

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Tuesday, October 28, 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."

OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILLOR-ELECT CAMERON TEDFORD

1. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

2. **MINUTES**

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| 2.1 | Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 14, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 14, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i> | P. 1-7 |
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3. **DELEGATIONS**

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| 3.1 | N/A | |
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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**

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| 5.1 | CAO Report: Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 – Final Review and Update Purpose: To provide Council with information regarding the latest rendition of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025, and to request Council's review and feedback prior to reconsideration of third reading. M/S 1. <i>THAT, Council receives this report for information and provide any final edits or comments to staff prior to</i> | P. 8-32 |
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| | <p><i>reconsideration of third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025.</i></p> <p>2. <i>THAT, Council reconsiders and approves third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 as amended.</i></p> | |
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6. STAFF REPORTS

| REQUEST FOR DECISION | | |
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| 6.1 | <p>EDT Report: Home Town Takeover Canada – Assessment of Community Participation</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with information on Home Town Takeover Canada, a new HGTV series focused on revitalizing small towns across the country, and to seek Council's direction on whether the Village should consider submitting an application.</p> <p><i>Item for discussion and direction to Staff.</i></p> | P. 33-34 |
| FOR INFORMATION | | |
| 6.2 | <p>CAO Report: 2025 By-Election Summary – Councillor Vacancy</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with an overview of the 2025 Village of Ashcroft by-election process and results. This report is for information only; no action is required.</p> | P. 35-37 |
| 6.3 | <p>EDT Report: Filming in Ashcroft</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with a brief summary of the film activity that has taken place in Ashcroft and the immediate area since January 2025 and our continued collaboration with the Thompson Nicola Film Commission (TNFC).</p> | P. 38-39 |

7. CORRESPONDENCE

| FOR ACTION | | |
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| 7.1 | <p>TNFC – Requesting Users Testimonials for a Grant Application & Letter of Support</p> <p>M/S</p> | P. 40-41 |
| FOR INFORMATION | | |
| 7.2 | <p>Philip Perras, Pender Island, BC – A Call for Municipal Solidarity and Transparency on PFAS Contamination at YYJ and all BC Airports</p> | P. 42-44 |
| 7.3 | <p>SD #74 – Board Bulletin for October 2025</p> | P. 45-46 |
| 7.4 | <p>City of Kamloops Council – Invitation to the Diverse Voices: Rethinking Community Conference October 29-30, 2025</p> | P. 47-48 |

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 8.1 | Task Manager | P. 49 |
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

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| 10.1 | N/A | |
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| 11.1 | Mayor Roden | |
| 11.2 | Councillor Anstett | |
| 11.3 | Councillor Clement | |
| 11.4 | Councillor Davenport | |
| 11.5 | Councillor Tedford | |

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

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| 12.1 | M/S <i>THAT, Council moves to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.</i> | |
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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| 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

EXCUSED N/A

Public – 2
Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday October 14, 2025, to order at 6:00 p.m.

"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

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| 2.1 | Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-141 |
| 2.2 | Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-142 |
| 2.3 | Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Thursday, September 18, 2025 M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Thursday, September 18, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-143 |

3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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Cam Tedford:

- Asked to make a correction to a suggestion he made at the last meeting for the Good Neighbour Bylaw.
- Under the Pesticide use section – consider changing the word “chemical” to “pesticide with a chemical guarantee and registration number”.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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| 5.1 | <p>CAO Report: Rescind Third Reading – Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025</p> <p>Purpose: To request that Council rescind third reading of Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 to allow staff to incorporate additional regulations related to hens and beekeeping.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council rescind third reading of Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 to allow staff to incorporate additional regulatory provisions for hens, bees, and pigeons, and bring the revised bylaw forward for reconsideration of third reading at the October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.</i></p> <p>Direction to staff – include the recommended change from the public input section into the bylaw edit.</p> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-144 |
| 5.2 | <p>Bylaw No. 880 – Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw, 2025</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025 be adopted.</i></p> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-145 |

6. STAFF REPORTS

| REQUEST FOR DECISION | | |
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| 6.1 | <p>CAO Report: Amendment to Deputy Mayor Appointments</p> <p>Purpose: To request Council’s consideration to amend the Deputy Mayor appointment schedule to reassign the period originally allocated to</p> | |

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| | <p>Councillor Lambert, following her resignation, to an experienced current member of Council.</p> <p>M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, Council appoint a current experienced member of Council to serve as Deputy Mayor for the period of October 31, 2025 to November 22, 2026, replacing Councillor Lambert, to ensure leadership continuity during the new Council member on-boarding following the by-election period.</i></p> <p>Amendment M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT the motion be amended as follows: "current experienced member of Council" be replaced with Councillor Davenport "</i></p> <p>Discussion: Mayor Roden invited Council members to put their names forward or nominate council members for the Deputy Mayor Position noting that once the newly elected council member is familiar with procedures they could request the appointment be revisited. Councillor Davenport put her name forward as did Councillor Clement who relented to the position to Councillor Davenport.</p> | <p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-146</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-147</p> |
| 6.2 | <p>EDT & CAO Report: Application to the Rural Economic Development Diversification & Infrastructure Program Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to submit an application under the <i>Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP)</i> for the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan, and to continue pursuing separate funding opportunities for a Hotel Investment Attraction Study.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett 1. <i>THAT, Council endorse the submission of a Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) grant application for the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan, and confirm its commitment to provide the required 20 % financial contribution (in cash or in-kind) toward the project.</i></p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement 2. <i>THAT, staff continue to seek alternate grant opportunities to fund a Hotel Investment Attraction Study, and connect with Miles Bruns and Al Boldt to identify best practices for advancing hotel investment attraction.</i></p> <p>CAO Dyck advised that a funding source had been identified that the</p> | <p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-148</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-149</p> |

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| | Hotel project would qualify for. – Community Economic Development and Diversification Program | |
| 6.3 | <p>EDT & CAO Report: Northern Development Initiative Trust – Business Improvement Façade</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Improvement Façade Program.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Improvement Façade Program for \$10,000 for the 2026 program year.</i></p> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-150 |
| FOR INFORMATION | | |
| 6.4 | <p>CFO Report: Verbal Report</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Update • Information System Update <p>CFO Bhalla provided the following update to Council: Financial Update – Power BI</p> <p>The Chief Financial Officer provided an update on the Village’s financial position, noting that all operating funds are tracking as projected. The General, Water, and Sewer funds were reviewed, and it was reported that several accounts currently showing deficits are expected to balance through year-end journal entries and the receipt of outstanding revenues. Certain project variances were anticipated due to scope adjustments. Overall revenues are trending on target, and the year is expected to conclude in line with the approved financial plan. The CFO also noted that the Fire Hall project is in its final stages and will be removed from the books by year-end as advised by the auditor.</p> <p>Information System Update – Power point presentation</p> <p>The CFO further provided an overview of recent information systems updates, including enhancements to the asset management system, development of cemetery and museum databases, and migration of the Central Square</p> | |

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| | (Vadim) financial system to a secure cloud environment. The migration improves system resilience, security, and cost efficiency. Business Intelligence functions have also been modernized through direct database integration and the use of Power BI and Python-based analytics to improve financial reporting and data accuracy. | |
| 6.5 | BEO Report: Q3 2025 Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a detailed update and status of the bylaw files for the third quarter of 2025. | |

2. CORRESPONDENCE

| FOR ACTION | | |
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| 7.1 | Minister Jodie Wickens – October marks the 35 th Family Foster Month M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council declares October as Foster Family month in Ashcroft.</i> | CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-151 |
| 7.2 | South Cariboo E. Fry Society – From Poverty to Purpose Workshop October 24 – Invitation to Attend Direction to Council – anyone interested in attending the event to self register at the HUB. | |
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| FOR INFORMATION | | |
| 7.4 | MP Frank Caputo – Pre-Budget Consultations for Ashcroft | |
| 7.5 | Minister Christine Boyle – Implementation of small-scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH) | |
| 7.6 | Cannabis Micro-Cultivation Site Notification – 2345 Hwy. 97C | |
| 7.7 | Cathy Peters – BC Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate | |
| 7.8 | IH – Maternity Care Options Available in Kamloops | |
| 7.9 | TNRD News Release – TNRL Welcomes Multi-Genre Writer as Next Writer in Residence | |
| 7.10 | TNRD News Release – Cleanfarms and TNRD Launch Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program | |
| 7.11 | Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) – October 3, 2025 Board Meeting Highlights | |
| 7.12 | SD #74 September 2025 Board Bulletin | |
| 7.13 | HVC – MLE Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan | |
| 7.14 | Youth Parliament 2025 | |

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 8.1 | Task Manager | |
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4. NEW BUSINESS

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

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| 10.1 | <p>EDT Working Group Notes for October 2, 2025 Meeting Business Mixer is planned for November 2, 2025, invitations were sent out and hand delivered October 14, 2025.</p> <p>Home Town – Mayor Roden asked that a meeting be scheduled to discuss this initiative asap as the deadline for submission is December 1, 2025.</p> | |
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6. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| 11.1 | <p>Mayor Roden – UBCM 2025 Report It was noted that the Barenaked Ladies will be the entertainment on this years CPKC Holiday Train arriving in Ashcroft at approximately 8:45pm Can other events be added to make this a larger scale event?</p> | |
| 11.2 | Councillor Anstett | |
| 11.3 | Councillor Clement – UBCM Report | |
| 11.4 | Councillor Davenport | |
| 11.5 | Councillor Lambert | |

7. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

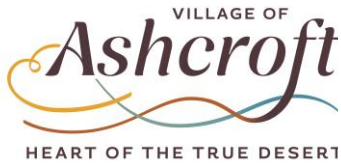
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| 12.1 | N/A | |
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8. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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| 13.1 | N/A | |
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9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday October 14, 2025, at 7:04 pm.



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Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: Oct. 28, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 – Final Review and Update

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT, Council receives this report for information and provide any final edits or comments to staff prior to reconsideration of third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025.*
2. *THAT, Council reconsiders and approves third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 as amended.*

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with information regarding the latest rendition of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025, and to request Council's review and feedback prior to reconsideration of third reading.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

At the October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting, Council rescinded third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025. The rescindment was recommended following advice from Urban Systems, who are currently undertaking the Village's comprehensive Zoning Bylaw rewrite.

Urban Systems advised that regulations related to hen keeping, beekeeping, and other animals such as homing birds (pigeons) are more appropriately addressed as operational or regulatory matters rather than land use provisions. Accordingly, these items will continue to be permitted or restricted by zone in the Zoning Bylaw, but the detailed regulations and care standards will now be contained within the Good Neighbour Bylaw.

DISCUSSION:

The Good Neighbour Bylaw has been updated to reflect this direction. Specifically:

1. Animal Regulation Adjustments:
 - All regulations governing hens and bees have been moved from the Zoning Bylaw into the Good Neighbour Bylaw.
 - The Bylaw now contains the complete set of standards related to location, enclosure, and property management for these uses.
 - A new definition for “Hen” has been added to Schedule B for clarity and consistency.
2. Environmental Section Amendment:
 - Based on public input and Council direction, the term “chemical” in the environmental provisions has been replaced with “*pesticide with a chemical guarantee and registration number*” to align with provincial regulatory language and improve interpretive accuracy.
3. Administrative Updates:
 - Minor editorial corrections and cross-references have been adjusted for consistency and clarity.

Staff recommend that Council review the updated draft to ensure the content aligns with Council’s intent prior to reconsideration of third reading and adoption.

CONCLUSION:

The revised Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 incorporates Council’s previous direction and public feedback, ensuring that animal regulations and environmental provisions are clearly defined within a single bylaw. By consolidating the standards for hens, bees, and pigeons, and refining terminology in the environmental section, the bylaw now provides improved clarity and enforcement consistency.

Council is encouraged to review the updated draft and provide any final comments or amendments prior to reconsideration of third reading and adoption.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Bylaw Enforcement

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

**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)

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| 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 | 8 th | DAY OF | September | , 2025 |
| RESCIND THIRD READING | 14 th | DAY OF | October | , 2025 |
| RE-READ A THIRD TIME | | | | |
| ADOPTED THIS | | 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 Premiss

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) RVs may not be parked, stored, or left standing on Village rights-of-way, boulevards, or other public property, except in accordance with the Village's Traffic Bylaw. Despite the Traffic Bylaw, the seasonal storage of RVs on boulevards, rights-of-way, or other public property is prohibited during the off-season, being the period from October 15 to April 15 each year.
- c) 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.
- d) 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. For greater certainty, the preparation of an RV for travel (loading, unloading, or servicing) on a boulevard or right-of-way must not exceed forty-eight (48) hours.
- e) 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, consistent with FireSmart principles. Firewood shall not be stored against or under any structure, deck, or porch.
- b) The preferred storage distance is at least ten (10) metres from all buildings. Where lot size does not allow, firewood may be stored no closer than three (3) metres from any structure.
- c) Seasonal Storage: Firewood required for winter use may be temporarily stored near the home; however, all unused wood must be relocated by spring to a firewood shed or pile located at least ten (10) metres from all structures.
- d) Firewood Sheds: Firewood sheds should be constructed of fire-resistant materials (e.g., metal siding, cement board, asphalt or metal roofing), placed on a non-combustible base extending 1.5 metres around the structure, and fitted with ember-resistant vents or screening. Sheds should be no larger than 10 ft × 10 ft and positioned with doors facing away from the dwelling.
- e) Quantity: Residents may store only the amount of firewood reasonably required for household heating or recreational use for the season. Bulk or long-term stockpiling beyond seasonal needs is prohibited within the Village due to extreme wildfire risk.
- f) Prohibited Storage: Chainsaws, jerry cans, fuel, or oils must not be stored with firewood.
- g) Firewood piles or sheds must not obstruct access to buildings, property lines, or emergency routes, and must not be stored in a condition that creates a fire hazard for neighbouring properties. Firewood should be kept off the ground on racks or pallets where possible, and the surrounding area must be kept free of dry grass, leaves, bark, and other combustible debris.

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 or fencing.

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 full width of the sidewalk or walkway:

- i. Following Overnight Events: No later than 10:00 a.m. on the day following any snowfall or freezing event occurring overnight.
- ii. During the Day: As soon as reasonably possible after the start of any snowfall or freezing event occurring during the day, and on an ongoing basis throughout the day as conditions require, to ensure the sidewalk remains clear and safe for use.
- iii. For clarity, snow and ice removal must be performed often enough to prevent the accumulation of hazardous conditions, including compacted snow or ice.
- iv. The use of coarse rock salt on concrete sidewalks is prohibited. Only eco-friendly de-icing materials or commercially available ice-melt products specifically formulated for use on concrete such as “Ice Blaster” or equivalent are permitted.

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 Outdoor Burning Compliance

All outdoor burning within the Village of Ashcroft must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Village of Ashcroft Outdoor Burning Bylaw No. 849*, as amended from time to time. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- a) 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.
- b) Only clean, dry firewood or 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.
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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, BEES and HOMING BIRDS

7.1 No person shall keep livestock, poultry, or other animals not specifically permitted under this bylaw or any other Village of Ashcroft Bylaw.

7.2 Backyard Hens

No person shall keep hens (domestic chickens, *Gallus gallus domesticus*) except in accordance with the following regulations:

- i. The keeping of hens must be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes and must be carried out by a resident of the parcel.
- ii. A maximum of four (4) hens may be kept per parcel for personal egg consumption only.
- iii. Roosters are prohibited within all residential zones.
- iv. Hen keeping is permitted only in the rear yard of a parcel, and the dwelling unit must be located between the hen enclosure and the front parcel line.
- v. Only one coop and one pen are permitted for hen keeping.
- vi. A coop must not exceed 6.0 m² in floor area or 2.0 m in height.
- vii. The coop and pen must be set back at least 2.5 metres from all parcel lines.
- viii. The rear yard must be fully enclosed by a fence to prevent predators from entering or hens from escaping. Food must be stored in an airtight container that is inaccessible to rodents and wildlife.
- ix. The coop and pen must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free from odours, pests, and accumulated manure.
- x. Hen manure must be composted or disposed of in a sanitary manner and must not be placed in the Village's curbside waste collection.
- xi. Hens must not be slaughtered on-site or for commercial purposes.
- xii. Hens showing signs of illness or disease must be removed promptly and handled in accordance with applicable provincial regulations.
- xiii. Hens must be provided with adequate food, water, shelter, and space in accordance with the BC SPCA Farm Animal Care Guidelines.

7.3 Beekeeping

No person shall keep bees except in accordance with the following regulations:

- i. Every person keeping bees must be a registered beekeeper under the BC Bee Regulation pursuant to the Animal Health Act.
- ii. Each beekeeper must ensure adequate water is provided on-site to prevent bees from seeking water from neighbouring properties or public areas.
- iii. Beekeepers must take reasonable measures to prevent swarming and aggressive behaviour.
- iv. If bees swarm or show signs of aggression, the colony must be re-queened immediately.
- v. No more than two (2) colonies of bees are permitted on parcels 1,100 m² or larger.
- vi. No more than one (1) colony of bees is permitted on parcels smaller than 1,100 m².
- vii. A beehive must not be located within 3.0 metres of any parcel line.
- viii. All beehives must be located in the rear yard of the parcel.
- ix. The rear yard must be fully enclosed by a fence or natural barrier sufficient to prevent wildlife intrusion and direct bee flight upward.
- x. All hives must be maintained in sound, weatherproof condition and managed in accordance with provincial best management practices.
- xi. Honey, wax, and related materials must be stored in a manner that does not attract wildlife or cause nuisance odours.
- xii. Beekeepers must ensure compliance with any provincial disease control or notification requirements under the Bee Regulation.

7.4 Pigeons and Bird Sporting Events

- i. The keeping of pigeons or other homing birds (*Columba livia domestica*) for any purpose, including as pets or for breeding, is not permitted within the Village of Ashcroft.
- ii. No person shall organize, permit, or participate in a Bird Sporting Event within the Village of Ashcroft.
- iii. 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.
- iv. No person shall abandon pigeons within the Village. Domesticated pigeons left without care are deemed abandoned and subject to enforcement under this Bylaw.

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 The controlled use of pesticides on private property is permitted. However, no unlicensed person shall apply pesticides with a chemical guarantee and registration number in an excessive or improper manner, or in a way that results in leaching into the soil and moving off-site, or drifting through the air onto neighbouring private or public property.

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.
- **Hen** means a domesticated chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*).
- **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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 odorous | 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 |

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| 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 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 |  |
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| 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: October 23, 2025
FROM: Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator
SUBJECT: Home Town Takeover Canada – Assessment of Community Participation

RECOMMENDATION:

Item for discussion and direction to staff

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with information on Home Town Takeover Canada, a new HGTV series focused on revitalizing small towns across the country, and to seek Council's direction on whether the Village should consider submitting an application.

Prepared by:



Margaret Moreira
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator



Danieal Dyck
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Home Town Takeover Canada is a new HGTV series hosted by Ben and Erin Napier, along with Canadian designers and builders. The program will select one small community (population under 20,000) to undergo a large-scale revitalization that showcases the town's unique character, challenges, and potential.

Eligible communities are invited to submit an application that includes a written overview, photos, and a short video highlighting areas that would benefit from renewal—such as the main street, public spaces, or landmark sites. Filming is planned for 2026, with the program scheduled to air in Fall 2026 or Winter 2027. The submission deadline is December 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The Economic Development and Tourism Working Group (EDT WG) reviewed this opportunity and noted it could align closely with Ashcroft's revitalization objectives under the *Downtown Revitalization Plan*, *OCP/Zoning Review*, and ongoing beautification efforts. The group identified potential collaborators for the application video, including local videographers and community representatives.

Participation in *Home Town Takeover Canada* offers several potential benefits:

- Exposure and Tourism: National media coverage could significantly raise Ashcroft's profile, attract visitors, and increase economic activity for local businesses.
- Community Pride and Investment: The program can energize residents, foster collaboration, and accelerate beautification goals already underway.

- Design and Planning Expertise: Access to professional designers and builders could provide lasting improvements to the built environment and public realm.

However, the opportunity also comes with notable considerations and challenges:

- Financial Commitment: Based on online research, the renovations featured on the show are typically funded by property owners or businesses (often tens of thousands of dollars), while the municipality may be asked to contribute through staff time, permitting support, or small grants.
- Public Perception: There is a common misconception that HGTV covers the full cost of the renovations; in reality, participants are responsible for the majority of expenses, with the show primarily providing design, coordination, and promotional value.
- Logistics and Resources: Preparing a compelling submission and accommodating filming requires considerable coordination among Village staff, business owners, and residents.
- Sustainability: Once filming concludes, the community must assume long-term responsibility for maintaining improvements and leveraging the exposure into sustained economic and social benefits.
- Equity and Expectations: Care should be taken to manage community expectations and ensure that revitalization efforts benefit the broader population, not only featured areas or businesses.

Overall, participation would demand a coordinated community effort, local investment, and strong leadership to ensure that the momentum generated by the show translates into meaningful, lasting outcomes.

CONCLUSION:

Home Town Takeover Canada presents an exciting opportunity for Ashcroft to showcase its community spirit and ongoing revitalization work on a national platform. While the potential exposure and improvements could deliver substantial benefits, the program requires significant community participation and financial readiness. With only one month before the application deadline, Council's discussion will help determine whether to proceed with a submission this year or to monitor the program for future opportunities.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Economic Development & Tourism Strategy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Participation would involve collaborative costs shared between local businesses, homeowners, and the municipality, primarily through in-kind support, staff resources, and potential promotional expenses.



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: Oct. 28, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Election Officer, CAO

SUBJECT: 2025 By-Election Summary – Councillor Vacancy

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an overview of the 2025 Village of Ashcroft by-election process and results. This report is for information only; no action is required.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Background

The 2025 by-election was held to fill one (1) Councillor vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Doreen Lambert. The election process commenced on August 5, 2025, in accordance with the Local Government Act and Elections BC requirements.

Nomination and Candidates

Notice of Nomination was published online and advertised in *The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal* on August 14 and August 21, 2025.

The nomination period ran from September 2 to September 12, 2025, resulting in three candidates being nominated:

- Darril Fosty
- Wayne LaGroix

- Cam Tedford

A by-election by voting was declared on September 22, 2025.

Voting Opportunities

Three voting opportunities were provided to the electorate:

1. **Advance Voting:** October 8, 2025
 2. **Special Advance Voting:** October 17, 2025, at Thompson View Manor and Jackson House (Jackson House was unable to host due to staffing shortages)
 3. **General Voting Day:** October 18, 2025
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Election Results

| Candidate | Votes Received |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Cam Tedford | 156 |
| Darril Fosty | 85 |
| Wayne LaGroix | 58 |

A total of **299 votes** were cast by eligible electors, representing a **21.36% voter turnout** (based on an estimated 1,400 eligible voters).

Vote distribution by voting opportunity:

- Advance Voting (Oct 8): 83
- Special Advance (Oct 17): 11
- General Voting Day (Oct 18): 205

Accordingly, Cam Tedford was declared elected as Councillor for the Village of Ashcroft.

Administration and Compliance

All required reports have been submitted to Elections BC. Election files are retained for 56 days for public inspection before destruction, as prescribed by legislation.

Election staff included:

- **Chief Election Officer:** Daniela Dyck
- **Deputy Chief Election Officer:** Kristine Hardy
- **Election Personnel:** Maïke Mayden

Financial Summary

Final election expenses are currently being compiled and will be included in the 2025 year-end financial report. The general election budget allocation for an election year is \$10,000; however, the cost to conduct a by-election is typically lower due to reduced staffing and operational requirements.

Conclusion

The 2025 Village of Ashcroft by-election was successfully completed in accordance with all legislative requirements. The process was conducted smoothly and transparently, resulting in the election of Councillor Cam Tedford to fill the vacant Council position.

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: October 23, 2025
FROM: Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator
SUBJECT: **Filming in Ashcroft**

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive for information

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a brief summary of the film activity that has taken place in Ashcroft and the immediate area since January 2025 and our continued collaboration with the Thompson Nicola Film Commission (TNFC).

Prepared by:



Margaret Moreira
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator



Danieal Dyck
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Ashcroft continues to draw strong interest from the film industry and regularly receives inquiries from location scouts and production companies regarding potential filming sites, municipal boundaries, and permitting requirements.

DISCUSSION:

Since January 2025, the Village has assisted several production companies and the TNFC in identifying filming locations and confirming whether proposed sites fall within municipal boundaries.

Between January and October 2025, three productions and two commercials were filmed within or near the Village:

- *13th Wife*
- *Briefcase, 8* (completed principal filming in June and will return later in October to finalize additional scenes)
- *Percy Jackson – Season 3* (episode)
- *Commercials:* Kia and Ford

The Village is also supporting planning for an upcoming independent feature film titled *In Alaska*. The project team, based in the Netherlands, reflects ongoing international interest in Ashcroft as a filming destination.

Film-related revenue to the Village totals approximately \$6,700 for 2025 to date. Productions also provide additional economic benefits through local dining, accommodations, fuel, and supply purchases, and through broader promotional exposure for the community.

CONCLUSION

Filming activity throughout 2025 highlights Ashcroft's continued reputation as a versatile and film-friendly community. Collaboration with the TNFC and production partners has enhanced Ashcroft's visibility within the industry and generated both economic and promotional value. The Village will continue to work with the TNFC to support future projects and promote Ashcroft as a distinctive location for film and television production.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Economic Development & Tourism Strategy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Approximately \$6,700 in direct filming revenue year-to-date, plus indirect local economic benefits.

From: Katie Brooks <kbrooks@tnrd.ca>
Sent: October 22, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <mayor@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Requesting Users testimonials for a grant application

Good morning Barbara,

The TNFC is looking to apply for funding through the [REDIP](#) program that will allow us to apply for \$200,000 in funding to train scout photographers to capture new images that will grow our Film Friendly database and enhance our “[Explore TNRD](#)” digital asset management library.

I see that you have recently utilized this free tool and I am hopeful that you might be able to write a brief testimonial of how this type of support is utilized by the Village of Ashcroft and how new and updated content would continue to be useful.

I’ve attached a “Letter of Support Template” that you can use as a starting point, if you’d like — please feel free to adjust the wording to best reflect your perspective.

Your time is greatly appreciated! Please let me know if you have any questions.



Katie Brooks

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Date: Oct. 28, 2025

REDIP Program
Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation
Government of British Columbia
PO Box 9844, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9T2

Dear REDIP Review Committee,

Re: Letter of Support, Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program Application for Thompson-Nicola Film Commission – Local Workforce Training Initiative

On behalf of the Village of Ashcroft, I am pleased to offer our full support for the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's (TNRD) application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program. The proposed "Local Workforce Training" initiative, which aims to train and hire local scout photographers, represents a meaningful investment in our region's economy and workforce development.

This project aligns closely with our organization's goals of promoting and developing arts and culture opportunities for our community and our residents. We believe that the "Local Workforce Training" initiative proposed by the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission will have a direct and positive impact on our community and region.

The initiative will equip local residents with specialized skills and connect them to opportunities in the film and tourism sectors. It will also help attract more film productions to the region, bringing increased visibility, economic activity, and vibrancy to our local businesses. Ashcroft has benefited in the past from film and TV productions in and around our community, and have seen first-hand the positive impacts this activity brings with it.

We strongly support this initiative and encourage its approval for funding. The long-term benefits of building a skilled local workforce and strengthening our region's appeal as a film destination will be felt across multiple sectors and communities.

Thank you for considering this important application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Roden".

Barbara Roden
Mayor, Village of Ashcroft

From: Phil Perras <philip_perras@hotmail.com>

Sent: October 17, 2025 12:30 AM

To: ubcm@ubcm.ca

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Subject: A Call for Municipal Solidarity and Transparency on PFAS Contamination at YYJ and all BC Airports

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you of a concerning pattern that has emerged around **Victoria International Airport (YYJ)** — one that reflects not only an authoritarian tone from federal authorities, but also likely a deeper effort to suppress transparency and silence public concern. Recently, the **District of North Saanich** designated airport lands as **multi-purpose** — including residential, commercial, and industrial uses — as part of its new **Official Community Plan (OCP)**. This democratic, good-faith decision was met with immediate federal hostility. **Transport Canada** responded with a letter demanding that the municipality reverse course and defer entirely to federal control.

Please note how the tone of that response was *not* cooperative. It was **authoritarian**. Instead of acknowledging legitimate local priorities — housing, affordability, and environmental safety — the federal government defaulted to territorial defensiveness. Its message was simple: *do not question us*.

Yet the truth is that the lands around the airport have long been suspected of **PFAS contamination** from decades of **firefighting-foam use**. These so-called “forever chemicals” have been confirmed at many Canadian airports and are known to **bio-accumulate in groundwater, soil, plants and the human body**. According to the Canadian Environmental Law Association, the Victoria International Airport’s fire-training area is listed as a **suspected PFAS contamination site**, and petition records reference **PFAS-impacted soil stockpiles** at YYJ — facts the public appears to have never been given in full detail.

Thus, the likely motive behind Ottawa’s reaction is *self-preservation*.

Any honest environmental audit could expose a costly legacy of contamination — one that would demand accountability for decades of harm to our people, our drinking water, and our healthcare system.

If the federal government acted in good faith, it would **welcome local participation, share test data, and plan transparent remediation**. Instead, it has chosen secrecy and coercion. That choice reflects not leadership, but *fear*.

The Role of the Mayor and the People’s Voice

In this context, the **North Saanich Mayor’s** offhand remark at a council meeting — one that drew national attention — must be understood not as a threat, but as an **expression of anguish**. I believe his tone mirrors that of the people he represents: people like **Szorra**, an elderly woman I met in a municipality neighbouring the airport.

Szorra lives in pain, unhoused after being priced out of supportive housing by a fee increase she could not afford. In despair, she told me she sometimes wants to “burn the system down” — not because she wishes harm, but because she can no longer bear what the system has done to her. She knows those thoughts are wrong, yet admits that they can offer a momentary solace in the biting cold.

This is what leadership must confront *honestly*.

The mayor is not detached from his people’s pain — **he feels it with them**. His blunt words are the echo of collective suffering that polite diplomacy has ignored for far too long. That empathy is not weakness; it is proof that democracy still breathes in North Saanich.

When federal authorities scold a mayor for voicing that pain, they are not defending civility — they are **attacking representation itself**.

A Call for Transparency and Municipal Solidarity

Every municipality in British Columbia should demand from **Transport Canada**:

1. **Immediate disclosure** of all environmental assessments, PFAS testing data, and historical firefighting-foam use records from BC airports.
2. **Independent, third-party testing** of groundwater and soil near BC airports — funded by the federal government but **overseen by municipal and provincial representatives**.
3. **A joint remediation plan** developed with municipalities and health care providers to ensure that our communities are not left with the cleanup burden.
4. **Public release of monitoring results** through an open data portal accessible to all residents.
5. **A formal commitment** that local voices will not be silenced, discredited, or punished for raising legitimate concerns.

This is not only about North Saanich — it is about **every community living in the shadow of federal land management**, and every resident whose health and housing are treated as collateral.

Conclusion: Pain Is the Proof of Conscience

When a mayor speaks harshly, it is because they refuse to go numb to the suffering around them.

When senior governments react harshly, it is because they cannot stand being reminded of their neglect.

Municipal leaders must never forget their duty: **to amplify the voices of their people**, especially when those voices tremble with anger or pain.

That is what North Saanich Mayor Peter Jones did — and it is what every other principled leader in this province *must* continue to do.

Respectfully,

Philip Perras

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BOARD BULLETIN



School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Board of Education

October 2025



Board Approves Budget Development Process

The Board approved the following timeline for the 2025-2026 Amended Budget and 2026-2027 Budget development:

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| October | Board approves budget process |
| January | Board orientation of budget documents in preparation for passing the amended budget in February. |
| February | Projected enrolment numbers are reviewed. Draft assumptions are reviewed. 2025-2026 amended budget presented to the Board for approval. |
| March | 2026-2027 Budget priorities identified. Written input on budget priorities invited. Ministry announces funding rates for 2026-2027 school year. |
| April | Draft budget reviewed, with budget priorities included. |
| May | Draft budget reviewed, with changes from previous draft. First and second reading of the budget. |
| June | Third reading of the budget. |

Long Range Facilities Plan Progress Report

The Board received an update on projects included in the Long Range Facilities Plan. The Ministry of Education and Child Care requires Districts to maintain an up-to-date plan to demonstrate effective, economic, and efficient management of school district facilities to meet educational goals. The Board approved a motion to receive these updates bi-annually. To view the progress report click [here](#).

Important Dates

October 13 Thanksgiving
October 24 Pro-d Day
November 4 Board of Education Meetings
November 11 Remembrance Day



Did you know?

October is

Foster Family Month

Thank you, foster families, for your commitment and dedication to BC's children in care!



Student Success

Students in every school are completing school-wide writes. Teachers will assess these to inform their instruction in supporting students' writing skills. Students in kindergarten to grade three are being assessed through the Early Learning Profile which is a tool that allows teachers to best determine what is next for students' learning.



Truth and Reconciliation

Staff members participated in Culture Camps in each Nation to learn about the local Indigenous culture and language. These camps provide opportunities for staff to learn and develop relationships with local Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and resource people to enhance Indigenous student success in schools. In Xaxli'p (St'át'imc), staff members canoed, learned about medicines, language, fish, and language preservation. In Nlaka'pamux, staff learned about the cultural significance of the Stein Valley and the history and importance of fishing practices. In Secwépemc territory, David Stoddart staff learned about the significance of the Secwépemc gathering place of Green Lake (Whispering Pines) and at Hat Creek (St'uxwéws), staff learned about Secwepemctsin and gave back to the community through supporting the building of a new harbour.



September 30 marked the fifth **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. Students acknowledged this day and honoured the survivors of residential schools through different learning activities and events. Some of these included a visit and book reading with Phyllis Webstad, the creator of the day, a visit to St. Georges Residential School, hearing from residential school survivor Verna Diablo, and participating in a Walk for Truth and Reconciliation.

Sustainability

A big thank you to Sandra Alexander at David Stoddart School and Trish Schachtel from the Elizabeth Fry Society for their incredible dedication and hard work in securing grant funding. Thanks to their efforts, students now have the opportunity to create gardens and learn food preservation skills. Trish secured hundreds of pounds of corn and watermelon to be used in meal programs and classes.



Communication

A District Staff Engagement Committee met for the first time recently to review the responses from last June's Staff Engagement Survey. Thanks to Nicole Patterson, Tara Patterson, Robyn Pelley, Darcy Martin, Roger Hannis, Richelle Dockter, Aaron Jezovit, Tammy Mountain, and Troy Greenfield for being part of this committee. This group will develop a plan that addresses the issues identified in the survey.

Team

Literacy and Numeracy lead teachers from each school engaged in professional development in September to support the implementation of the District's literacy and numeracy plans. These lead teachers will share knowledge gained with colleagues at staff meetings.

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Subject: Invitation to the Diverse Voices: Rethinking Community Conference – October 29–30, 2025


Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Kamloops, we are pleased to extend a formal invitation to attend the **Diverse Voices: Rethinking Community Conference**, taking place October 29–30, 2025, at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Kamloops.


Jointly hosted by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and the City of Kamloops, this two-day event will bring together community leaders, local governments, organizations, and changemakers from across British Columbia to engage in meaningful dialogue on building inclusive, equitable, and culturally safe communities.

Through a series of keynote presentations, breakout sessions, and facilitated discussions, participants will explore practical approaches to advancing belonging, collaboration, and reconciliation within their municipalities and organizations.

Event Details

 **Dates:** October 29–30, 2025

 **Venue:** Delta Hotels by Marriott Kamloops

 **Group Discount:** 40% off registration for municipalities registering ten or more delegates

 **Register Here:** [Eventbrite – Rethinking Community: Diverse Voices](#)

We would be honoured by your municipality's participation in this important gathering.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your Council members, staff, and community partners who may be interested in attending.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kamloops for what promises to be an inspiring and impactful event.

On behalf of,

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| | 2025 MOTIONS | | | | |
| R-2025-144 | THAT, Council rescind third reading of Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 to allow staff to incorporate additional regulatory provisions for hens, bees, and pigeons, and bring the revised bylaw forward for reconsideration of third reading at the October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council. | CAO | | | completed |
| R-2025-145 | THAT, Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 880, 2025 be adopted. | EA | Prepare Bylaw for Signatures | | completed |
| R-2025-148 | THAT, Council endorse the submission of a Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) grant application for the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan, and confirm its commitment to provide the required 20 % financial contribution (in cash or in-kind) toward the project. | CAO/Urban Systems | working together on this | | in-progress |
| R-2025-149 | THAT, staff continue to seek alternate grant opportunities to fund a Hotel Investment Attraction Study, and connect with Miles Bruns and Al Boldt to identify best practices for advancing hotel investment attraction. | CAO | CEDD Application started | | in-progress |
| R-2025-150 | THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Improvement Façade Program for \$10,000 for the 2026 program year. | EDT | grant to be submitted before end of October 2025 | grant submitted | completed |