

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the September 8th Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting, Council discussed and suggested edits to the Good Neighbour Bylaw, which were later brought forwarded to the September 8th Regular Council Meeting for third reading.

During the same COTW meeting, Council reviewed the second intake of Grant-in-Aid (GIA) applications. At the Regular Meeting, Council approved funding for the following:

- Ashcroft & District Fall Fair – \$500
- Equality Project Society – \$500
- Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society – \$500

Also at the Regular Meeting, Council heard a presentation from Terri Hadwin of the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission (TNFC), who provided an overview of the Commission's role in raising public awareness of film opportunities in the region.

Council also considered a request from the Pigeon Racing and Hobby Community, asking that the Village not proceed with banning pigeons in the municipality. After discussion, Council agreed to move forward with the bylaw provision banning this sport. Council then approved the edits to Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879 and gave it third reading. Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 880 was also given third reading.

Council held a Special Meeting on September 18th to address time sensitive correspondence. During the meeting:

- Council approved a **Letter of Support** for the Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society's Grant-in-Aid application to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Council approved the **SCEF Society's request** to waive the rental fee for the Community Hall to host the "Get Your Ducks in a Row, Planning Fair."

As always, Council meeting agendas and minutes are available for detailed review on the Village website at www.ashcroftbc.ca.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR BYLAW NO. 879, 2025

The Good Neighbour Bylaw is aimed at fostering a safe, respectful, and welcoming community for all residents. This bylaw consolidates multiple outdated bylaws and establishes clear, enforceable standards to support safety, property maintenance, and respectful neighbourhood conduct.

Council will be considering adoption of the Good Neighbour Bylaw at their October 14th regular meeting. We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the bylaw and work together to maintain the friendly and supportive atmosphere that makes our community special.

NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 880, 2025

The Village is also updating its Notice of Enforcement Bylaw to *include* the new fines and offence categories introduced in the Good Neighbour Bylaw. At the same time, older and unused penalty schedules are being removed to ensure everything is clear, current, and consistent across all bylaws.

These updates give our Bylaw Enforcement Officer clear and practical tools to apply bylaws fairly and consistently. This helps ensure that community standards are upheld in a way that is transparent, efficient, and supportive of the safe and respectful environment we all value in Ashcroft.

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

2025 BY-ELECTION

Advanced Voting Day

Wed. October 8

8 am - 8 pm

General Voting Day

Sat. October 18

8 am - 8 pm

**All voting takes place
at the Ashcroft
Community Hall
409 Bancroft Street**

RANCH ROAD SPEED BUMPS

To help keep our kids and community safe, Public Works has installed two speed bumps along Ranch Road, enroute to and from Desert Sands Community School. The Street Safety Working Group recommended these bumps to encourage drivers to slow down and make this busy stretch safer for students, pedestrians, and everyone in the neighbourhood.



2025

Upcoming Council

Meetings

Oct. 14: 6 pm

Oct. 27: 6 pm

Nov. 10: 6 pm

Nov. 24: 6 pm

2025 BY-ELECTION VOTING CRITERIA

There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day
- be a Canadian citizen
- be a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting)
- be a resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of Ashcroft for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration, and not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if applicable, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC) TRAINING

Village staff are currently undergoing Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training to ensure we are ready to respond effectively should emergencies arise in our community or surrounding areas.

We have multiple EOC kits, giving us the ability to set up and monitor from wherever we're needed. In an emergency, our team can be deployed as a full-time EOC, providing continuous coordination and support.

Although this training has resulted in multiple office closures while sessions take place, we assure you that it will make us better prepared and ready for whichever emergency should arise.

Combined with our training in communication, coordination, and response, these tools help strengthen our readiness to keep the community safe and supported during critical events.