



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, September 8, 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, August 25 , 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 25, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-6
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	
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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	Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 – Third Reading M/S <i>THAT, Council give third reading to "Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025".</i>	P. 7-27
5.2	Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 880, 2025 – Third Reading M/S <i>THAT, Council give third reading to "Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 880, 2025".</i>	P. 28-41



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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	N/A	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Deep Dhillon on behalf of the Pigeon Racing and Hobby Community – Request that the Village of Ashcroft not move forward with banning pigeons M/S	P. 42
7.2	Michelle Haller-Antoine, Student Support Worker, DSCS – Truth and Reconciliation Walk September 29 th through the Village of Ashcroft M/S	P. 43
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	TNRD – Regional Grant in Aid Program Fall 2025 Intake to Open on September 1	P. 44
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7.7	SILGA – Regional District Legislative Reform Update	P. 57

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 58
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

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	M/S <i>THAT, Council moves to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality and Community Charter Section 90.1 (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for the purpose.</i>	
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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

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: N/A

Media – 1
Public – 4

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, August 25, 2025, to order at 6:12pm. The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties.

"Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux people."

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 28, 2025 M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-124
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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Jheanelle Roebelen and Emilia Meunier spoke in support of the Farmer Market location change request as follows:

- Moving the Farmers' Market to North Ashcroft will increase visibility and could provide increased economic benefits to Ashcroft by attracting new vendors and increasing customer base.
- Railway Ave. safety concerns as most days the market operates at least one vehicle does not obey the road closure signs and skirts the barricades.
- Emilie is taking over the management of the Farmers Market next year and has many ideas and hopes to have more community events to attract clientele and vendors making the park the ideal location.
- Farmers markets promote entrepreneurship
- Planning on having a Market Info Tent to promote the market and provide information as well as manage contests, and promotions.
- Pool Park is safer; kids can play while parents shop.
- Community friendly space with good parking and amenities.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>BEO/CAO Report: Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 for Introduction and First Two Readings</p> <p>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.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett</p> <p><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></p> <p>Council members made several comments and asked for clarification in regards to the shipping containers, backyard debris and burning, same day snow removal. Council was asked to bring their edit suggestions to the September 8th, 2025 COTW meeting so these can be considered and implemented prior to 3rd reading.</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-125
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</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-126

	<p>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 Anstett / Clement</p> <p><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>Mayor Roden thanked staff for their work on bringing this bylaw forward.</p>	
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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:</p> <p>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 Clement / Anstett</p> <p><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; and</i> • <i>It commits to covering any project cost overruns necessary to bring the project to successful completion.</i> <p>CFO Bhalla commented that the Village has applied for this highly competitive funding previously for the NA Reservoir project but as we</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-127

	own the land this time, we anticipate a higher rate of success. We have concerns that costs will escalate with the tariffs and are asking for elevated quotes to ensure the funding will cover project costs. Another challenge is the difficulty in sourcing contractors to bid on these small community projects.	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>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>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities Mayor Roden noted that Council members attending UBCM should review their schedules and respond individually for any additional sessions they may wish to attend.</p>	
7.2	<p>Letter to Canadian Judicial Council – Judicial Accountability and Revolving-Door Justice in British Columbia Mayor Roden noted that those Council members attending UBCM should bear this in mind at the Resolution session at UBCM.</p>	
7.3	<p>Ashcroft & District Fall Fair – Request Council to Donate the use of the Drylands Arena for the Fall Fair M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair request for free facility use of the Drylands Arena.</i> Staff was directed to clarify that the staff call out costs to open and close the arena are the responsibility of the ADFF and that a Grant in Aid application be forwarded advising that these will be considered at the September 8th COTW meeting and could offset the cost of the staff call out.</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-128
7.4	<p>Ashcroft Farmers Market – Request to Relocate Farmer's Market to Pool Park M/S Roden / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the Farmers Market request to relocate to the Ashcroft Pool Park lower level at the Softball Diamond and permits signage to be placed at the intersection of Government and Elm St.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-129

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	<p><i>indicating the market just a few metres away providing it does not impede sight lines.</i></p> <p>Comments Staff to work with the FF organizers in regards to signage. A FM representative should be at Railway Ave location at the next Market day directing people to the new location.</p>	
7.5	<p>Marilyn Anderson – Elephant Hill Art Mural Donation Public Art Policy requires Council to accept or decline the donation.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Roden <i>THAT, Council moves to accept the donation of the Elephant Hill painting donated by Marilyn Anderson.</i></p> <p>Comment That staff send a heartfelt letter to Marilyn expressing Council's appreciation of the generous donation.</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-130
FOR INFORMATION		
7.6	UBCM Convention Bulletin #2	
7.7	Village of Lions Bay Request for Support and Endorsement - UBCM Resolution on Emergency Water Treatment Plants	
7.8	Canada Community-Building Fund BC/UBCM – Canada Community-Building Fund: First Community Works Fund Payment for 2025/2026	
7.9	TNFC – August 2025 Update	
7.10	Ashcroft Terminal – Sponsoring a Free Swim Saturday, August 30 th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	
7.11	Province of BC – Update on Okanagan Falls and the Incorporation of a new municipality	
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>	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	Para-Transit Committee Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025 Comment Our transit system is the most cost-effective small system operating in the region/province	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Bid a bittersweet farewell to Councillor Doreen Lambert, thanking her for her commitment and hard work during her terms on Council noting her appreciation for the conversation and candor she brought to the council meetings. Mayor Roden presented Councillor Lambert with some small tokens of appreciation and wished her well on her new journey in Nanaimo.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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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 August 25, 2025, at 7:15pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, August 25, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

**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	25 th	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	25 th	DAY OF	August	, 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.879 as adopted by Council.

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:

a) 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.

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

c) 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**.

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

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

2.8 Dispute Resolution:

a) **Voluntary Compliance and Mediation** - Where appropriate, the Village may encourage voluntary compliance or refer matters to mediation services before initiating enforcement proceedings.

PART 3 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

3.1 Unsightly Premises

a) Every owner or occupier of property must maintain their property in a clean, tidy, and sanitary condition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following are prohibited:

- i. Accumulation of filth, discarded materials, rubbish, or debris.
- ii. Storage of unused or dilapidated items, including but not limited to broken furniture, appliances, tires, construction materials not associated with active work, crates, barrels, scrap metal, derelict or partially dismantled vehicles, and yard waste.
- iii. Construction or demolition waste, bulk fill material (such as soil, gravel, sand, or concrete), or other discarded substances not associated with active, permitted construction or landscaping work.
- iv. Noxious, harmful, or offensive substances, or objects that may present a hazard to health or safety.
- v. Infestations of vermin, rodents, or other pests that may pose a health hazard to neighbouring properties or the public.
- vi. Unsightly conditions including, but not limited to:
 - visible graffiti (which must be removed within 14 days of notice by the Village)
 - unmaintained or overgrown landscaping,
 - deteriorating structures,
 - offensive odours, or
 - stored debris.

3.2 Boulevards

a) 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

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

b) 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

a) 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.

- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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

- a) Only **one cargo container** is permitted on a residential lot unless otherwise approved by the Village.
- b) The cargo container must not exceed **15 square metres in floor area** and must comply with all applicable setbacks under the Zoning Bylaw.
- c) Cargo containers must be located in the rear or side yard and may not obstruct emergency access routes, driveways, or sightlines.
- d) A **building permit** is required before placing a cargo container on any property.
- e) Containers must be placed on a **concrete pad or other hard, level surface** approved by the Building Inspector.
- f) Containers must be properly ventilated and secured to prevent unauthorized access.
- g) No person shall use a cargo container for human habitation or for business use without Village approval.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) 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

- a) 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:
 - i. stored inside a fully enclosed garage or accessory building; or
 - ii. 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.
- b) Vehicles may not be parked or stored on boulevards, lanes, or other Village property without prior authorization.
- c) 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

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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

- a) 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

- a) 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

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) 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.

i) 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

a) 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:

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

b) 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.

c) 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.

3.9 Waste Management

a) All garbage, recycling, and compost materials must be stored in secure containers to prevent scattering, odour, or attraction of animals.

b) Waste containers must be maintained in a sanitary condition and kept out of sight from public streets where possible.

c) No person shall dump or deposit waste, garbage, or debris on public or private land other than in a lawful disposal site or container authorized for that purpose.

3.10 Commercial Vehicle Parking:

a) No person shall park or store a large commercial vehicle exceeding 5,000 kilograms gross vehicle weight in a residential zone, except for the purpose of temporary loading or unloading.

b) For the purposes of this section, vehicles exceeding 5,000 kg GVW include but are not limited to dump trucks, cube vans, buses, delivery trucks, and construction service vehicles. Pickup trucks and personal vans are not considered large commercial vehicles under this section.

3.11 Encroachments on Public Property:

a) No person shall place or maintain unauthorized structures, materials, landscaping, or equipment on Village sidewalks, boulevards, rights-of-way, or other public property.

3.12 Construction and Renovation Debris:

- a) Owners and contractors must ensure that construction and renovation debris is contained on the property and does not spill onto adjacent lands, boulevards, or drainage systems.

3.13 Emergency Access:

- a) No owner or occupier shall place or permit obstructions, including vehicles, landscaping, or structures, that impede emergency access to hydrants, rights-of-way, or easements.

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:

- i. Loud music or amplified sound that can be heard beyond the property line;
- ii. Persistent animal noise;
- iii. Construction or power tool use between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- iv. 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.
- v. Operation of a motor vehicle with a defective or modified exhaust system that causes noise exceeding normal operating levels

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 Nuisance Odours

No owner or occupier shall cause or permit odours from compost, animal waste, or other materials to become a nuisance to neighbouring properties

5.5 Enforcement

Any contravention of this section may result in:

- i. Immediate extinguishment of the fire by the Fire Department or Bylaw Enforcement Officer, and;
- ii. Penalties and cost recovery in accordance with **Schedule B** of this Bylaw.

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. Animal enclosures must be kept clean and free from odours that create a nuisance.

7.2 Backyard Hens

- i. A maximum of four hens may be kept on a property. Roosters are prohibited.
- ii. 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

- i. Beekeeping is permitted only where allowed by the Zoning Bylaw.
- ii. Properties larger than 1,100 m² may keep a maximum of two hives; properties under 1,100 m² may keep one hive.
- iii. 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

- i. No person shall organize, permit, or participate in a Bird Sporting Event within the Village of Ashcroft.

- ii. 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.
- iii. No person shall abandon pigeons within the Village. Domesticated pigeons left without care are deemed abandoned and subject to enforcement under this Bylaw.
- iv. 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.

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.

PART 9 – PUBLIC CONDUCT

9.1 Disorderly Behavior:

No person shall cause a nuisance in a public place by way of disorderly behaviour, public intoxication, loitering, or other actions that disturb the peace of the neighbourhood.

9.2 Disruptive Gatherings

No person shall host or permit a gathering that unreasonably disrupts neighbouring residents due to noise, traffic, or unsafe conditions.

PART 10 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

10.1 During periods of declared water restrictions, all property owners shall comply with watering schedules or limits established by the Village.

10.2 No person shall apply pesticides or herbicides in a manner that creates runoff, drift, or harm to public spaces, waterways, or neighbouring properties.

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(a)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Storage of dilapidated or discarded items	3.1(b)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Accumulation of construction/demolition or bulk materials	3.1(c)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Possession of noxious/harmful substances	3.1(d)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove graffiti within 14 days	3.1(e)	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to address vermin/pest infestation	3.1(f)	\$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
Construction/renovation debris not contained	3.12	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Obstructing emergency access	3.13	\$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/invasive species	Sch. C	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Obstructing public rights-of-way with vegetation	3.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Planting or replacing cedar hedge	3.7	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to maintain cedar hedge	3.7	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Failure to remove cedar hedge when required	3.7	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to remove snow/ice from abutting sidewalks	3.8	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Waste management violations (improper storage or illegal dumping)	3.9	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Parking large commercial vehicle in residential area	3.10	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Unauthorized encroachment on public property	3.11	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Unauthorized use of RV as permanent/semi-permanent dwelling	3.5(a)	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Visitor RV use exceeding 7 days	3.5(b)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
RV parked/stored on boulevard or rights-of-way	3.5(c)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Excess number of RVs stored on lot	3.5(d)	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

Unauthorized long-term occupancy of temporary shelter	3.5A	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Excessive noise (general prohibition)	4.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Construction/tool use during prohibited hours	4.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Operation of vehicle with defective/modified muffler	4.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Burning prohibited materials	5.1	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Burning unpermitted materials (contrary to s. 5.2)	5.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Nuisance smoke from burning	5.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Nuisance odours (compost, animal waste, etc.)	5.4	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Sale, possession, or discharge of fireworks without authorization	6.1 & 6.2	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Nuisance animals (general)	7.1	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Animal enclosures unsanitary or odourous	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
Beekeeping contrary to regulations (location/hive limits)	7.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
Organizing or participating in Bird Sporting Event	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Abandonment of pigeons	7.4	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750

Trespass/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
Disorderly behaviour/public intoxication/loitering	9.1	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Disruptive gathering disturbing neighbours	9.2	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to comply with water restrictions	10.1	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Improper pesticide/herbicide application	10.2	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750

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.

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	25 th	DAY OF	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	25 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 - Permit</u> 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 Offence
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
City of Ashcroft

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing on behalf of our pigeon racing and hobby community to respectfully request that the City of Ashcroft not move forward with banning pigeons.

Pigeons have a long history of being valuable to society — from serving as messengers in times of war, to providing therapy, education, and community activities today. Around the world, pigeon racing is recognized as a sport, and in Canada it continues to bring together families, young people, and seniors in a positive and healthy way.

We want to assure Council that we are committed to responsible ownership. Our members maintain clean, well-kept lofts and ensure that pigeons are properly trained so they do not disturb neighbours or public spaces. Just as with dogs, cats, or horses, the real issue is not the animals themselves but ensuring owners are responsible. We are dedicated to those standards.

Allowing pigeons in Ashcroft will also bring economic and cultural benefits. Pigeon races and events attract visitors, create fundraising opportunities, and support local businesses. These activities are no different than other community sports such as horse racing or dog shows.

Finally, it is important to note that domesticated pigeons kept by fanciers are not the same as feral pigeons seen in city parks. Our birds are pedigreed, banded, and cared for with strict routines. Studies show they do not pose a health risk greater than other common pets.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be happy to meet with Council to provide more information or demonstrate how responsibly-kept pigeons benefit the community.

Sincerely,
Deep Dhillon
On behalf of the Pigeon Racing and Hobby Community

From: Michelle Haller-Antoine <mhallerantoine@sd74.bc.ca>
Sent: September 5, 2025 11:28 AM
To: Brittany Giesbrecht <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: September 29 - Truth and Reconciliation Walk

Good Morning ,

I am the Indigenous Student Support Worker here at Desert Sands Community School. We would like to plan our Truth and Reconciliation walk on Sept 29, 2025 through the Village of Ashcroft.

Is this possible for the date and event? Details are as follows:

Start at 10 AM

Start and End at the Millenium Park.

Route will go from the Millenium Park to the Fire Hall and make a left past the Bakery then a Left on Brink then back to Park and finish there.

Thank you,

Michelle Antoine



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NEWS RELEASE

Regional Grant-in-Aid Program Fall 2025 Intake to Open on September 1

Kamloops, BC – August 25, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is advising non-profit organizations that the Regional Grant-in-Aid program intake for fall 2025 will open on September 1, 2025.

The application deadline is September 30, 2025, which is a change from the deadline in previous years of September 1.

The Regional Grant-in-Aid program provides funding to non-profits, registered societies, and registered charities for events and projects that benefit the Thompson-Nicola region and its residents. Eligible events or projects will often provide a social, economic, recreational, or environmental benefit to communities within the TNRD.

Up to \$25,000 can be allocated at each program intake period, in the spring and in the fall. Eligible non-profits can receive up to \$5,000 per year in grant funding through this program. All applications are reviewed by the TNRD Regional Grants Committee for eligibility, and funding is awarded by the TNRD Board of Directors.

To apply to the Regional Grant-in-Aid program, [click here](#). For more information, visit: tnrd.ca/grants.

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NEWS RELEASE

Clearwater Library Set to Reopen on September 9, Following Renovations

Kamloops, BC – September 4, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRD) is advising patrons that the Clearwater Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, following extensive renovations in recent months.

This project began in January 2025, and has provided necessary improvements to the building envelope and modernized interior spaces. Renovations have included a full roof replacement, new Hardie plank siding, a new covered canopy and front entrance, a new after-hours meeting room entrance, new low-flow plumbing fixtures, fresh paint, upgrades to washrooms, and other cosmetic improvements. The library also now has a larger children's area, which will help to meet ongoing program demands.

While construction was ongoing, the Clearwater Library had operated out of a temporary space at the Dutch Lake Community Centre.

"We are extremely grateful for the Wells Gray Country Seniors Society and District of Clearwater for enabling our temporary library location, and ensuring that library services could continue uninterrupted during this important renovation work," said Melissa Lowenberg, Manager of Community Libraries & Engagement. "We also appreciate the patience and understanding of our patrons, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the new-and-improved Clearwater Library."

Residents are also advised to stay tuned for information on a community grand opening event at the Clearwater Library.

This project was fully funded by the Library Enhancement Grant, a one-time grant for public libraries from the Province of BC. The total project cost was \$388,866, and completed by A&T Project Developments Inc.

The Clearwater Library is located at 422 Murtle Crescent, and is open Tuesday through Saturday. For information about services and programs at the Clearwater Library, [click here](#).

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Bulletin #3



With the 2025 UBCM Convention fast approaching, we couldn't be more excited to gather in beautiful Victoria. UBCM president Trish Mandewo, Councillor of the City of Coquitlam, will preside over this year's Convention, bringing to a close her two-year term. The incoming president will be installed on the final day of the convention.

We've lined up five days of relevant and engaging study sessions, clinics, forums and workshops. Topics and themes have been chosen based on the current social, economical and political climate, and designed by dynamic speakers, policy staff, and

industry leaders.

Read Our Annual Report

The 2025 UBCM [Annual Report](#) and Financials are now published. After a busy year, the report shares the key achievements and important work UBCM has carried out on behalf of members.

UBCM is a small but high-impact organization, and we put our energy into delivering programs efficiently and advocating for local governments. Inside the report, you'll find highlights of Executive and Committee work, along with updates on member services and programs such as Local Government Program Services and the Canada Community-Building Fund program. You'll also find UBCM's audited Financial Statements.

Members will have the chance to review the report at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 24th at 9:20 AM immediately following the Convention Opening Session in Carson Hall at the Victoria Conference Centre.



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Visit the [2025 Convention page](#) on [ubcm.ca](#) for updates including this year's Convention Program, Bulletins and FAQ, plus Provincial Appointment Desk details, and more. Please contribute and share by using #UBCM25 on your social media channels.

If you haven't already, be sure to [subscribe](#) to *The Compass* to receive weekly news from the Union of BC Municipalities. During convention week, daily highlights, announcements and key decisions are published in ***The Compass – Special Convention Edition***. To ensure breaking convention news lands in your inbox, subscribe to get on this email list.

2025 Resolutions Book



Get Resolutions Ready!

The 252-page [UBCM Resolutions Book](#) is now available online and includes 270 resolutions received from the membership by the June 15 deadline. The UBCM Executive are putting forward one Extraordinary Resolution (ER) and five Special Resolutions (SR) for consideration. This makes a total of 276 resolutions that address a wide range of issues affecting BC communities.

The Extraordinary resolution is seeking membership support to amend the UBCM Bylaws in order to streamline the resolutions process. There is an accompanying background document that can be found in the Appendix of the Resolutions Book. We encourage the membership to review both the Extraordinary Resolution and the backgrounder and come prepared to share your views and to vote on this important resolution.

Three resolutions sessions are scheduled in the Convention Program for the mornings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We look forward to the policy direction that our members will set. Please take the time to review the resolutions and Resolutions Committee Comments. Please also take the time to review the Conference Rules and Procedures for Handling Resolutions, which begins on page 5 of the Resolutions Book. These Rules outline how the resolutions debate will proceed.

The UBCM Policy Book 1 will be made available the evening of Sunday, September 21st. Once ready, it will be posted to the UBCM website as well as the Convention App. The Policy Book will contain any Late Resolutions received from the membership as well as a budget document. Policy Book 1 will be considered during the Friday morning resolutions session.

The perspective of each and every local government matters, so join us in having your say and plan to attend the resolution sessions!

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Stay hydrated during convention week!

The Victoria Conference Centre is fully equipped to keep you hydrated throughout the week of Convention with multiple water stations on each floor. In an effort to reduce waste, we encourage all delegates to bring a reusable water bottle with them and refill as needed.

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. **Please note, all UBCM networking events are included under the Code of Conduct.**

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UBCM Member Communities

September 2, 2025

RE: 2025 UBCM Resolutions

To our fellow UBCM members,

We write to share five (5) resolution items the City of Prince George has submitted to the annual convention, three (3) through the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and two (2) through direct submission to UBCM. This year, we have again resolved to look at items that are not only of interest to our region but that also impact those across the province.

We hope we can count on you to support these items when the time comes and have included full text of each resolution with the background below for consideration.

If you would like to be involved in future advocacy, separate from the UBCM process, please reach out and our staff will work to coordinate interest with any emerging opportunities.

The items we are hoping we can work together to advocate for are:

- Adequate funding, offices and staffing of the BC Conservation Service;
- Construction of a regional secure psychiatric facility in the Prince George area;
- Increased core provincial funding for Public Libraries;
- Declaration of human trafficking, gender-based violence & intimate partner violence as an epidemic in BC and for an updated BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking; and
- Finalization of agreements between municipalities and BC Ambulance Service including a funding component to compensate local governments providing emergency medical services for related costs.

These are items we feel are a benefit to us all. We look forward to discussing these resolutions, and meeting at the UBCM Convention in a few weeks!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Yu".

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George

Union of BC Municipalities - 2025 Resolution Submissions

Resolution #1: Conservation Officer Advocacy

UBCM reference: RR22 (refer to EB35)

Resolution Background:

A provincial government webpage, last updated in 2023, on Conservation Officer career information states, “there are over 69,000 law enforcement officers in Canada, and only 150 of them can be B.C. Conservation Officers”. Having only 150 officers on the front lines of environmental law enforcement in British Columbia does not meet the need our vast geography requires. We believe further investment is needed to ensure British Columbia’s treasured environment is well looked after.

Draft Resolution:

WHEREAS the provincial government is responsible for managing the conservation service, with few officers covering a geographically vast region, which has a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service needs additional resources to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, off road vehicle enforcement, illegal dumping, human wildlife conflicts prevention, and respond to wildlife human conflict:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA advocates that the provincial government be required to provide adequate funding, offices and staffing to fully support the BC Conservation Officer Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing conservation services.

Resolution #2: Regional Secure Psychiatric Care Facility

UBCM reference: Not included (this item was determined to be regional in scope and is not included in the UBCM resolution package).

Resolution Background:

The Province of British Columbia has committed to taking action to ensure people with long-term concurrent mental-health and addiction challenges get secure and dignified care by opening highly secure facilities for people under the Mental Health Act throughout the province. Prince George is well positioned to host such a facility for the region and seeks NCLGAs support in advocating for the expedient establishment of such resources.

Draft resolution:

WHEREAS the provincial government has stated an interest in establishing, throughout the province, beds under the Mental Health Act at highly secure regional facilities, where people will receive long term care and housing that is secure, safe and dignified, and as the City of Prince George recognizes its role as a regional service hub for these types of facilities.

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has stated they are working on legislation, supported by expert consultation, that would support involuntary admittance to these specialized, compassionate care facilities with a coordinated plan for both treatment and post care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA advocates to the Provincial Government for the construction of a standalone secure psychiatric care facility, to serve the region, in Prince George.

Resolution #3: Provincial Funding for Public Libraries

UBCM reference: RR25 (refer to SR3)

Resolution background:

The City of Prince George encourages NCLGA members to support the BC Public Library Partners and the Association of BC Public Library Directors in requesting the provincial government provide sustainable funding increases for public libraries. In support of this campaign the below resolution language, modeled after language shared by the BC Public Library Partners, is presented.

Draft resolution:

WHEREAS core funding for public libraries in British Columbia has remained unchanged since 2009, despite BC's population growing 29%, limiting their ability to expand and evolve their programming as demand for their services increases;

AND WHEREAS the operational requirements of public libraries increasingly require significant and diverse resources to provide front-line community services, including supporting patrons with mental health and addiction issues as well as barriers to housing, providing critical locations of refuge during extreme weather events, providing services to new Canadians, and supporting the process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA call on the provincial government to increase core funding for public libraries on a yearly basis in line with inflation and immediately increases annual core funding for libraries to \$30 million as requested by the BC Public Library Partners and recommended by the province's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Resolution #4: Human Trafficking, Gender Based & Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

UBCM reference: NR57

Resolution background:

Gender-based violence is defined as violence or abuse perpetrated against a woman, girl or gender-diverse individual because of their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. Intimate partner violence is a prevalent form of gender-based violence, referring to multiple forms of harm caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse in public, private and/or online.

BC Prosecution Service began releasing statistics about intimate partner violence files in its 2022 annual report. The 2023/2024 BC Prosecution Service report indicates that while the 5-year trend for Reports to Crown Counsel (RCCs) received under the four main categories (crimes against the person, property crimes, administration of justice, and other offences) have seen substantive decreases, crimes against the person has remained largely stable. Of these crimes against the person RCCs, the proportion of intimate partner violence RCCs have increased from 18.6% to 21.6% between 2019/2020 and 2023/2024.

Additionally, intimate partner violence and human trafficking are often related to one another. Statistics Canada reports that approximately one third (1/3) of survivors/victims of human trafficking were trafficked by an intimate partner.

Draft resolution:

WHEREAS reported cases of gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking are increasing across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking has not been updated since its publication in 2013;

THEREFORE be it resolved that UBCM petition the province to declare gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking an epidemic in British Columbia and update BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.

Resolution #5: BC Ambulance Service

UBCM reference: EB7

Resolution background:

In 2023, the City of Prince George endorsed a resolution asking the provincial government to develop a funding model to compensate local governments providing emergency medical services and pre-hospital care through their fire and rescue services. The provincial response emphasized the voluntary nature of the agreements between BCEHS and the municipality, advising that costs may be managed by scaling back participation in providing lifesaving emergency medical services and pre-hospital care by fire and rescue services. The City feels this is an inappropriate and impractical response to our genuine concern.

Draft Resolution:

WHEREAS agreements between BC municipalities and BCEHS regarding municipal fire services providing pre-hospital care lapsed in 2010; and

WHEREAS provincial investment and staffing have not kept pace with the growing demand for emergency medical services and pre-hospital care causing municipalities to increasingly become involved through their fire rescue services;

THEREFORE be it resolved that UBCM petition the province to finalize agreements with BC municipalities as soon as possible and include a funding component to compensate local governments providing emergency medical services and pre-hospital care through their fire and rescue services for related costs including, but not limited to, medical supplies and training.

From: Southern Interior Local Government Association <yoursilga@gmail.com>
Sent: September 4, 2025 8:00 AM
Subject: Regional District Legislative Reform – Update

Please forward to elected officials, the CAO, and Corporate Officer

Good morning SILGA Members,

Thank you for participating in the initiative to modernize regional district legislation. Over the past year, all five area associations have worked together to inform members about this initiative and gather feedback from regional districts, municipalities, and First Nations on challenges with the current Local Government Act.

Engagement highlights:

- A virtual session in February with over 250 participants
- In-person sessions at all five area association conventions and other events
- A survey with more than 100 responses

On June 27, all five Area Association Presidents sent a joint letter to UBCM requesting that Regional District Legislative Reform be added to their workplan. The submission included Don Lidstone's Roadmap document and member feedback gathered through sessions, surveys, and written submissions. The letter and attachments can be found [HERE](#). At its July meeting, the UBCM Executive agreed to add Regional District Legislative Reform to the UBCM Workplan. Highlights from that meeting can be found [HERE](#).

Members are encouraged to continue engaging with provincial representatives while UBCM takes the lead in advancing this effort.

We look forward to connecting with you at UBCM.

Sincerely,
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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025					
August					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Other	Status
2025 MOTIONS					
R-2025-125	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.	CAO	CAO will edit bylaw with regard to pigeons for the Sept. 8 COTW Meeting		in-progress
R-2025-126	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.	EA	Update bylaw readings		completed
R-2025-127	<p>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.</p> <p>And further THAT, Council of the Village of Ashcroft resolves that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports the proposed project to construct the PZ3 Reservoir; • commits to managing any grants received in accordance with the requirements of UBCM for the Strategic Priorities Fund; and • commits to covering any project cost overruns necessary to bring the project to successful completion. 	CFO/EA	EA to prepare a Certified Resolution to accompany this application		in-progress
R-2025-128	THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair request for free facility use of the Drylands Arena.	EA	Advise ADFF of free use of the Arena for the fair; advise also that their Grant in Aid application will be considered by Council to offset the OT open and close fees; request copy of their liability insurance		completed
R-2025-129	THAT, Council approves the Farmers Market request to relocate to the Ashcroft Pool Park lower level at the Softball Diamond and permits signage to be placed at the intersection of Government and Elm St.	EA	Email approval to the Farmers Market		completed
R-2025-130	THAT, Council moves to accept the donation of the Elephant Hill painting donated by Marilyn Anderson.	EA	Send a heartfelt letter to Marilyn expressing Council's appreciation of the generous donation.		completed