



# AGENDA

## Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street  
Tuesday, October 14, 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-3
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 8, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September , 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 4-10
2.3	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Thursday, September 18, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Thursday, September 18, 2025 be adopted as presented</i>	P. 11-13

### **3. DELEGATIONS**

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### **4. PUBLIC INPUT**

*All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.*

### **5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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5.1	<b>CAO Report: Rescind Third Reading – Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025</b> 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.  M/S <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. 14-22
5.2	<b>Bylaw No. 880 – Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw, 2025</b>  M/S <i>THAT, Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw, 2025 be adopted.</i>	P. 23-51

### 6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<b>CAO Report: Amendment to Deputy Mayor Appointments</b> Purpose: To request Council's consideration to amend the Deputy Mayor appointment schedule to reassign the period originally allocated to Councillor Lambert, following her resignation, to an experienced current member of Council.  M/S <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. 52-53
6.2	<b>EDT &amp; CAO Report: Application to the Rural Economic Development Diversification &amp; Infrastructure Program</b> Purpose:  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. 54-56

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	<p>M/S</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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></li> <li>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></li> </ol>	
6.3	<p><b>EDT &amp; CAO Report: Northern Development Initiative Trust – Business Improvement Façade</b></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 <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>	P. 57-58
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.4	<p><b>CFO Report: Verbal Report</b></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"> <li>• Financial Update</li> <li>• Information System Update</li> </ul>	P. 59
6.5	<p><b>BEO Report: Q3 2025</b></p> <p>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.</p>	P. 60-62

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<p><b>Minister Jodie Wickens – October marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Family Foster Month</b></p> <p>M/S</p>	P. 63

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7.2	South Cariboo E. Fry Society – From Poverty to Purpose Workshop October 24 – Invitation to Attend M/S	P. 64-65
7.3		
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.4	MP Frank Caputo – Pre-Budget Consultations for Ashcroft	P. 66
7.5	Minister Christine Boyle – Implementation of small-scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH)	P. 67-68
7.6	Cannabis Micro-Cultivation Site Notification – 2345 Hwy. 97C	P. 69
7.7	Cathy Peters – BC Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker, Advocate	P. 70-71
7.8	IH – Maternity Care Options Available in Kamloops	P. 72-73
7.9	TNRD News Release – TNRL Welcomes Multi-Genre Writer as Next Writer in Residence	P. 74-75
7.10	TNRD News Release – Cleanfarms and TNRD Launch Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program	P. 76-77
7.11	Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) – October 3, 2025 Board Meeting Highlights	P. 78-79
7.12	SD #74 September 2025 Board Bulletin	P. 80-81
7.13	HVC – MLE Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan	P. 82-83
7.14	Youth Parliament 2025	P. 84-87

### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 88
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### 9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	EDT Working Group Notes for October 2, 2025 Meeting	P. 89-91
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### 11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden UBCM 2025 Report	P. 92-94
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement UBCM Report	P. 95-96
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	



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12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT



# MINUTES

## Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street  
Monday September 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm

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 – 1

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Deputy Mayor Nadine Davenport called the Committee of the Wole Meeting for Monday September 8, 2025 to order at 5:06 pm*

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

### 2. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

### 3. MINUTES

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

### 4. DELEGATIONS

4.1	N/A	
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### 5. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1	<p>Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 – Third Reading M/S Clement / Davenport</p> <p><i>THAT, Council rise and report in favour of giving third reading to "Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025" amended as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>3.5 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,</i></li></ul>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous 2025-04</p>
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# MINUTES

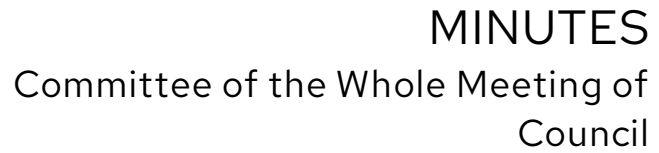
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	<p><i>rights-of-way, or other public property is prohibited during the off-season, being the period from October 15 to April 15 each year.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>3.5 d) add - For greater certainty, the preparation of an RV for travel (loading, unloading, or servicing) on a boulevard or right-of-way must not exceed forty-eight (48) hours.</i></li> <li>• <i>3.6 update section to include FireSmart guidelines in regards to the storage of firewood.</i></li> <li>• <i>3.7 g) add - or fencing to the end of the clause.</i></li> <li>• <i>3.8 a) remove items i and ii and replace with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>i. Following Overnight Events: No later than 10:00 a.m. on the day following any snowfall or freezing event occurring overnight.</i></li> <li><i>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.</i></li> <li><i>iii. For clarity, snow and ice removal must be performed often enough to prevent the accumulation of hazardous conditions, including compacted snow or ice.</i></li> <li><i>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.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>5.1 add reference to the Outdoor Burning Bylaw - 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:</i></li> <li>• <i>5.1 b) remove: yard debris (where burning is permitted under Provincial or Village fire restrictions)</i></li> <li>• <i>7.4 remove item 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.</i></li> </ul>	
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### 6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1	CAO Report – Grant in Aid – Application Second Intake	
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<p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an opportunity to review and discuss the received Grant in Aid Applications for the second intake of 2025, in line with the Village's Grant in Aid Policy #C-05-2024.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council rise and report the second intake Grant in Aid allocation to the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 8, 2025, determined by Council as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ashcroft &amp; District Fall Fair - \$500</i></li> <li>• <i>Equality Project - \$500</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashcroft &amp; Area Community Resources Society - \$500</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Councillor Clement recused herself at 5:38 pm citing a conflict of interest as the Executive Director for the HUB</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous 2025-05</p>
<p>M/S Roden / Anstett</p> <p><i>And further THAT, Council rise and report the second intake Grant in Aid allocation to the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 8, 2025, determined by Council as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ashcroft HUB - \$500</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Councillor Clement was invited to return to the meeting at 5:39pm.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous 2025-06</p>

7.1	N/A	
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Councillor, Nadine Davenport

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

EXCUSED: N/A

Media – 1  
Public – 2

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday September 8, 2025 to order at 6:03 pm.

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

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Davenport / Anstett as amended

*THAT, the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for Monday September 8, 2025 be amended to include the following items:*

- 3.1 Delegation – Terry Hadwin TNFC,
- 5.1 Rise and Report from the COTW meeting – suggested edits for the Good Neighbour Bylaw
- 6.1 CFO Report – Growing Communities Report Midterm Report and Forecast; and
- 7.8 Village of Cache Creek Maternity Care Services at RIH; and
- 10.1 GIA allocation as per COTW recommendation.

CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-131

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 25 , 2025 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 25, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-132
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Terry Hadwin, Thompson Nicola Film Commission - Update	
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	<p>Terry thanked Council for the opportunity to present, noting she will also be providing updates to neighbouring communities in the coming weeks. She explained that today's presentation would focus on giving a brief overview of the role and work of the Film Commission.</p> <p>Purpose &amp; Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of seven Film Commissions in BC, TNFC exists to welcome and support film production in the region.</li> <li>• Acts as the ambassador for the film industry, helping connect communities, property owners, and filmmakers.</li> <li>• Provides information to residents and businesses interested in becoming film locations.</li> </ul> <p>Economic Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2023, the region saw an estimated \$9.75M in direct film industry spending.</li> <li>• Activity slowed due to global strikes, but the Commission continues to attract interest.</li> </ul> <p>Notable Productions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sugarcane</i> (Oscar-nominated) was partly filmed in the area.</li> <li>• <i>An Unfinished Life</i> which was filmed in Ashcroft, recently celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</li> <li>• Other films and shows have highlighted the region, though productions are often confidential until they are ready to announce.</li> </ul> <p>Recognition &amp; Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TNFC has been recognized three years in a row as a Top 10 place to live as a filmmaker.</li> <li>• The region's "Movie Map" is among the Top 10 most-visited attractions.</li> <li>• Attended the American Film Market in Las Vegas to promote the region.</li> <li>• Hosts monthly networking events for industry professionals and learning opportunities about film-making.</li> </ul> <p>Recent Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investing in quieter "whisper" generators to address noise concerns from past productions (e.g., <i>Twilight Zone</i> filming complaints).</li> <li>• Comment was made that Ashcroft did receive several noise complaints due to generator noise during the filming of the <i>Twilight Zone</i></li> </ul> <p>Policy &amp; Community Readiness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was raised about whether film producers prefer communities with clear bylaws or policies in place. Film</li> </ul>	
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	<p>makers actually prefer communities that have policies as this makes areas "film-ready."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A question was raised about whether the TNRD could develop a blanket film policy or standardized bylaw across the region. This is being looked at.</li> </ul>	
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Cam Tedford

Discussion – Good Neighbour Bylaw, Section 10.2

Provided the following feedback as a licensed pesticide applicator:

- Clarification provided that herbicides are considered pesticides.
- Distinction noted between broadleaf herbicides and insecticides (e.g., diazinon, carbaryl).
- Emphasis on the need to differentiate between runoff (irrigation) and drift (wind).
- Recommended wording changes:
  - Specify that only licensed applicators may apply pesticides.
  - Use the term "chemical pesticides."
  - Amend "No person shall..." to "No unlicensed individual shall..."
- It was also noted there is a grey area when pesticide use may be beneficial for pest control in public spaces.

#### 5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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5.2	<p><b>Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 880, 2025 – Third Reading</b> M/S Clement / Anstett THAT, Council gives third reading to “Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 880, 2025”.</p>	<p><b>CARRIED</b> Unanimously R-2025-134</p>

### 6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CFO Report Growing Communities Fund Midterm Report and Forecast M/S Clement / Anstett	

	<p><i>THAT, Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Endorse the proposed allocation of Growing Communities Fund revenues, including \$350,000 for parks and the balance toward Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades; and</i></li> <li><i>2. Direct staff to proceed with phased implementation of the STP project, including early equipment purchases to mitigate tariff escalation risks.</i></li> </ol> <p>CFO Bhalla noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Village retained the funding, generating approximately \$200,000 in interest earnings.</li> <li>The Province has directed communities that these funds must now be utilized.</li> <li>Staff recommendation remains as outlined in the motion.</li> </ul>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-135</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	N/A	

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Deep Dhillon on behalf of the Pigeon Racing and Hobby Community – Request that the Village of Ashcroft not move forward with banning pigeon racing M/S Roden / Clements</p> <p><i>THAT, Council send a response thanking Mr. Dhillon for the letter and advising that the Village will be proceeding with the section of the Good Neighbour Bylaw addressing bird sporting activities.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Regardless of how respectfully the request is made, it still involves seeking access to private property. The primary community concern remains that birds are being left behind and starving. The economic benefit mentioned in the letter does not address or resolve the concerns raised by residents.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-136</p>
7.2	<p>Michelle Haller-Antoine, Student Support Worker, DSCS – Truth and Reconciliation Walk September 29<sup>th</sup> through the Village of Ashcroft M/S Anstett / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the request from Desert Sands Community School for a Truth and Reconciliation Walk along Railway Avenue on September 29, 2025, and direct staff to coordinate a rolling roadblock, consistent with the request.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-137</p>





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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 Roden / Clement <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>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-140
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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 September 8, 2025, at 6:50 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of  
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council  
held Monday, September 8, 2025.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden  
Mayor



# MINUTES

## Special Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street

Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM

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

EXCUSED N/A

Public –  
Media –

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Special Meeting of Council for Thursday September 18, 2025 to order at 9:02 am.

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

#### 1. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

#### 2. MINUTES

All Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

#### 3. DELEGATIONS

4.1	NONE	
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#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

No members of the public were in attendance.

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1	Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society – Christmas Hamper Program 2025 – Request for a Letter of Support for their Grant-in-Aid Application to TNRD  M/S Roden / Davenport	
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	<p><i>THAT, Council provide a letter in support of the Ashcroft &amp; Area Community Resource Society - 2025 Christmas Hamper Program application to the TNRD fall Grant in Aid intake.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Mayor Roden noted that the Society successfully secured funding three years ago, emphasizing that a key approval criterion was the program's demonstrated regional "reach." She highlighted that the Society's Christmas Hamper program serves residents in Areas "I," "E," and "J," as well as the Villages of Ashcroft, Cache Creek, and Clinton.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous S-2025-01</p>
5.2	<p>South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society – Request Free Use of the Community Hall for "Get Your Ducks in a Row, Planning Fair" October 29, 2025</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the Elizabeth Fry Society request and provides free facility use of the Community Hall on October 29, 2025 for the "Get Your Duck in a Row Planning Fair".</i></p> <p>Discussion: Mayor Roden commented that it is encouraging to see the fair becoming an annual event, noting that it takes time for such events to be established. This year marks the third fair. Councillor Clement commented that the focus has broadened from end-of-life planning to encompass planning for all stages of life. Mayor Roden added that this shift toward considering one's future as a whole is a positive development.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous S-2025-01</p>

### 6. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1	NONE	
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### 7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1	NONE	
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### 8. CLOSED MEETING

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

9.1	N/A	
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### 9. TERMINATION

Mayor Roden adjourned the Special Meeting of Council for Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 9:05 am.

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the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council  
held Thursday, September 18, 2025.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden  
Mayor



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: Oct. 14, 2025

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: Rescind Third Reading – Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION:

*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.*

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.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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BACKGROUND:

Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 received third reading at the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council as part of the Village's initiative to consolidate unsightly premises, nuisance, maintenance, and FireSmart provisions into a single comprehensive bylaw.

During the ongoing Zoning Bylaw update process, it was identified that the new Zoning Bylaw will no longer regulate the general provisions for hens, bees, and pigeons, but will instead address only the permitted land use component. While the Good Neighbour Bylaw already contains basic permissions for hens, beekeeping, and pigeons, it does not currently include all of the detailed regulations found in the existing Zoning Bylaw.

To maintain clear and enforceable standards, these additional regulatory details should be transferred into the Good Neighbour Bylaw to fully define the permitted uses and ensure alignment between the two bylaws.

## DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendments will:

- Incorporate the detailed regulations for hens and beekeeping currently contained in the Zoning Bylaw;
- Ensure the *Good Neighbour Bylaw* comprehensively regulates these uses while the updated Zoning Bylaw focuses on permitted land use;
- Improve consistency and clarity for both residents and enforcement staff; and
- Align with the ongoing modernization of the Village's Zoning Bylaw.

Staff will prepare the necessary amendments and bring the revised bylaw forward for reconsideration of third reading at the October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.

## CONCLUSION:

Rescinding third reading of *Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025* at this time will allow staff to ensure the bylaw fully aligns with the forthcoming Zoning Bylaw updates. By incorporating the detailed regulations for hens, bees, and pigeons, the *Good Neighbour Bylaw* will provide a clear, enforceable framework that supports consistency between Village bylaws and reflects current community standards. Bringing the amended bylaw back for reconsideration on October 27, 2025, will maintain legislative continuity while improving clarity for residents and staff alike.

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

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

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**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 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	25 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	8 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	September	, 2025
ADOPTED THIS	th	DAY OF		, 2025

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Barbara H. Roden, Mayor

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

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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 m<sup>2</sup> 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.

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## **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.

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## **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**.

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## **PART 7 – ANIMALS, HENS, BEES and BIRDS**

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 m<sup>2</sup> 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 m<sup>2</sup> may keep a maximum of two hives; properties under 1,100 m<sup>2</sup> 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.
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## **PART 8 – OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

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

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## **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.

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## **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 chemical pesticides 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.
- **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 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



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	
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**

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

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**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:

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**1. Citation**

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

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**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

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### 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.

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### 4. Effective Date

This Bylaw shall take effect upon adoption.

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READ A FIRST TIME THIS	25 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	25 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	8 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF	September	, 2025
ADOPTED THIS	<sup>th</sup>	DAY OF		, 2025

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Barbara H. Roden, Mayor

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

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Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

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

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

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

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

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Early payment discount</b>	<b>Late payment penalty</b>	<b>Second Offense</b>	<b>Third (and additional) Offenses</b>
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. <b>(All stages included)</b>	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)**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Early payment discount</b>	<b>Early payment penalty</b>	<b>Second Offence</b>	<b>Third Offence</b>
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)**

<b>Contravention</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Early Payment (within 5 days)</b>	<b>Late Payment (after 30 days)</b>	<b>2nd Offence</b>	<b>3rd+ Offences</b>
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)**

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

<b>Real Estate Signs –</b> Exceeds size limit.	4.8.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Real Estate Open House Signs –</b> Exceeds size limit.	4.8.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Real Estate Directional Signs –</b> Exceeds size limit.	4.8.2	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Political Signs –</b> Failure to comply	4.8.3	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Developmental activities sign –</b> 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
<b>Signs in public spaces –</b> failure to remove with 7 days.	4.17	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Electrical Sign –</b> Failure to have approved and labelled.	4.20	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

<b>Pylon Sign</b> – Failure to have manufacturer’s name and weight on sign.	4.21	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Maintenance</b> – Failure to maintain safe condition.	4.22	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Maintenance</b> – Failure to be of high- quality appearance.	4.24	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Maintenance</b> – Failure to maintain sign area.	4.25	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Sign No Longer Serves Purpose</b> – Failure to remove within 14 days.	4.31	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Illumination of Sign</b> – 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
<b>Failure to follow Sign Specifications</b>	5.0	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500
<b>Failure to follow Sign Specifications by Zones</b>	6.0	\$130	\$91	\$169	\$300	\$500

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

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





**TO: Mayor and Council**  
**FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO**  
**SUBJECT: Amendment to Deputy Mayor Appointments**

**MEETING DATE:** Oct. 14, 2025

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*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.*

**PURPOSE:**

To request Council's consideration to amend the Deputy Mayor appointment schedule to reassign the period originally allocated to Councillor Lambert, following her resignation, to an experienced current member of Council.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND:**

At the 2022 Inaugural Meeting, Council adopted a Deputy Mayor rotation schedule for the 2022–2026 Council term. Under the current schedule, Councillor Lambert was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period October 31, 2025 to November 22, 2026.

With Councillor Lambert's resignation in July 2025 and a by-election scheduled for October 18, 2025, this appointment must be revised to maintain coverage and continuity.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Deputy Mayor role provides essential support to the Mayor and ensures continuity of leadership in the event of the Mayor's absence or unavailability.

Given the timing of the by-election and the onboarding of a new Council member, staff recommend that

Council appoint an experienced current Councillor to serve as Deputy Mayor for the period previously assigned to Councillor Lambert. This approach will:

- Ensure continuity and effective representation during the transition period;
- Utilize the experience of an existing Council member familiar with Village procedures and responsibilities; and
- Avoid placing the responsibility on a newly elected Councillor before they have had sufficient orientation and experience.

Should Council wish, the newly elected Councillor could be included in future Deputy Mayor rotations once they have completed orientation and are comfortable assuming additional responsibilities.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Appoint an experienced current Council member as Deputy Mayor for the term of October 31, 2025 to November 22, 2026, in place of Councillor Lambert.
2. Defer appointment until after the by-election and revisit the rotation once the new Councillor has been sworn in.
3. Provide alternate direction.

**CONCLUSION:**

Revising the Deputy Mayor appointment schedule is an administrative housekeeping matter that supports continuity and effective governance. Assigning the upcoming term to an experienced member of Council will ensure stable leadership during the onboarding period for the new Councillor. This proactive adjustment provides clarity, maintains Council's operational readiness, and upholds consistent representation for the community.



**TO: Mayor and Council**

**MEETING DATE:** Oct. 14, 2025

**FROM:** Margaret Moreira EDTC & Daniela Dyck, CAO

**SUBJECT: Application to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. *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*
2. *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.*

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to submit an application under the *Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP)* for the development of a Downtown Revitalization Plan, and to continue pursuing separate funding opportunities for a Hotel Investment Attraction Study.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Margaret Moreira,  
Ec. Dev. & Tourism Coordinator

Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Economic Development & Tourism Working Group (EDT WG) reviewed two potential project opportunities for the upcoming REDIP grant intake:

1. Downtown Revitalization Plan
2. Update to the 2018 Hotel/Motel Study

The Working Group noted that a Downtown Revitalization Plan would complement ongoing updates to the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaws, both currently being completed by Urban Systems.

Urban Systems has indicated its readiness to assist the Village in preparing the REDIP application and, if funding is approved, to lead the development of the revitalization plan.

A Downtown Revitalization Plan would be a natural next step in implementing the community's updated design guidelines in the OCP and Zoning Bylaws currently under development. The plan could include wider sidewalks, shaded pedestrian areas, improved accessibility, parking solutions to reduce congestion, and a refreshed frontage for Heritage Park. The plan would create a cohesive vision for the downtown core and guide future infrastructure and beautification investments.

The second option considered was an update to the 2018 Hotel/Motel Study, recognizing the continued need for modern accommodation to support tourism, industry, and community events. Members discussed the importance of gathering current market data and investor insights and recommended that staff follow up with Miles Bruns and Al Boldt regarding their meeting with Mayor Roden on August 26, 2025, and connect with the District of Lillooet to learn from its hotel attraction process and best practices.

### **DISCUSSION:**

After weighing both options, the EDT WG determined that the Downtown Revitalization Plan aligns more directly with REDIP funding priorities and would yield immediate benefits to the community. A revitalized and accessible downtown will enhance the Village's business climate, strengthen tourism appeal, and position Ashcroft to attract future hotel investment.

Urban Systems has advised that developing a comprehensive plan at this stage will set the Village up to apply for implementation funding in the following year, allowing for a phased and strategic approach to downtown improvements. Through this phased approach, the Village will also have the opportunity to work collaboratively with the business community to refresh storefront facades, improve building accessibility, and encourage cohesive design standards that reflect the community's desert character and heritage identity.

The Working Group further recommended that staff continue to explore grant opportunities to fund a Hotel Investment Attraction Study, while completing limited in-house updates to the 2018 study to maintain current reference information.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

This initiative supports multiple goals within the Village's strategic and planning frameworks:

- Official Community Plan (in progress): Advances policies for a vibrant, pedestrian-oriented downtown core and supports design guidelines for cohesive streetscape and façade improvements.
- Council Strategic Priorities: Aligns with Council's priorities for economic diversification, beautification, and tourism growth.
- Economic Development Strategy: Strengthens Ashcroft's ability to attract and retain businesses, enhances visitor experience, and supports the long-term objective of fostering a resilient and distinctive local economy.

- Accessibility and Inclusion Objectives: Promotes barrier-free public spaces and encourages private-sector improvements in accessibility.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Downtown Revitalization Plan is proposed to be submitted under the Economic Diversification – Development stream of REDIP.

- Maximum funding contribution: Up to \$100,000.
- Cost-share requirement: REDIP may fund up to 80 % of eligible costs, with the Village providing a 20 % matching contribution, which may include in-kind staff time or consulting support.
- Should the Village proceed to the implementation phase in a subsequent intake, the project may be eligible for up to \$1,000,000 in REDIP funding under the Implementation stream, also at an 80 % cost-share (or 60 % if the total project value exceeds \$500,000).
- At this stage, no unbudgeted financial commitment is required beyond the in-kind staff and partner contributions associated with the application preparation.

### **Risk Considerations**

- Grant Competitiveness: REDIP is a competitive, province-wide program. Approval is not guaranteed, and alternate funding streams may need to be pursued if unsuccessful.
- Matching Requirement: The Village must ensure that the 20 % contribution (in-kind or cash) can be allocated within existing operational or project budgets.
- Implementation Timing: If the REDIP application is approved, staff workload and consultant coordination will need to be managed alongside the completion of the OCP and Zoning Bylaw updates.
- Future Funding Dependence: While the development phase will create shovel-ready designs and cost estimates, implementation will depend on securing future external funding.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Downtown Revitalization Plan represents a timely and strategic opportunity to build upon the Village's current planning initiatives and strengthen the economic vitality of Ashcroft's core. By applying under the REDIP *Economic Diversification – Development* stream, the Village can leverage provincial funding to create a clear and actionable roadmap for future improvements. The plan will provide design concepts, cost estimates, and engagement outcomes that position the community to pursue implementation funding in subsequent years. In doing so, Ashcroft will be well-placed to enhance its downtown identity, support local businesses, improve accessibility, and attract new investment consistent with Council's long-term vision for a vibrant, resilient community.

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** October 14, 2025  
**FROM:** Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Northern Development Initiative Trust – Business Improvement Façade Program

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### RECOMMENDATION:

*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.*

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Improvement Façade Program.

### Prepared by:



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Margaret Moreira  
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator



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Daniela Dyck  
Chief Administrative Officer

### Introduction:

The Village of Ashcroft has the opportunity to apply for funding under the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) *Facade Improvement Program* for the 2026 intake. Through this program, participating businesses can receive a reimbursement of up to \$5,000—covering 50% of eligible project costs—for facade upgrades such as new signage, outdoor lighting, windows & doors (if part of a larger project), painting, or other exterior improvements that enhance curb appeal and contribute to the community’s overall economic vitality.

Under the program guidelines, communities that have fully committed at least 50% of their previous two years’ funding allocations are eligible to apply for the full \$20,000 annual grant. As the Village did not fully commit the previous \$20,000 allocation within the two-year period, eligibility for the upcoming intake is limited to a maximum of \$10,000.

### Discussion

The *Facade Improvement Program* supports local business owners in enhancing their storefronts and contributes to the overall beautification of Ashcroft’s commercial areas. The EDTC continues to promote the program through ongoing community engagement, including outreach to businesses, social media, website and local communications, to encourage participation and awareness.

Applying for \$10,000 will allow the Village to continue offering up to \$5,000 in matching reimbursements to eligible businesses and maintain progress in local revitalization efforts.

**Conclusion:**

The *Facade Improvement Program* continues to be an effective tool for supporting local business owners and enhancing the overall visual appeal of the downtown core. Applying for the \$10,000 grant will allow the Village to continue offering this valuable incentive program to local property owners while maintaining eligibility for future full funding opportunities.



**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

Economic Development & Tourism Strategy

**Legislative**

**Authority**

**Financial Implications**

N/A

**Attachment Listing**

N/A



**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Yoginder (Yogi) Bhalla, CFO  
**SUBJECT: Verbal Report**

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**MEETING DATE:** October 14, 2025

**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.

**DISCUSSION:**

In the interest of transparency and to allow Council the opportunity for questions and dialogue during meetings, topics for verbal reports will be included on the agenda using this report template.

Verbal Report Items:

1. Financial Update
2. Information System Update



## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**DATE:** October 14, 2025  
**FROM:** Reggie Amyotte, BEO  
**SUBJECT:** Q3 Report to Council

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

*For Information Only*

#### **Purpose:**

This purpose of this report is to provide Council with detailed update and status of the bylaw files for the third quarter of 2025.

#### **Prepared by:**



Reggie Amyotte,  
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer,

#### **Approved for submission to Council:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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### **Discussion:**

#### Bylaw Enforcement Summary – Q3 2025

During the quarter, Unsightly Complaints remained the most frequently reported category, continuing to attract the highest level of community concern. Dog-related complaints, however, showed marked improvement, with all but two outstanding cases resolved, and no new complaints reported during this period. Watering complaints were addressed promptly, with all cases resolved efficiently. Vehicle, trailer, and RV-related complaints remained steady in volume, with a consistent resolution rate throughout the quarter.

Overgrown tree issues, which are regularly coordinated between Public Works staff and this office, experienced a persistent backlog but were all effectively resolved by the end of the quarter. Zoning issues showed little progress, with two cases still open and pending action. On a positive note, noise and fire hazard complaints remained low and were resolved quickly. Likewise, traffic, signage, and other miscellaneous issues were managed promptly as they arose.

Quarterly totals reflect gradual improvement in case resolution. In July, 24 cases were carried over, 7 new cases were added, and 6 were resolved. In August, 25 cases were carried over, 7 new cases were received, and 15 were resolved, demonstrating a notable improvement in response activity. By September, carried-over cases had decreased to 17, with 9 new cases opened and 14 resolved, indicating continued progress in addressing outstanding issues.

The Good Neighbour Bylaw has successfully passed its first three readings and is expected to be adopted at the upcoming council meeting on October 14, 2025.

### **Conclusion:**

With continued persistence, I was able to clear a significant portion of the backlog from the previous quarter and will keep working on more effective ways to encourage resident cooperation and achieve compliance. As the fall season brings changing weather, new challenges are expected, and I remain committed to addressing concerns promptly and effectively. Once the new bylaw is implemented, it will be essential to ensure Ashcroft residents are well informed about their responsibilities. With clearer regulations in place, I am optimistic that enforcement efforts will become more consistent and successful.

### **Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

#### **Legislative Authority**

#### **Financial Implications**

#### **Attachment Listing**

Bylaw Actionable Items Table

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Task	Jul-25			Aug-25			Sep-25		
	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved
Dog Complaints	4	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	0
Unsightly Complaints	8	4	3	9	1	2	8	2	4
Watering	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3
Vehicles/trailers/RV	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Overgrown Trees (PW)	6	0	0	6	1	6	1	0	1
Zoning	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Noise	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Snow Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fire Hazard	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0
Outdoor Burning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign bylaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Business license	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>
Fire Pit Inspections (1st time)		0			0			0	
Fire Pit Renewals		0			0			0	

**From:** CFD Info CFD:EX <[MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** September 19, 2025 3:48 PM

**To:** Courtney Dash <[admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Subject:** Letter from the Honourable Jodie Wickens, Minister of Children and Family Development

**VIA E-MAIL**

Ref: 301171

Mayor Barbara Roden  
Village of Ashcroft  
E-mail: [admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)

Dear Mayor Roden and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. It is my honour to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the important work of both family and foster caregivers, and to thank them for their unwavering commitment and dedication to British Columbia's children and youth in care. This October will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> Foster Family Month in British Columbia.

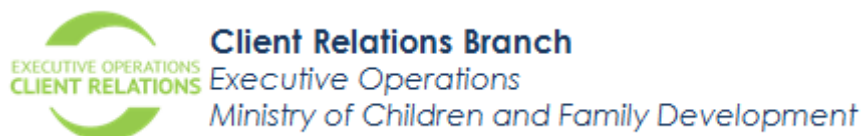
Caregivers of all kinds show incredible kindness and generosity in opening their hearts and homes and sharing their lives with vulnerable children and youth. By providing a safe and nurturing environment for these young people, not only do they help them cope with what can be very difficult times, they also help them begin to heal and work through the challenges they have experienced. Over the years, I have met many amazing caregivers whose compassion and dedication to the children and youth they care for has left a lasting impression on me.

Please join me in celebrating these caregivers for the crucial role they play in all our communities, and for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Jodie Wickens  
Minister of Children and Family Development

*Sent on behalf of the Minister by:*



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**From:** Trish Schachtel <[trish.schachtel@scefry.ca](mailto:trish.schachtel@scefry.ca)>  
**Sent:** September 23, 2025 4:03 PM  
**To:** Daniela Dyck <[cao@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:cao@ashcroftbc.ca)>  
**Subject:** re: From Poverty to Purpose - October 24

Hi Daniela,

I wanted to invite the Village staff as well as Mayor and Council to an upcoming event we are hosting - From Poverty to Purpose; collective action, shared success. I have included a poster with more information. The day is being led and facilitated by the Tarmack Institute [Tamarack Institute | Ending Poverty in all its Forms](#)

Is there a formal process to invite the Mayor and Council?

Thank you - Trish

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Trish Schachtel - Executive Director

**South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society**

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*The South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society recognizes and is respectful that it lies on the traditional and unceded territory of the Nlaka'pamux, St'át'imc and Secwépemc people.*

# FROM POVERTY TO PURPOSE: COLLECTIVE ACTION, SHARED SUCCESS

Join us for a day of collaborative partnerships. The Tamarack Institute will guide us to gain a deep understanding of the challenges our communities face. How do we support individuals and communities to break free from poverty's grip, create sustainable and equitable climate transitions, and inspire a sense of belonging and purpose?

OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## ASHCROFT HUB

711 Hill Street  
Ashcroft, BC  
Lunch Included

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
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**Frank Caputo, MP**  
Kamloops-Thompson-Nicola

August 27, 2025

The Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Finance and National Revenue,  
90 Elgin Street,  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne,

**Subject: Pre-Budget Consultations for Ashcroft**

I write in regard to pre-budget consultations.

This is a time of great stress and financial pressures for both the smaller and larger communities in the Kamloops-Thompson-Nicola. I hear daily from people who feel left behind by your government.

With this in mind, I enclose a letter from the Village of Ashcroft. As you can see, Ashcroft has a number of needs that have been overlooked by the federal government.

To summarize, Ashcroft has critical infrastructure challenges. Unfortunately, the community serves a number of outlying areas in addition to the community itself and the collective tax base cannot cover critical infrastructure. The village needs to upgrade its sewer treatment plant and water reservoir (North Ashcroft Reservoir Twinning) for a sustainable future.

These issues have been overlooked for far too long. I believe that many Western Canadians, particularly those in Conservative-held ridings, feel neglected by your government. The 2025 Budget is the time to make this right.

I implore you to commit to funding the requests of Ashcroft.

Sincerely,

Frank Caputo, M.P.  
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October 9, 2025

Reference: 188648

Mayors of British Columbia

Dear Mayors:

Today, I introduced new legislation in the house to improve the implementation of small-scale multi-unit housing (SSMUH). Before I explain the details of this legislation, I want to acknowledge the hard work of local government Councils, Boards and staff in B.C. to implement the changes by adopting the SSMUH densities on time and as intended by the Province. Many communities are demonstrating leadership and innovation to fully enable SSMUH and deliver the type of homes that work for people and growing families.

This includes modernizing zoning bylaws and updating site standards (such as removing floor space ratios, increasing building heights and lot coverage for SSMUH level densities), as well as adopting and streamlining standardized housing designs, eliminating or waiving form and character development permit requirements, and providing educational tools to support SSMUH development including webinars, handbooks and webpages. Communities that fully enabled SSMUH, adopted many of the recommended site standards, and are actively supporting this type of development are starting to see meaningful uptake. This means more homes built in existing communities throughout B.C. that more people and families can afford.

Since June 30, 2024, a review of implementation has highlighted that barriers to the development of SSMUH still exist in a few communities throughout B.C. This inconsistency and barriers in some communities are creating challenging conditions for development and limiting SSMUH from being viable and getting built. Specifically, a small number of local governments have not fully enabled SSMUH in all areas with single-family and duplex housing due to differing interpretations of the requirements.

The legislation that was introduced today is intended to address these inconsistencies and ensure that all communities offer viable and consistent conditions for SSMUH development.

If passed, the changes will remove barriers to create consistent conditions across the Province for SSMUH by ensuring that municipalities allow the three to six units in all zones:



- with parcels restricted to single-family and duplex housing, even if higher residential density is allowed elsewhere in the zone,
- restricted to single detached homes with a secondary suite and an accessory dwelling unit.


The small number of communities impacted by these changes will need to comply by June 30, 2026. An extension process will be established for upgrading infrastructure, lack of sufficient infrastructure to support additional residential density, and for extraordinary circumstances.

The updates aim to create uniform development opportunities across local governments, reducing barriers and uncertainty for builders and homeowners. Your planning staff will need to review your zoning bylaws for compliance with the new requirements. If the zoning bylaw already meets the requirements, no action is required.

I have also introduced changes to the legislation to ensure there is clear authority to establish site standards in regulations for off-street parking requirements, and housing unit “form” and “density”. However, I am not bringing forward any regulations at this time. I strongly encourage all local governments to align with the Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards, which provides clear expectations for zoning amendments, site design, and development feasibility. The Province will continue to monitor implementation and uptake of SSMUH to ensure consistency and effectiveness across jurisdictions. If needed in the future, the Province may make regulations for minimum standards or introduce further legislation as needed.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all local governments for your hard work to enable and facilitate housing development across British Columbia. Your work is beginning to show results, and together, we are making meaningful progress toward resolving the housing crisis. I look forward to working collaboratively with all of you to continue improving livability for residents.

Sincerely,



Christine Boyle  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Link: [BC Gov News](#)

CC: Chief Administrative Officers and City Managers

Village of Ashcroft  
Attention: Mayor Barbara Roden  
PO Box 129  
601 Bancroft Street  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0



Date: September 15, 2025

**Subject: Cannabis Micro-Cultivation Site Notification**

This letter serves as formal notification that 1383449 BC Ltd. intends to apply for a federal micro-cultivation licence under the Cannabis Act. As part of the application process, Health Canada requires notification of local authorities, including your office.

The proposed site location is:

2345 Hwy 97C, Ashcroft, BC, V0K 1A0, P.I.D. #014-554-810

1383449 BC Ltd. is developing an innovative, Indigenous-owned agricultural project that integrates three sustainable systems: hot composting, recirculating aquaculture (salmon), and outdoor organic cannabis cultivation. This unique closed-loop model — currently under patent application — captures heat from composting to regulate aquaculture systems and recycles aquaculture by-products as nutrients for cannabis cultivation. The project is majority Indigenous female-owned and represents one of the first of its kind in British Columbia and Canada. By prioritizing organic certification, environmental stewardship, and Indigenous cultural values, the operation will create local jobs, training opportunities, and lasting community benefits in the Cache Creek and Ashcroft region.

We respectfully request that your office acknowledge receipt of this notification. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Lambert".

Jim Lambert

Vice President

1383449 BC Ltd.

Email: [pacsub@hotmail.com](mailto:pacsub@hotmail.com)

**From:** [ca.peters@telus.net](mailto:ca.peters@telus.net) <[cathy@telus.net](mailto:cathy@telus.net)>

**Sent:** September 15, 2025 2:48 PM

**To:** Brittany Giesbrecht <[admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)>; Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <[mayor@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:mayor@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Subject:** Cathy Peters- 3 ASKS to Stop Child Sex Trafficking in British Columbia

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Ashcroft Village Council,

The Province (RCMP HQ) has recently announced a **BC Counter Human Trafficking Unit (CHTU)** of 12 officers.

Please access their expertise. For example, Prince George hosted their team for Human Trafficking presentations.

**The second edition** of my new book is now available: **Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop It.**

Please consider having it available for City Hall, local police, educators, hospital staff, library, frontline service providers.

It is an invaluable resource with **strategies for prevention. It is the only book of its kind in Canada.**

Backgrounder: **CBC released a documentary on human trafficking in Canada.** (link below)

**BC is behind every province in addressing this crime.**

The **full decriminalization of hard drugs** has exacerbated this crime.

Drug and sex trafficking are linked. **Organized crime and international crime syndicates** are involved.

Gang recruitment is occurring in schools in BC, including elementary schools.

**(School Liaison Officer programs are key** to stopping this crime.)

**A faltering economy and increasing massive debt is exacerbating crime** in the Province as well.

### **3 ASKS:**

1. Please write to the Premier and ASK the government to **reverse the harmful policy that fully decriminalizes hard drugs.**

2. Please ask the Premier to **remove phones from all schools.** This is occurring in many States and countries around the world.

(Australia has brought in the law for no social media for under 16 years of age- The Online Safety (*Social Media Minimum Age*) Amendment Act).

3. Enforce and educate about the **Federal Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act (2014) PCEPA** in British Columbia that criminalizes the root cause of human trafficking, the sex buyers and profiteers.

Please contact me for more information.

Sincerely, Cathy Peters

BC anti human trafficking educator, speaker, advocate

[beamazingcampaign.org](http://beamazingcampaign.org)

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phone: 604-828-2689

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal recipient for my anti human trafficking advocacy work

Author: **Child Sex Trafficking in Canada and How to Stop It- second edition**

<https://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/the-passionate-eye/human-trafficking-is-one-of-the-fastest-growing-crimes-in-canada-and-anyone-can-be-a-target-1.7023920>



### **Maternity care options available in Kamloops**

September 10, 2025

Interior Health is providing an update to expectant patients of available primary care maternity services in Kamloops following a decision by the Thompson Region Family Obstetrics (TRFO) physician group to close to new referrals. This change will allow them to dedicate available physician resources to critical 24-7 labour and delivery services at Royal Inland Hospital (RIH).

We recognize the significant impact any change in maternity services can have on expectant individuals and families. Upon receiving the notice from TRFO, Interior Health (IH) started immediate actions to address the concerns raised and maintain access to services, which is a mutual goal of the TRFO physicians and IH.

Anyone in labour should go to Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) to be assessed. Emergency care for people in imminent labour or experiencing urgent complications will be available.

Patients who do not have a maternity care provider can explore the following options:

- If possible, we recommend patients reach out to their family doctor or nurse practitioner. We encourage patients to also connect with Healthy from the Start (1-855-868-7710) for additional support and information.
- If you do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner, you can reach out to First Step Early Pregnancy Clinic, which provides antenatal care up to 30 weeks of pregnancy.
- Expectant parents without a regular primary care or maternal care provider will be able to access labour and delivery services at RIH. All patients will be assessed and depending on medical staff availability may be transported to alternate hospitals to deliver their babies. If out-of-community care is required, families will be informed, and transportation and accommodation support will be provided if needed. For information and assistance, please call 250-314-2635 to speak with RIH Labour and Delivery.

Interior Health acknowledges that the current situation may cause concern for the community, especially patients and families. We remain committed to providing timely updates as new information becomes available.



## NEWS RELEASE

### TNRL Welcomes Multi-Genre Writer as Next Writer in Residence

**Kamloops, BC – September 17, 2025** – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is pleased to announce Katherin Edwards as its Writer in Residence for fall of 2025.

Born and raised in Kamloops, Edwards holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Victoria and a Master of Fine Arts from the UBC's Creative Writing Program. Her writing experience spans poetry, creative non-fiction, short fiction, and long-form novels. Edwards has won the Far Horizons Award for Short Fiction and was longlisted for the CBC Short Story Prize.

From September to December 2025, Edwards' residency will focus on encouraging new writers to explore and incorporate different writing genres into their current work. Edwards' residency will begin on Thursday, September 18, with a Meet and Greet at the Kamloops Library from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Other free Writer in Residence programs include:

- **Author Tour:** Join Katherin for thoughtful conversations on writing, storytelling, and the creative process during Author Tour events throughout October at libraries in Merritt, Clearwater, Ashcroft, Chase, Barriere, and Logan Lake.
- **Writers Circle:** Meet other writers and explore topics like great openings, writer's block, memorable writing, and making connections in your work during Writers Circle events at the Kamloops Library.
- **Along These Lines:** New writers are invited to grow their voice on the page at Along These Lines at the North Kamloops Library.
- **One-on-One Consultations:** Book a one-on-one consultation with Katherin to discuss your work – either in-person at the Kamloops Library or virtually.
- **Writer in Residence Wrap-Up:** Enjoy an evening of readings and reflections by Katherin at the Writer in Residence wrap-up event at the Kamloops Library on December 11, 2025, at the Kamloops Library from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

To view the full Writer in Residence program calendar during the fall, [click here](#). For more information about the Writer in Residence program, visit: [tnrl.ca/residencies](http://tnrl.ca/residencies).

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Cleanfarms and TNRD Launch Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Program**

**Kamloops, BC – October 8, 2025** – Cleanfarms and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) are launching a new pilot program to recycle bale wrap and silage bags and covers. This program will help divert agricultural plastics from being landfilled, and will support a more sustainable agricultural sector in the Thompson-Nicola region.

Funded by a four-year, \$134,500 commitment from the TNRD, the project runs from June 2025 to December 2028. The pilot program will provide selected farms and ranches with compactors, making it easier for them to recycle bale wraps and silage bags and covers.

"This pilot is another example that demonstrates how targeted innovation creates effective recycling solutions for the agricultural community in British Columbia," said Barry Friesen, Executive Director at Cleanfarms.

"We are excited to see the impact of these compactors in the Thompson-Nicola region. This initiative makes it significantly easier and more efficient for our farmers and ranchers to store and transport bulky materials for recycling," said Adriana Mailloux, TNRD Manager of Solid Waste & Recycling.

Cleanfarms will connect the compacted materials with end markets. The program is designed to expand to more farms and ranches over the four-year period. Interested producers are invited to contact the TNRD to express their interest.

To learn more about this program, visit the Cleanfarms website by [clicking here](#).

#### **About Cleanfarms**

Cleanfarms is an agricultural industry stewardship organization that contributes to a healthier environment and a sustainable future by recovering and recycling agricultural and related industry plastics, packaging, and products. It is funded by its members in the crop protection, seed, fertilizer, animal health medication, peat moss, animal bedding, feed, ag plastics, and maple tubing industries. Its team members are located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

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## Meeting of October 3, 2025

Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) Board Meetings are held in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the TNRD Civic Building in Kamloops, B.C. Meetings are open to the public to attend in person or online. Meetings are live-streamed, timestamped, and available to watch on the TNRD YouTube channel.

[View Agenda](#)[View Meeting Recording](#)

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## Delegation: Interior Health Authority/ BC Cancer

The Board received verbal updates from Interior Health (IH) staff, including Director of Business Operations, Dan Goughnour, and Executive Director of Clinical Operations for Royal Inland Hospital (RIH) Gerry Desilets.

Goughnour provided updates on numerous capital projects ongoing at RIH, including a new Day Care Surgery space, a new morgue (phase 1), Emergency Department

renovations (phase 2), a public concourse, and phase 2 of the morgue, and phases 3 and 4 of emergency department renovations. Goughnour also provided updates on healthcare facility projects in Ashcroft, Barriere, Clearwater, Merritt, and other facilities in Kamloops.

Following this presentation from IH, the Board received a presentation regarding the Kamloops Cancer Centre project from Desilets, BC Cancer Executive Medical Director, Dr. Ross Halperin, and BC Cancer Executive Director of Clinical Operations and Capital Development, Cherie Taylor.

An update was provided on planned services and resources of the Kamloops Cancer Centre building, to be built at the western portion of the RHH campus near St. Anne's Academy. Desilets provided an update on demand and feasibility for a PET/CT scanner, which is not currently included in IH project plans. Desilets stated that construction of the Kamloops Centre is expected to begin in fall 2025, with a targeted completion date of December 2028 and current budget of \$386 million.

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## **Delegation: Foundry Kamloops Association and Interior Community Services**

The Board received a presentation from Kamloops Foundry Manager, Lisa Johannesen and Interior Community Services Campaign and Communications Director, Sadie Hunter, with an overview of the Foundry Kamloops facility currently under construction and its services.

Johannesen explained that Foundry Centres provide mental health services and social services to those aged 12 to 24 and their families or caregivers, which is free of charge with no referrals required. She stated that there are 16 Foundry Centres open in B.C. and online support services are available, and that more than 78,000 visits were made to Foundry Centres in B.C. in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Hunter explained that Foundry Kamloops will be open in 2026 at 540 Seymour St. in downtown Kamloops, and that ICS is looking for additional fundraising support of \$1 million to complete a \$4.5-million-dollar fundraising campaign for the project.

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### **Next Hospital District Board Meeting: November 6, 2025, 10:00 am**

#### Meeting Location:

TNRD Civic Building Boardroom (4th Floor)

465 Victoria Street, Kamloops, B.C., V2C 2A9



# BOARD BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2025

## SD#74 GOLD TRIAL

### POLICY/BYLAWS APPROVED

- Bylaw 5-1 Public Participation at Board Meetings
- Policy 4.10 Communicating and Reporting on Student Learning: Kindergarten to Grade 9
- Policy 5.120 Bullying (Student)

To view these, and all other approved District Policies and Bylaws click this [link](#).



### 2024-2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board approved the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements. Fully signed and finalized statements can be viewed once posted to the [District Website](#).

### 2026-27 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLANS

The Board seeks funding for its major and minor capital projects through resolutions to the Ministry of Education and Childcare. The Board is seeking funding for the following District projects:

Amount	Details
\$6,398,726	<b>George M. Murray Elementary School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renovations</li><li>• Portable removal</li><li>• HVAC/Electrical Upgrades</li></ul>
\$1,110,000	<b>David Stoddart School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of HVAC</li></ul>
\$640,000	<b>Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HVAC replacement/installation gym and workshop</li></ul>
TBD	<b>Acquisition of four new school buses</b>
\$37,890	<b>Various Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of appliances</li></ul>

### FESL

The Board approved the **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**. A commitment to continuous improvement of student learning outcomes, the FESL focuses on enhancing the intellectual, social, and career development of all students. Key components of the FESL include accountability, evidence-based decision making, collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and Education Partners, and Continuous Improvement. The District submits the School Action Plans for Learning annually to meet this legislative requirement. To view the approved FESL Report on the District Website choose this [link](#). School Action Plans for learning can be viewed [here](#).



### 2025-2026 COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Board received the [District's 2025-2026 Communication Plan](#) which is designed to action the Board of Education's commitment to enhance engagement with stakeholders, build trust across the school district and foster positive relationships with staff, students, families and local communities.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2025! We wish you well in your future endeavours. Below are photos of Lillooet Secondary School's tradition of graduates walking the halls of their elementary schools to the applause of the younger students as well as staff.



### TEAM

The Gold Trail School District would like to thank Sherri McKinlay, the director of the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre in Ashcroft for her leadership in organizing a backpack drive for students. Thanks to her, and the generosity of local businesses and organizations, many students will receive a backpack filled with school supplies for the year.

## TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations were held across Gold Trail in June. Students and staff celebrated the rich history, culture, language, and traditions of Indigenous Peoples. Celebrations included a powwow, drumming, singing, traditional games, cooking, making medicine bags, and connecting with local communities and the land. In addition, the principals and vice-principals held their last meeting of the year on the beautiful lands of the St'uxwtéws (Bonaparte First Nation) learning from Chief Frank Antoine. He spoke about the importance of bringing students to the land and having the educators learn about the land, the people, their history and future goals. He encouraged everyone to make roots and connections with each other and the land.



## COMMUNICATION



The Ministry of Education and Child Care has the ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) strategy to help foster inclusion and connection for all students. The ERASE Report It Tool is an easy, anonymous way for students and/or families to report safety concerns. Look for the ERASE icon on the district website. The report takes less than a minute to complete. Once completed, the principal will be contacted to deal with the concern.

## SUSTAINABILITY

While students and most staff enjoyed a summer break, the Operations staff, under Chuck Morris' leadership, has been working hard to prepare for students. Thanks to the team for getting District classrooms and schools ready. Some projects completed this summer or near completion are roofing and duct work at Cache Creek Elementary, library windows and framing and three air conditioners at David Stoddart School, the gym floor and corridor walls at GMME, painting at DSCS and the basketball/pickleball courts at KSS.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- September 22 - Pro-D Day
- September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 7 - Board of Education Meetings
- October 13 - Thanksgiving
- October 24 - Pro-D Day



**From:** Jacqui Schneider <[Jacqui.Schneider@teck.com](mailto:Jacqui.Schneider@teck.com)>

**Sent:** September 26, 2025 2:58 PM

**To:** Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <[mayor@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:mayor@ashcroftbc.ca)>

**Cc:** Daniela Dyck <[cao@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:cao@ashcroftbc.ca)>; Carly Bielecki <[Carly.Bielecki@teck.com](mailto:Carly.Bielecki@teck.com)>; Anna Brace <[Anna.Brace@teck.com](mailto:Anna.Brace@teck.com)>; Sarah Coughlin <[Sarah.Coughlin@teck.com](mailto:Sarah.Coughlin@teck.com)>

**Subject:** RE: HVC MLE Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan

Good afternoon, Mayor Roden,

As you know on June 17, 2025, Teck was issued an environmental assessment certificate for the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension Project (HVC MLE), through the environmental assessment process administered through the BC Environmental Assessment Office. Teck's Board of Directors approved construction of the project on July 23, 2025.

The HVC MLE will extend the life of the operation to the mid-2040s through an extension of the existing site infrastructure. The extension is expected to create about 2,900 jobs during the construction phase of the project. We value our relationship with you, and we wanted to take this opportunity to engage with you on aspects of our Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan regarding the HVC MLE construction workforce.

The purpose of the Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan is to reduce the effects of the construction workforce on the availability of accommodation in local communities, including Ashcroft, Kamloops, Logan Lake and Merritt.

- It is estimated that up to 80% of workers needed for HVC MLE could be from outside of this region and require accommodation. An average of just over 300 mobile workers are expected to require temporary accommodation over the construction period, peaking for roughly two months in fall 2025 at nearly 570 mobile workers.
- On-site construction of HVC MLE is expected to last approximately 2.5 years. HVC MLE mobile construction workers will make use of existing accommodation options in the region on a temporary basis.
- The HVC MLE mobile construction workforce is not expected to place undue pressure on permanent housing as there is sufficient temporary accommodation options available in the region.

The vast majority of mobile workers will likely stay in hotel and motel accommodations, particularly in and around the regional centre of Kamloops. There is expected to be sufficient hotel and motel room capacity to accommodate all HVC MLE-related mobile workers over the course of construction. Given the limited availability of rental accommodations in smaller communities in proximity to HVC MLE (e.g., Logan Lake), the

mobile construction workforce is still likely to place some demand on the local rental markets in these communities.

HVC is committed to monitoring the impacts on local accommodations via engagement with these communities. HVC will encourage the mobile construction workforce to use available hotel and motel accommodations in and around Kamloops.

HVC recognizes that some community members may be concerned that the demand for accommodation created by HVC MLE's mobile construction workforce will place pressure on local housing markets, especially for those who already face challenges in accessing adequate housing. Although the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce is not predicted to place undue pressure on local housing market, HVC is proposing several measures to help reduce and/or manage workforce accommodation requirements during construction, including the following objectives:

- Prioritize employment and procurement for Indigenous and local workers and businesses as a means of reducing potential impacts on local housing markets.
- Manage potential demand on local housing markets resulting from the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce.
- Monitor actions taken under the Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan based on on-going community and stakeholder engagement.

Thank you and please let me know if you have questions. We will forward a copy of the plan next week.

**Jacqui Schneider**

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# Youth Parliament of British Columbia



## Alumni Society

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registrar@bcyp.org

15 September 2025

Village of Ashcroft  
Attn: Mayor and Council  
PO Box 129  
601 Bancroft Street  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: British Columbia Youth Parliament, 97th Parliament**

The British Columbia Youth Parliament will hold its 97th Parliamentary Session in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27 to 31, 2025.

The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16 to 21. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the parliamentary session in December and continuing involvement in community service activities throughout the year. **Youth Parliament is a one-year commitment.**

I invite you to encourage eligible youth from your municipality or region to apply to sit as members of the Youth Parliament. BCYP is non-partisan, and applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community. If your municipality sponsors a "youth of the year" award or has a municipal youth council, young people with that sort of initiative and involvement are ideal candidates for BCYP.

Each applicant who is accepted to attend as a member of BCYP must pay a **\$545** registration fee. Thanks to private donations and fundraising, a portion of the cost is subsidized and includes transportation and accommodation for all members. We encourage municipalities or youth councils to contribute towards the application fee for applicants who are in financial need.

If the approval of financial support causes any delay, we encourage the applicant to send in their forms on time along with a note saying that the cheque will arrive after the deadline. In this case, if we receive the completed form and personal statement before the deadline, it will be considered received on time. If you are not able to aid, a limited number of bursaries are available for applicants who cannot meet the expense of the registration fee. Requesting financial assistance will not affect an applicant's chance of being selected as a member. (See <https://bcyp.org/session>)

Members will sit and debate in the Legislative Chambers for five days and will be accommodated for four nights at the Marriott Hotel in Victoria. During that time, participants are supervised by members of the Board of Directors of the Youth Parliament of B.C. Alumni Society and other youth parliament alumni. In addition, transportation to and from Victoria will be provided for all members who require it.

This year, the application is an online application and can be found on our website at <https://bcyp.org/applying/>. I have included a brochure about BC Youth Parliament with this letter. Our promotional poster is also available online on our website, which I encourage you to display in your school, and to make the application form and brochure available to interested students. If you require more forms, please feel free to make copies, and if you require more brochures or posters, please contact me.

**All application forms must be received by October 31, 2025.** Selected applicants will be notified in mid-November. If you require more information, please contact me by e-mail as indicated above. You may also visit our website at [www.bcyp.org](http://www.bcyp.org).

Yours truly,

Ambrose Yung  
Registrar, Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society



## Who We Are

British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) is about youth taking responsibility and initiative to make a positive impact in their communities. BCYP is a non-profit, non-partisan parliamentary education and service organization. BCYP is an extraordinarily unique organization - for youth and by youth.

For a full year, 97 members pool their resources, creativity and determination for a common purpose: to advance, better and improve the youth of British Columbia. BCYP bring together youth from across the Province and unites them to fulfill the motto of "Youth Serving Youth". The youth of BCYP reach out and make a difference across British Columbia.

Why?

Because they can!

And more importantly, because they care.



BCYP is unique in that it is not simply a "mock" or model parliament - the legislation members debate translate into real action in the community.



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## CONTACT US

For more information on BCYP and its projects, visit our website:

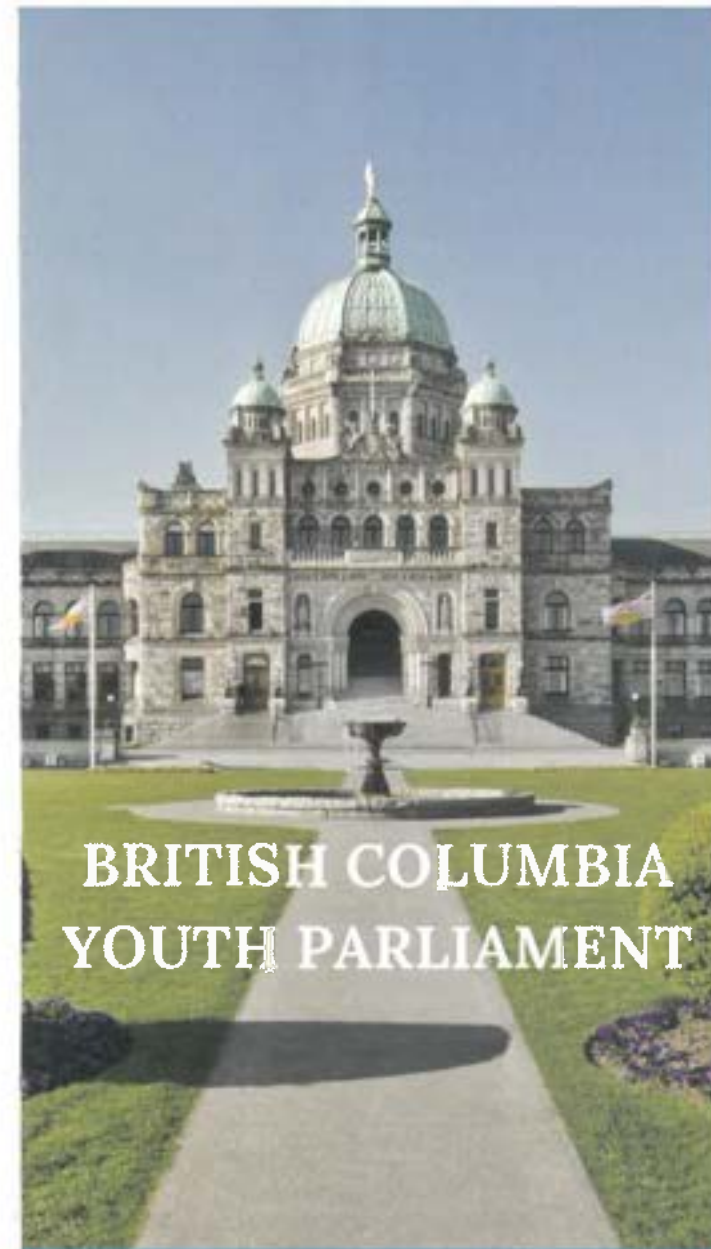
[www.bcorp.org](http://www.bcorp.org)

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BRITISH COLUMBIA  
YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Youth Serving Youth

for over 95 years



## BCYP's Origin

British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) began as the TUXIS Older Boy's Parliament in 1924. It became the BC Youth Parliament in 1974, upon the admittance of girls, and 2025 marked its 96th Session.

Each year, between December 27th and 31st, 97 youth from across BC gather at the Legislative Chambers in Victoria for BCYP's annual session. Members sit as independents; they do not represent any political party and they vote according to their own consciences. They learn about parliamentary process, debate topics of interest, and plan activities for the coming year.

Proposed activities are presented in the form of government bills. The date is led by a Cabinet of experienced youth parliamentarians who spend months before preparing to present their plans. First-time members are also able to raise issues through debate on government legislation and by writing and presenting Private Members' Resolutions dealing with issues ranging from local to international in scope.

Once BCYP's bills are passed they must be put into effect. This is where BCYP differs from other youth parliaments in that BCYP is not a "model" or "mock" parliament - the legislation members pass translates directly into positive action in the community.



## Youth Serving Youth

BCYP members organize and execute group service projects around the province. Members come together to volunteer with different organizations, special events or provide service to the community. They volunteer with summer camps, food banks, charity walks, soup kitchens, community support services, and other service organizations.

Additionally, across British Columbia through the year, individual members of BCYP perform solo acts of service in their communities and lend a hand through their involvement with other organizations. BCYP members help others in their communities in a myriad of ways, limited only by their imaginations and the will to carry out the projects they envision.



## Fundraising

Each year, BCYP organizes a variety of fundraising events across the province. Members work in groups and in their communities to raise funds required to run BCYP projects and cover operations costs. They also engage in service-related fundraising working in groups and individual to raise money for a variety of causes.

Members participate in a variety of fundraisers such as pledge events, Krispy Kreme donut sales, and silent auctions. Members also solicit donations from local businesses and prominent members of their local communities.

## Regional Youth Parliaments

To increase the number of youths who are able to participate in Youth Parliament activities, BCYP members organize and run Regional Youth Parliaments (RYPs) in various regions of the province. Through these events, BC Youth Parliament furthers its goals of promoting community service, education in the parliamentary process, and training in public speaking and debating.

More local in scope than BCYP, RYPs are weekend-long Sessions aimed at high school students between ages of 14 and 18. RYP members gather to discuss local, national, and international issues in a parliamentary setting.



## Camp Phoenix

Camp Phoenix is BCYP's most ambitious project. It involves BCYP members organizing and running a summer camp for children from across BC who would otherwise be unable to live the summer camp experience. It is about pushing our limits and redefining terms like "hard work" and "commitment". It is about truly making a huge difference in the community.

This project is fully initiated, developed, and staffed by volunteer members of our organization. Our fundraising and efforts throughout the year come together to send up to 50 children aged 8-12 to enjoy a very special week of their summer and their lives. Camp Phoenix moves to different campsites across BC so that it provides the opportunity for children from all regions of the province to attend. This major project can comprise almost half of BCYP's annual budget.



## ***97th British Columbia Youth Parliament***

***December 27 - 31, 2025*** ***Victoria, BC***



- Learn about BC's parliamentary system
- Meet youths from across the province
- Participate in debates about important issues
- Engage in service to your community
- Participate in various events in the Sessional year

***Scan here for the application!***

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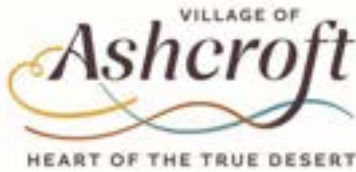
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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025					
September					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Other	Status
	<b>2025 MOTIONS</b>				
R-2025-125	THAT, Council give first and second readings to “Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025” and 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		completed
R-2025-127	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.  And further THAT, Council of the Village of Ashcroft resolves that: •It supports the proposed project to construct the PZ3 Reservoir; •It commits to managing any grants received in accordance with the requirements of UBCM for the Strategic Priorities Fund; and •It commits to covering any project cost overruns necessary to bring the project to successful completion.	CFO/EA	EA to prepare a Certified Resolution to accompany this application		completed
R-2025-133	THAT, Council give third reading to Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 with the following amendments to the bylaw: <i>as outlined in the minutes.</i>	EA	Update bylaw with amendments and third reading for next Council mtg.		completed
R-2025-134	THAT, Council give third reading to “Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 880, 2025”.	EA	Update bylaw to reflect third reading		completed
R-2025-135	THAT, Council: 1.Endorse the proposed allocation of Growing Communities Fund revenues, including \$350,000 for parks and the balance toward Sewer Treatment Plant upgrades; and 2.Direct staff to proceed with phased implementation of the STP project, including early equipment purchases to mitigate tariff escalation risks.	CFO	Money allocated and staff following through with project		completed
R-2025-136	THAT, we reply to the Pigeon Racing and Hobby Community thanking them for the letter but we are moving ahead with that portion of the bylaw addressing bird sports.	CAO	Send letter in email advising we are proceeding with the letter		completed
R-2025-137	THAT, Council support a rolling road block on September 29th through the Village for the Truth and Reconciliation Walk.	AA/DPW	Send email advising approval and copy email to DPW for PW		completed
R-2025-138/139	THAT, Council approve the following three Grant In Aids: Ashcroft & District Fall Fair \$500 Equality Project Society \$500 Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society \$500 Ashcroft HUB \$500	EA	Prepare letters for GIA approval and submit info to Accts Pay		completed





## Economic Development & Tourism

### Working Group - Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 9:30 am

In Attendance: Margaret Moreira, EDTC

Daniela Dyck, CAO

Jessica Clement, Councillor

Nadine Davenport, Councillor

Linsie Lachapelle, General Manager, Community Futures

#### **Call to Order**

9:35 a.m.

#### **1. Discussion**

##### **REDIP Grant**

The Economic Development Working Group reviewed two potential projects suitable for a REDIP grant application. The first proposal was for a Downtown Revitalization Plan, which aligns with the ongoing updates to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws. Members noted that a revitalization project is a natural next step in advancing the new design guidelines. The plan could include wider sidewalks, shaded pedestrian areas, parking solutions to reduce congestion, improved accessibility, and a refreshed frontage for Heritage Park.

The second option was to update the 2018 Hotel/Motel Study, recognizing the continued need for hotel accommodations to support tourism and community events. The group noted the importance of following up with Miles Bruns and Al Boldt to gather information from their meeting with Mayor Roden on August 26, 2025, and to connect with the District of Lillooet regarding their hotel attraction process.

The Working Group recommends proceeding with the Downtown Revitalization Plan as the preferred REDIP application. Members agreed that an improved and vibrant downtown would provide immediate benefits to local businesses, help address parking challenges along Railway Avenue, and enhance the Village's ability to attract future hotel investment. Staff will continue to seek additional funding opportunities to advance both initiatives simultaneously where possible.

##### **Business Mixer Details**

The EDT WG discussed details for the Mixer and determined the following:

- Date: November 2, 2025
- Budget remained at \$1000.00

- Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
  - Music: using a cell and speaker
  - Cash Bar with Beer, Wine, Coolers and non-alcoholic beverages.
  - Appetizers could be a large charcutier table. WG members will assist with set up of appetizers.
  - Information table with the following information:
    - Available grants for businesses; specifically, Façade & Accessibility
    - Downtown Revitalisation plan info sheet
    - Advertising your business in new pocket guide- info sheet
  - Invitations will be sent out via email or in person to the businesses in the downtown core. RSVP's must be in by October 17<sup>th</sup> in order to apply for the liquor license in time for the event.
- Door Prize: set up a "fish bowl" for attendants to enter a draw for prizes.

### **NDIT Marketing Initiatives**

The EDT Working Group discussed options for the grant application. Councillor Clement recommended applying for the second intake, with the April 30th deadline, as the first intake is typically very oversubscribed. This timeline would allow the Working Group additional time for planning and idea development before submitting the application.

### **Economic Development Strat Plan**

EDT WG stated that no changes needed to be made but perhaps adding layers to existing strategies.

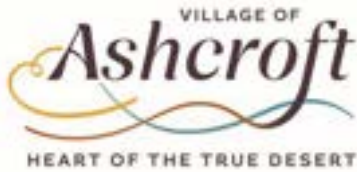
### **Home Town Takeover Canada**

Home Town Takeover Canada is a new HGTV series, hosted by Ben and Erin Napier, as well as Canadian designers and builders, that transform small Canadian towns into a showpiece community. They are seeking submissions from Canadian towns with a population of 20,000 or less. The application is fairly simple and could include a short video and photos of the areas needing revitalization, such as main streets or public parks. Production will be in 2026 and will air in the Fall of 2026 or Winter of 2027. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2025

The EDT WG whole heartedly agreed the Village should apply and recommended reaching out to Kevin Scharfenberg and/or the Mayor to create the video. Another suggestion was BC Bob, who recently posted about the Desert Hills Taco Stand and Remix Music Festival.

## **2. Next Steps**

- Send recommendation to Council requesting staff to apply to the REDIP Grant for a Downtown Revitalisation Plan.



## Economic Development & Tourism

### Working Group - Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 9:30 am

- Reach out to Lillooet regarding their plans for attracting investors to build a new Hotel/Motel
- Create invitations for Mixer
- Fill in application for Home Town Takeover Canada and send to group for proofing.

#### 3. Recommendation

That the Economic Development Working Group recommend to Council that the Village of Ashcroft submit an application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for the purpose of developing a Downtown Revitalization Plan, to be prepared by Urban Systems Ltd.; and further that staff seek alternate funding to update the Hotel/Motel Study as per the guidance received from the Lillooet Hotel attraction project.

#### 4. Date for Next Meeting

TBD

#### 5. Adjournment

10:35 a.m.

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

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Margaret Moreira,  
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator



## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** October 14, 2025  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Roden

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**Assigned Committees:**

Finance Committee  
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)  
Historic Hat Creek Ranch  
TNRD  
Municipal Insurance Authority (MIA)

**Alternate Committees:**

Para Transit  
School District No. 74

**Working Groups:**

Bylaw Enforcement

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### UBCM 2025

The Union of B.C. Municipalities Conference and AGM was held in Victoria from Sept. 22–25. Elected officials and staff from around the province met for meetings with provincial ministers and staff members, workshops, presentations, a resolution session, panel discussions, networking events, and more.

The Village of Ashcroft had no minister or staff meetings this year, as per a discussion between council and staff where it was determined that there were no pressing issues which we needed to bring up. As chair of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, however, I took part in 17 separate meetings, two in partnership with other regional districts, and while many of these were about purely regional district matters, one or two items discussed were of relevance to Ashcroft residents.

Chief among these were separate discussions with Ministry of Health staff members and Interior Health about the possibility of getting a PET/CT scanner (or at least space for one) incorporated in the new cancer care centre being built at Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops. The message was loud and clear: although PET/CT scanners are being incorporated in the new cancer care centres under construction in Burnaby, Nanaimo, and Surrey (which is getting two scanners), there is no possibility of one in Kamloops at the present time, largely due to the challenging topography and limited space at the RIH site and because of potential long and costly delays to the construction of the cancer care centre if plans had to go “back to the drawing board” at this stage. Even if the plans were revisited, there is no assurance that a PET/Ct scanner in Kamloops would be possible at this time.

(On a side note, a subsequent presentation to the Thompson Regional Hospital Board in Kamloops on Oct. 3 explained that a major source of delay in getting PET/CT scans in Kelowna – the only such scanner not located in the Lower Mainland or on Vancouver Island – is that the cyclotron which is needed to process results is regularly offline for various reasons. Two new cyclotrons are being constructed, and when they

(and the four new PET/CT scanners) are finished it will significantly reduce delays. Also of note is that while travelling to Kelowna is often onerous for residents of this region, there is no PET/CT scanner north of Kelowna, and no current plans for one, which is a severe impediment for residents of northern B.C.)

Because of the many meetings with the TNRD, I was unable to attend many of the other items on the conference schedule. Of interest, however, was a presentation about libraries, which made the urgent point that provincial funding for libraries has essentially remained frozen at the same level for a decade at a time when costs, and the number of services libraries provide, are both increasing.

Also of interest was a discussion around proposed amendments to B.C.'s Heritage Act, which could have significant impacts on all local governments in the province. Acknowledging that local governments had not been sufficiently included in the consultation process, Victoria has extended the consultation period to Nov. 14, 2025. One talking point emerging from the discussion is a new awareness of "intangible" cultural heritage, which looks beyond purely tangible or material values and acknowledges the intangible values that might attach to a place or region.

A consistent message throughout the week was that there is very little money to be expected from the province, and that funding taps have largely been turned off for now. It means that local governments will need to take full advantage of any and all grant opportunities that present themselves, which means having "shovel ready" projects that are ready to go (i.e. studies have been completed, budgets have been established, the need for the project is clear) when new grants come available.

I was able to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT), which over the years has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding to the Village of Ashcroft for various projects and initiatives, including our Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator position, advertising and promotional opportunities, and the Grant Writer position that helps support local non-profits and charitable organizations that are looking for funding opportunities.

Finally, it was bittersweet to see that former Ashcroft mayor and alderman Rod Craggs, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 97, was acknowledged on the "In Memoriam" board in the main foyer at the Victoria Conference Centre, and on printouts at each table during the southern Interior Local Government Association luncheon on Sept. 24. Rod was mayor of Ashcroft from 1964–65, and served as alderman (councillor) from 1968–69.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Roden', written in a cursive style.

Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



# In Memoriam 2025



**Rod Craggs**  
**1928 - 2025**  
Village of Ashcroft

Rod Craggs was a longtime Ashcroft resident who served as the Village's mayor from 1964-1965, and as alderman (councillor) from 1968-1969. He was proud that during his time as mayor, most of the streets in downtown Ashcroft were paved for the first time.

Rod led an extraordinary life. He was a longtime member of the Ashcroft Volunteer Fire Department and served as fire chief. He worked 18 hours on the ham radio during the 2003 wildfire west of Ashcroft. Craggs Crescent is named in his honour.



**Judy Heaton**  
**1953 - 2025**  
City of Armstrong  
& Township of  
Spallumcheen

Judy Heaton was a treasure in local government, contributing to two municipalities and a Waterworks District from 1998 to 2025. Judy was originally hired in the Township of Spallumcheen in 1989 until she was scooped up by the City of Armstrong. After she retired, the Township welcomed her back to the team, keeping decades of knowledge in our community.

Judy was not only a valued member of the communities she supported, but also like family to those who had the pleasure of working with her.



**Al Raine**  
**1941 - 2024**  
Sun Peaks Resort  
Municipality

Al Raine was passionate about the community of Sun Peaks, dedicating energy and time to developing the municipality into a great home and destination. Until the time of his passing, Al served as the first and only mayor of Sun Peaks since its 2010 incorporation.

Al was respected for his wisdom, leadership and for his kind and caring personality. He will be missed by all, especially in Sun Peaks, a community he loved.



**Stu Wells**  
**1945 - 2025**  
Town of Osoyoos

Stu Wells was the mayor of Osoyoos from 2008-2014, after serving a term as a town councillor. He was a Director on RDOS until 2014, and the Chair of Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) from 2012-2014.

Stu spent most of his life in Osoyoos, and was a passionate supporter of the town, its residents, and water quality. He fully endorsed the town's logo, with the slogan, "Canada's Warmest Welcome".

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:**       **October 14, 2025**  
**TO:**         **Council**  
**FROM:**      **Councillor Clement**

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**Deputy Mayor** – November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024

**Assigned Committees/WG:**

Finance Committee  
NDIT  
Health Care (HAWC)  
School District No. 74

**Alternate:**

Gold Country Communities Society  
CiB Committee

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UBCM this year in Victoria was another great time to connect with colleagues and learn from them.

The Small Talks Forum was particularly interesting, with the CAO and a councillor from Harrison Hot Springs sharing their story of a very dysfunctional council after the last election, with a new mayor and council member. They walked us through the trials and tribulations they faced and what they had to do to get back to being able to actually do the job they were elected to do. During a two-year period, 4 out of 5 senior staff quit, leaving only the CAO, the mayor stepped down, and two councillors also stepped down. It was a great presentation of how dysfunctional a council that doesn't know its role can get, and how, despite that, something good can come out of it.

Grand Forks also spoke about the huge flood they had a few years ago and the ongoing efforts they are undertaking to mitigate future disasters of that level.

100 Mile House presented the Forestry Industry Job Loss booklet they had created to help their community after the closure of two of their mills. The guide is well laid out, and although it's geared towards the forestry industry, it would be easily adaptable to any sector. It provided resources for finding new work, dealing with losing the only job you'd ever had and supporting your mental health.

The keynote address from Marcy Grossman, showcasing her time as one of Canada's Ambassadors was really interesting. She has had an amazing life adventure.

The UBCM Excellence Awards were exciting as our neighbours in Cache Creek took home an award for their web-based listing of all of the flood repair projects.

I always appreciate my time at events like this, learning from other communities and connecting with old friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Clement  
Councillor