions to choose from but space is limited.

Convention week includes many opportunities for dialogue, problem solving, education, and networking. Our Welcome Reception will be the first big networking event of the week - we can't wait to see you there! You should also mark your calendar for the 2025 UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception on Tuesday afternoon

To verify your registration, you can check your confirmation email to ensure you've selected all of the right events. After initial registration, you can always return to the [2025 Convention Registration Page](#) on ubcm.ca to make changes or to purchase tickets to special paid events (pending space availability).

Simply scroll down to the **Modify Your Registration** section, then click the [login](#) link. A new window where you enter the registered delegate's email address and registration number, once entered, you can easily modify your options. If you have an issue amending your current registration, please email convention@ubcm.ca.

Deadline Approaching: Child Minding Program

During daytime convention programming from September 22 - 26, child minding services will once again be available to elected officials of the UBCM membership.

Parents must pre-register each child through UBCM to secure space for this special childcare program. Managed by a fully licensed and registered child care provider, services will be hosted at the Parkside Hotel. Parents will be charged a nominal fee of \$30 per day, plus GST, for each participating child. As it requires UBCM to secure and plan for the appropriate number of nannies along with suitable play and rest spaces well in advance of convention, drop-in child minding services will not be available. To register, please visit the [Child Care Program](#) page on ubcm.ca for more details. Parents must complete the Childminding Registration Package and return by email to Jackie-Deane Cowell at jdcowell@ubcm.ca by **Friday, August 15, 2025** to guarantee space for each child.

Schedule a Stop at the Sponsor Showcase!

Be sure to visit the *Sponsor Showcase* (Upper Pavilion, Level 1, Victoria Conference Centre). Access the Upper Pavilion via the outdoor covered walkway just off the Totem Atrium West doors.

Wednesday 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Meet with Sponsors specializing in the local government sector to learn about their solutions and effective practices or explore potential new partnerships to benefit your community. On Wednesday and Thursday from 7:00 – 8:30am, we invite Delegates to visit with our sponsor exhibitors while enjoying a coffee and continental breakfast.



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Calling All Area Associations

There are five local government area associations in B.C., each of which is governed by a duly elected Executive and meets annually to consider resolutions that have been identified by their local communities. Resolutions endorsed at area association meetings are forwarded to UBCM's annual convention for consideration by the full membership.

At this year's Convention each area association, [AKBLG](#), [AVICC](#), [LMLGA](#), [NCLGA](#), and [SILGA](#) will host individual luncheons on Wednesday, September 24. If you haven't already signed up, you can amend your current registration to network and connect with other delegates in your region. Location details for each area association lunch will be published in the Convention Program and Convention Event App, when available. Pre-registration is required.

Convention Appointments Available with UBCM Funding Program Staff

UBCM staff will be available to discuss funding programs during Convention. Appointments are available with staff from the [Canada Community-Building Fund](#) and [Local Government Program Services](#).

UBCM members are encouraged to book an appointment to meet UBCM staff and to discuss:

- Canada Community-Building Fund – Community Works Fund, Strategic Priorities Fund, Metro Vancouver Regional Fund, new CCBF agreement
- Local Government Program Services – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, FireSmart Community Funding and Supports, Asset Management Planning, Community to Community, Next Generation 911
- Currently funded projects, including reporting and claims requirements
- Future funding opportunities and application requirements
- Funding opportunities for local projects

For more information, please contact Ella Chin, echin@ubcm.ca

[Request appointments here.](#)

2025 PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT BOOK FOR UBCM CONVENTION

Meeting Requests with:

The Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and
Provincial Government Staff from Ministries,
Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC)
at the 2025 UBCM CONVENTION

Victoria, British Columbia



Information compiled as of April 2025.

Requesting Provincial Government Staff Meetings

The [Provincial Appointment Book](#) provides UBCM members information on how to request meetings with the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and Provincial Government staff from Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations (MACC) during the 2025 UBCM Convention.

The deadline for MACC staff meeting requests is **August 20, 2025**.

Provincial Appointment Desk staff will also be available onsite in Victoria to schedule staff-level meetings. The Provincial Appointment Desk will be located in the Lower Lobby Level of the Fairmont Empress Hotel from Monday to Thursday (September 22 – 25).

Note: The Premier and Cabinet Minister meeting request site closed on July 2nd.

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UBCM would like to recognize and thank the [2025 sponsors](#) for their continued support. Sponsorships help reduce the cost to deliver the convention, thereby reducing the registration costs and lowering barriers for local governments to attend.

When planning your in-person schedule and on-line screen time through the Convention Event App, please set aside dedicated time to visit our Exhibitors Showcase in the Upper Pavillion at the Victoria Conference Centre, as well as to click through to the virtual Sponsor Profiles features in the Event App.

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Nominations are still being accepted for the [Long Service Awards](#) (20 and 25 years) and [Special Long Service Awards](#) (35+ years). The list of [past recipients](#) for these prestigious awards are listed on ubcm.ca.

To celebrate and ensure recognition of your local government colleagues at the 2025 UBCM Convention, the submission deadline is **Friday, August 22nd**. Please complete the [nomination form](#) and email any questions Jackie-Deane

50% Registration Refund Deadline

We understand that as business priorities shift, sometimes so does your availability to attend the Convention. Registration is 100% refundable, if cancelled (in writing) **by August 8th**. A 50% refund will be issued, if cancelled **between August 9th - 29th**. No refunds will be processed after

close of business, **Friday, August 29th**. For registration assistance, or to provide cancellation notification, please email convention@ubcm.ca.

Code of Conduct

We are looking forward to hosting you at this year's UBCM Convention in Victoria and are committed to providing a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive space for all our Delegates. UBCM will not tolerate any communication or behaviour that demeans, threatens, or harasses anyone at its events. We'd like to remind registered Delegates that each of you agreed to comply with the [UBCM Convention Code of Conduct](#) as a condition of completing your registration. Let's make sure this year's UBCM Convention is a safe and encouraging collaboration space.

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UBCM Member Municipalities
Via Email

August 8, 2025

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

Re: Request for Support and Endorsement – UBCM Resolution on Emergency Water Treatment Plants

On behalf of the Council of the Village of Lions Bay, we are seeking your support and endorsement for an important resolution that will be presented at the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. This resolution advocates for provincial investment in emergency portable water treatment plants to safeguard the drinking water of small communities facing wildfire-related contamination.

Background

Communities adjacent to forests, that rely on a watershed for drinking water, such as Lions Bay are particularly vulnerable to the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires. These fires introduce ash, sediment, and other pollutants into watersheds, often rendering drinking water sources unsafe for extended periods. Unfortunately, the infrastructure required to address such contamination—advanced filtration and treatment systems—is prohibitively expensive for small municipalities to construct and maintain. As a result, small communities affected by wildfires may face prolonged disruptions to their water supply, posing serious public health and sustainability risks.

To mitigate this growing threat, the Village of Lions Bay is calling on the Province of British Columbia to acquire and maintain one to three skid-mounted, 500,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) portable potable water treatment plants. These units would be held in reserve and deployed as needed to communities experiencing significant water contamination following a wildfire or other disasters. This proactive measure would provide critical emergency response capacity and ensure that small communities are not left struggling to restore safe drinking water in the wake of a crisis.

UBCM Resolution

The following resolution will be presented at UBCM, and we respectfully request your Council's support and endorsement:



WHEREAS forested-watershed communities face increasing risks of wildfire-related contamination of their drinking water sources due to the increasing impacts associated with climate change, with wildfires introducing ash, sediment, and other pollutants that can render water supplies unusable for extended periods;

AND WHEREAS the cost of advanced water treatment infrastructure required to address such contamination far exceeds the financial capacity of small communities, leaving them vulnerable to prolonged water supply disruptions that pose significant public health and community sustainability risks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) request that the Province of British Columbia acquire and maintain one to three skid-mounted, 500,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) portable water treatment plants to be held in reserve for emergency deployment to communities experiencing significant wildfire-related water contamination, ensuring rapid response and long-term water security for vulnerable communities.

Request for Support

We kindly ask your municipality to consider endorsing this resolution and lending your voice to this urgent issue. Your formal support will strengthen our collective advocacy efforts and help demonstrate to the Province the widespread need for proactive emergency water treatment solutions in British Columbia.

If your Council passes a resolution of endorsement, please notify us at office@lionsbay.ca so we can include your municipality in our advocacy efforts leading up to the UBCM Convention.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your support in ensuring that small communities across B.C. have the resources necessary to maintain safe drinking water in the face of growing wildfire risks.

Sincerely,
Councillor Neville Abbott, Infrastructure Committee Chair,
On behalf of Village of Lions Bay Council
council@lionsbay.ca
(604) 921-9333

August 13, 2025

Mayor Barbara Roden and Council
Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Council:

**RE: CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND: FIRST COMMUNITY WORKS FUND
PAYMENT FOR 2025/2026**

I am pleased to advise that UBCM is in the process of distributing the first Community Works Fund (CWF) payment for fiscal 2025/2026. An electronic transfer of \$69,727 is expected to occur in August 2025. This payment is made in accordance with the payment schedule set out in your CWF Agreement with UBCM (see section 4 of your Agreement).

CWF is made available to eligible local governments by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Administrative Agreement. Funding under the program may be directed to local priorities that fall within one of the eligible project categories.

Further details regarding use of CWF and project eligibility are outlined in your CWF Agreement and details on the Canada Community-Building Fund can be found on our [website](#).

For further information, please contact Canada Community-Building Fund Program Services by e-mail at ccbf@ubcm.ca or by phone at 250-356-5134.

Sincerely,



Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

PC: Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

From: Terri Hadwin

Sent: August 11, 2025 9:05 AM

To: All TNRD Board <alltnrdboard@tnrd.ca>

Cc: Scott Hildebrand <shildebrand@tnrd.ca>; Colton Davies <cdavies@tnrd.ca>; TNFC Special Projects <tnfcspecialprojects@tnrd.ca>; Katie Brooks <kbrooks@tnrd.ca>

Subject: TNFC August 2025 update

Good Monday Morning TNRD Board Members,

A brief update on what has been happening for Film Industry in the region over the last few months:

- **“[Untamed](#)”** is now available to watch on Netflix! The mini-series was partially filmed in the region, as well as in many other locations in BC, and follows a National Park Service Agent as he investigates a death in Yosemite National Park.
- **“[In Cold Water](#)”** – a true crime docuseries about a murder trial that played out in Kamloops courtrooms recently won 5 Leo Awards (BC Filmmaking Awards). Watch it on Amazon Prime.
- TNFC is proud to sponsor the **“[2nd Kamloops Queer Film Festival](#)”** - two weekends of powerful, inclusive storytelling — August 8–9 and 15–16.
- **5 Kamloops Residents to Receive Telus Storyhive Funding** – the 2025 TELUS STORYHIVE Voices program supported creators across BC and Alberta with \$10,000 in funding including 5 Kamloops creators! Congrats to Ashleen Erdis (Curious? Let's Find Out!), Corey Rajala (Dungeons, Dice and the Desert of the North - A journey through the RPG Community), Esseoghene Akinshola (Soul Flavors), Kim Coltman (Echoes of the Lost: A Journey to Justice), and Brody Thomas (Papa Bouvette's Camping Calamity) which was renewed for season 2!
- Our Film Industry Networking Events (F.I.N.E.) is continuing into its second season at a new location and time. Starting September 21st we'll be gathering at the Paramount Theatre from 4-6 pm.
- Women In the Director's Chair (WIDC) announced that Kamloops filmmaker, Cjay Boisclair, is the recipient of the **[2025 WIDC Advantage Award](#)**, for her debut feature film **MARY**, based on her concept short, *The Bench*. The award supports the development and packaging of her emotionally charged and deeply personal script about a teenage girl navigating homelessness, trauma, and hard-won hope.
- Kamloops filmmaker, Liam Hall, premiered his first documentary, **“[Hut Keepers](#)”** at the New Zealand Mountain Film Festival.
- **“[Wide Angle](#)”** an ongoing exhibit looking at the history of film in Kamloops, runs until September 27th at the Kamloops Museum.
- **“[Not Your Butter Chicken](#)” is now on CBC Gem** - locally filmed series now streaming on CBC Gem. Hosted by food and wine expert Shiva Reddy, the series explores the untold stories of South Asians in Western Canada through the lens of food, culture, and community. Episode 1 shines a light on Kamloops, uncovering the deep historical roots and lasting legacy of the Sikh Punjabi community in the region.
- **Local Voices on the Mic: STORYHIVE Video Podcasts** - local creators from our region were given the opportunity to share stories rooted in their own communities.
- **“[Ignite Entrepreneurs](#)”**: Daniel Akinshola is joined by a variety of successful local entrepreneurs who tell stories about their journeys and give advice on how to be successful in Kamloops.

- **“[Strong as a Mother](#)”**: Join Miranda Chrisp from Kamloops as she discusses being a mom and offers advice and support to other mothers.
- **“[The Loops Scoop](#)”**: Focuses on issues and dives into creative problem-solving for complex problems affecting Kamloops and other small communities.
- **“[Small Town Big Screen](#)”**: Join Kyle and Manny as they take a behind-the-scenes look at productions filmed in and around Kamloops. They are currently looking for people who were involved with or were impacted by the following productions:
 - Cadence
 - 2012
 - Firewall
 - The Snow Walker
 - The Wicker Man
 - Shooter
 - Red Snow

Reach out to smalltownbigscreen.pod@gmail.com to be considered as a guest speaker for the second season of the Small Town Big Screen podcast! The podcast will be filming in Fall 2025.

Feel free to reach out if you have follow up inquiries. Thank you for your ongoing support of Film Industry growth in the Thompson-Nicola.



Terri Hadwin (she/her)

Thompson-Nicola Film Commissioner

300 - 465 Victoria Street | Kamloops, BC V2C 2A9

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Housing and Municipal Affairs

Update on Okanagan Falls and the incorporation of a new municipality

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Information Bulletin

Okanagan Falls

Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:00 AM

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On March 22, 2025, the people of Okanagan Falls voted in favour of incorporating as a new municipality.

This will be the first time in 15 years that a community of British Columbia establishes itself as a municipality complete with an elected government to represent the views of its residents.

The next steps in this process include issuing the Letters Patent, which serve as the founding documents of an incorporated municipality.

The Letters Patent will address aspects such as boundary of the municipality, size of council, official municipal name and incorporation date.

The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs anticipates the Letters Patent to be finalized by spring 2026 with the first election for the new mayor and council occurring in October 2026, coinciding with all general local elections taking place throughout the province.

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The Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs has appointed a facilitator to help finalize the Letters Patent by spring 2026.

The Province recognizes discussion at the local level will continue.

The Province will seek to facilitate a productive path forward toward the incorporation of B.C.'s newest municipality.

Quotes:

Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos Indian Band –

"The Osoyoos Indian Band is committed to working with the Province and the RDOS on an incorporation process that is compliant with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), and that addresses our priorities on the naming and boundaries of the proposed new municipality."

Campbell Watt, vice-chair, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) –

"The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is committed to working in partnership with the Osoyoos Indian Band and the Province of British Columbia. The RDOS board of directors respects and appreciates the collaborative efforts that continue throughout the incorporation process."



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

August 13, 2025

Dear Mayors/Chairs,

Subject: Invitation to UBCM Events – Strengthening Resource Communities Together

As a follow-up to my recent letter, I'm pleased to extend a personal invitation to join me at two key events during the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria. These gatherings will spotlight the essential contributions of both rural and urban resource communities to British Columbia's economy and provide valuable opportunities for dialogue and connection.

Resource Works Panel Discussion: Get It Done B.C.

Monday, September 22, 2025 – 7:30AM to 4PM followed by a reception at 5PM
Union Club of British Columbia, Victoria

I will be participating in a panel hosted by Resource Works alongside other leaders and industry experts. We will be discussing the challenges and opportunities facing resource communities and the importance of ensuring our voices are included in provincial decision making.

Networking Reception – Hosted by the City of Campbell River

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 4:30PM to 6:30PM
Marriott, Victoria

This will be a great opportunity to connect with Mayors and community leaders from across the province. Enjoy local refreshments, good conversation, and enter to win a *Campbell River Experience* door prize valued at \$2500 – including flights, golf, whale watching, and accommodation in our beautiful city.

This invitation builds on the UBCM motion the City of Campbell River is bringing forward this year.

I hope we can count on seeing you at both events. Together, we can strengthen our advocacy for policies that recognize the realities and contributions of all BC Communities. I have met with many of you already, but feel free to reach out if you would like to connect.

Please RSVP to Lisa.Sanders@campbellriver.ca by September 12, 2025.

I look forward to seeing you in Victoria.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Dahl', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kermit Dahl
Mayor

Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025					
JULY					
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		Complete
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			Complete
R-2025-105	THAT, Council confirm whether August 23, 2025, is acceptable for hosting the Community BBQ in collaboration with the FireSmart team and Urban Systems.	EDT	August 23 Community BBQ	Moving forward with event promotion and planning	Complete
R-2025-118	THAT, Council accepts Councillor Lambert's resignation and direct staff to initiate the process for a by-election; AND FURTHER THAT, no amendments be made to Council Procedure Bylaw No. 834, 2020 to expand eligibility for electronic participation at this time.	CAO	Request formal letter of resignation		Complete
R-2025-119	THAT, Council appoints Daniela Dyck as Chief Election Officer and Kristine Hardy as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the upcoming municipal by-election, in accordance with Section 58 of the Local Government Act effective July 30, 2025.	CAO	Complete paper work and begin election process		Complete
R-2025-120	THAT, Council adopts the attached Rail Safety Week resolution proclaiming Rail Safety Week 2025 in Ashcroft from September 15-21, 2025.	Admin			Complete
R-2025-121	THAT, Council supports the Courageous K9 request for sponsorship in the amount of \$319	Admin			Complete
R-2025-122	Direction to staff: THAT, staff prepare a memo to MP Caputo the need for increased and ongoing infrastructure funding for small communities highlighting the North Ashcroft Reservoir twinning project and the sewer treatment plant upgrades. Advocate for not-for-profit access to infrastructure funding.	CAO			Complete
R-2025-123	THAT, Council provides a letter of support to the HomeZero Collective for their funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.	CAO			Complete



Joint Para- Transit Committee

Meeting Minutes

Aug. 20, 2025 - 11:00am

Clinton - 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. Park, VoC
Michelle Wall, YCS
Christine Peterson, YCS
Nikki Vincent, YCS

Regrets: Cnclr. Anstett, VoA

1. Welcome

CAO Dyck welcomed the committee members

2. Review of Notes from May 21, 2025 Meeting

Distributed previously and attached. Committee approved minutes as presented.

3. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

No additions or deletions

4. Delegation:

N/A

5. Unfinished Business

a. N/A

6. Business

a. BC Transit Government Relations Manager – Daynika White – Update

- Daynika White presented the *Annual Performance Summary*. She reported that the operating cost per service hour remains comparatively low, reflecting efficiencies in the regional system. At present, Ashcroft and Clinton data are tracked together, which can make it difficult to distinguish community-specific usage and costs. The committee agreed that separating these statistics would provide clearer information for local planning and decision-making.
- Daynika confirmed that she plans to attend the November committee meeting in person to provide further updates and answer questions directly.
- Jen Getz, Transit Planner, delivered a presentation outlining the Service Review process. She noted that timelines for completion depend on financial considerations (such as available funding and budget cycles) and the extent of public engagement required, which may involve open houses, surveys, or online feedback tools.
- The Ashcroft/Cache Creek/Clinton transit system is in the provincial queue for a fare review, which will evaluate current fare structures, affordability, and alignment with neighbouring systems.
- All three communities agreed that some level of public consultation will be required during the review to ensure residents' voices are heard and that changes reflect community needs.

b. Yellowhead Community Services (YCS) – Transit Manager, Michelle Wall – Update

- July 3, 2025: The Health Connection Thursday route missed the Lytton stop due to a wildfire-related road closure. Fortunately, no passengers were booked for Lytton that day, so no riders were affected. The remainder of the route continued as normal.
- July 29, 2025: The Health Connection bus experienced a mechanical breakdown, resulting in a missed service for the day.
- Elder Connect in Lillooet has arranged to book the Lillooet bus for October, to transport Elders to a cultural event at the Sagebrush Theatre in Kamloops.
- YCS continues to face challenges in recruiting an additional Casual Transit Driver for the Ashcroft system. The position has been posted on the YCS website, WorkBC, and shared through the Village of Ashcroft's channels. One applicant applied, but was not a successful fit. Recruitment efforts are ongoing.
- YCS was notified of a rotating road closure on Hwy 12 between Lillooet and Lytton, starting September 8 and expected to last 4–6 weeks. This closure will impact the Thursday Health Connection route to Kamloops. YCS and BC Transit staff are working collaboratively to determine an alternative routing or scheduling adjustment to ensure minimal service disruption.
- In July, BC Transit Regional Operations Manager Anthony Mirando, along with Lee Archibald and Inook Yeo, visited the region to discuss Emergency Preparedness planning for transit operations.
- YCS circulated updated emergency contact information for senior staff, including after-hours numbers, to ensure that transit services can be mobilized quickly if needed for Disaster Response Transportation (DRT) requests.

YCS Emergency Contacts (24/7 if required):

- Christine Peterson, CEO – (778) 220-4234 – christine.p@yellowheadcs.ca
- Nikki Vincent, COO – (250) 674-7063 – nikki.v@yellowheadcs.ca
- Kerry Cairns, COO – (250) 674-8439 – kerry.c@yellowheadcs.ca
- Kathy Green, CFO – (250) 674-1649 – kathy.g@yellowheadcs.ca
- Michelle Wall, Transit Manager – (250) 674-2356 – transitmanager@yellowheadcs.ca
- Michelle Baker, Back-up Transit Manager – (250) 587-6161 – michelle.b@yellowheadcs.ca

Bus Configurations (#2751 – Lillooet; #2752 – Ashcroft):

- 21 seated passengers, 0 mobility aids
- 17 seated passengers, 1 mobility aid
- 13 seated passengers, 2 mobility aids

BC Transit – Disaster Response Transportation (DRT):

- All requests for large-scale emergency transportation support must go through BC Transit's TCOMM (Transit Communications Centre) at (250) 419-5900 (available 24/7).
- TCOMM staff will collect request details and coordinate the assignment of appropriate vehicles and personnel to respond.

c. Community Updates

- Clinton: The rodeo event was well attended and ran smoothly. The community is still considering design options to improve the appearance and durability of the bus shelter.
- Cache Creek: A new bus shelter was recently installed; however, it has since been vandalized, and staff are assessing next steps for repairs and prevention.
- Ashcroft: A special transit rate adjustment has been approved, reducing the rate from \$60.99 to \$59.54, improving affordability for riders.

6. Summary of Ridership/Financial

- a. Report of Revenue and Ridership to July 31, 2025

7. New Business

- 8. Date for Next Meeting** – November 19, 2025, at 11:00 am – Village of Ashcroft & Virtual. CAO Dyck suggested a meeting on the bus in the spring.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43.

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