

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Mayor Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Cam Tedford

EXCUSED

N/A

Public – 1

Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday, October 28, 2025 to order at 6:00 pm.

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

OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCILLOR-ELECT CAMERON TEDFORD

Mayor Roden asked CAO Daniela Dyck to proceed with administering the Oath of Office for Councillor Elect, Cam Tedford. Councillor Tedford affirmed his oath after which Mayor Roden welcomed Councillor Tedford and invited him to take his seat at the Council table.

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There are three additions to the agenda:

1. Council Appointments – to be discussed under New Business
2. Street Safety Working Group – to be discussed under New Business
3. Bonaparte First Nation Invitation to Attend Aboriginal Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8, 2025 – to be discussed under Information Correspondence

M/S Clement / Davenport

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday October 28, 2025, be amended as presented. CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2025-152

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 14, 2025 M/S Anstett / Tedford <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 14, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-153
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

No public input was received.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>CAO Report: Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 – Final Review and Update</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with information regarding the latest rendition of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025, and to request Council's review and feedback prior to reconsideration of third reading. M/S Anstett / Clement</p> <p>1. <i>THAT, Council receives this report for information and provide any final edits or comments to staff prior to reconsideration of third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Councillor Tedford suggested edits: 3.4 replace "unlicensed with unregistered or uninsured" Council discussed the intent of that section of the bylaw and agreed that the suggestion would not alter the intent but adds a layer of protection for collectors. Other discussion included derelict and unsightly which is addressed in item 3.4 (c). Schedule "B" add the following invasive or noxious plants/trees Babies Breath (Gypsophila) Siberian Elm (Ulmus pumila) Russian Olive (Elaeagnus angustifolia)</p> <p>M/S Roden / Davenport</p> <p>2. <i>THAT, Council reconsiders and approves third reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 as amended.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-154</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-155</p>
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>EDT Report: Home Town Takeover Canada – Assessment of Community Participation</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with information on Home Town Takeover Canada, a new HGTV series focused on revitalizing small towns across the country, and to seek Council’s direction on whether the Village should consider submitting an application.</p> <p><i>Item for discussion and direction to Staff.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Council discussed the potential participation in the Home Town Makeover program. Concerns were raised regarding possible costs to the Village, businesses, or residents that may be selected for the makeover, and whether the projects chosen by the Home Town team would align with the community’s vision. It was noted that there would be limited local discretion in project selection and that the results may not fully represent the community as desired.</p> <p>Council suggested waiting to observe how the program is implemented in its first season in Canada and to reach out to a successful participating community to assess the outcomes and lessons learned. Members agreed that while the concept is positive and inspiring, more information is needed before committing. It was further suggested that the Village follow its usual best practice of being “shovel-ready” for such opportunities rather than pursuing them reactively.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, the EDT Home-Town Takeover Canada report be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-156</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>CAO Report: 2025 By-Election Summary – Councillor Vacancy</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with an overview of the 2025 Village of Ashcroft by-election process and results. This report is for information only; no action is required.</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked all the candidates for putting their names forward and running in the by-election.</p>	
6.3	<p>EDT Report: Filming in Ashcroft</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with a brief summary of the film activity that has taken place in Ashcroft and the immediate area since January 2025</p>	

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	and our continued collaboration with the Thompson Nicola Film Commission (TNFC). It was noted that these types of productions often require a non-disclosure agreement, which can limit what information can be shared and may impact the community. Information on direct benefits to the business community may be available through Terri Hadwin, as the TNFC may have a more established method for tracking or reporting such statistics.	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	TNFC – Requesting Users Testimonials for a Grant Application & Letter of Support M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT, Council provide a letter of support for the TNFC's REDIP application to update the image library as requested.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-157
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Philip Perras, Pender Island, BC – A Call for Municipal Solidarity and Transparency on PFAS Contamination at YYJ and all BC Airports	
7.3	SD #74 – Board Bulletin for October 2025	
7.4	City of Kamloops Council – Invitation to the Diverse Voices: Rethinking Community Conference October 29-30, 2025	
7.5	BFN – Remembrance Day ceremony encouraged any Council member wishing to go to attend	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	Council Appointments 2023–2026 – update to assign Councillor Tedford M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves Councillor Tedford be appointed to the portfolio as previously assigned to Councillor Lambert.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-158
	Street Safety Working Group Two items were recommended for discussion by the Working Group 1. Parking issues in front of 605 & 611 Railway Ave.	

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	<p>Councillor Davenport recused herself at 6:40 as the business operator at 605 Railway Ave she deemed herself to be in a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Concern raised that 601 and 611 Railway have not been included in the discussion</p> <p>General observations of vehicles parked in the 600 block of Railway discussed</p> <p>Mediation was determined to be the best course of action</p> <p>Direction to staff – discuss concerns with all affected properties and coordinate a meeting with owners of 603 Railway to see if a solution can be agreed on.</p> <p>2. Schedule Town Hall Meeting – M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council direct staff to schedule a Town Hall Meeting in November to discuss the OCP and Zoning Bylaw updates, Water Meter info update and Street Safety Working Group recommendations.</i></p> <p>Meeting format to be a brief presentation for each subject item and then disperse to a “world café” format with subject matter experts at each station to provide information and answer questions.</p> <p>It was noted that RCMP (security) should be present in light of the last public meeting to discuss the water meter project.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-159</p>
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

12.1	<p>M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council moves to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (e) the acquisition, disposition or</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-160</p>
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	<i>expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.</i>	
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13. **RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

13.1	N/A	
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14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 8:22 pm.

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

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor