

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Cam Tedford

EXCUSED

Mayor Barbara Roden

Public – 1

Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Davenport called the Regular Meeting for Monday, November 10, 2025 to order at 6:00 pm.

The deputy Mayor shared Mayor Roden's regrets for being unable to attend the meeting this evening.

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

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 28, 2025 M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 28, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-161
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Dawson Road Maintenance, Caroline Slade, Quality Manager – Meet and Greet New Quality Manager: Caroline Slade thanked Council for the opportunity to present and noted that she is approximately five and a half months into her role as Quality Manager. She advised that her primary purpose was a meet-and-greet, but she welcomed any questions. Where she is unable to provide immediate answers, she will follow up with her supervisor and team. Caroline stated she is working to improve engagement with stakeholders and encouraged Council to forward any questions or	
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	<p>concerns. She advised that a stakeholder engagement session will be held virtually this Friday at 10:00 a.m., and she will forward the meeting invite to Council and staff.</p> <p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge Project (Councillor Tedford): Councillor Tedford noted progress at the bridge, observing concrete forms and repositioning activity, and asked for an update on the status. Caroline advised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The railing is on order. ○ They are expecting to pour concrete, weather permitting. ○ Placement of the blocks remains a concern, and options are being reviewed. ○ Current efforts are focused on repairing existing damage; future mitigation measures are still being evaluated. ○ Weather conditions will likely delay further concrete work until spring. Caroline will speak with the Superintendent and follow up. Councillor Clement requested that Caroline direct her follow-up by email to the CAO. <p>Other Questions outside of Ashcroft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Bar: Awaiting input from CN engineers. • Highway 99 Intersection: Reported that spray-on asphalt was trialed. • Brine Application: Caroline explained that brine performed well last season, helping prevent snow from bonding to the road surface. At this time of year, brine is proving more effective than salt, which tends to spray off the road without a "stay factor." Brine is currently considered the better product. 	
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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.

There were no questions or comments received from the public.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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5.1	Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 – Adoption M/S Tedford / Clement <i>THAT, Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025 be adopted.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-162
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CFO Report: Transfer of Funds to MFA M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Council authorizes the CFO to transfer a substantial portion of the funds from the credit union to MFA.</i></p> <p>Discussion: CFO Bhalla reported that current economic indicators point to increasingly uncertain financial conditions. He highlighted the FRED yield curve, which has been a reliable early warning sign of recessions, and noted recent U.S. job losses—the highest in 25 years—as adding to concerns about a potential downturn and its impact on the Village’s investments.</p> <p>Given this outlook, he recommended taking a more conservative investment approach. While the Credit Union is protected by CUDIC, he advised moving a portion of funds to the MFA’s AAA-rated Target Maturity Fund to strengthen safety and maintain diversification.</p> <p>In response to Council’s questions, CFO Bhalla noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is unclear whether conditions will mirror past recessions such as 2008 or the 1980s, but key U.S. indicators are troubling. • Canadian household debt is high, foreclosures are increasing, and several auto lenders have recently declared bankruptcy. • A recession could occur within one to four months, though timing is uncertain. • The yield curve continues to be a strong leading indicator, and the Village should take steps to protect its financial position. <p>When asked how long the Village may need to stay conservative, he advised the period is unknown but could be three to four years. Staff will continue monitoring financial markets and adjust the investment strategy as needed.</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-163
FOR INFORMATION		
6.	FireSmart Coordinator Report: Year 1 to Date FireSmart Program	

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	BC/Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion – 21 st Anniversary of the Military Service Recognition Book – Request for support for an ad M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Council supports the request and purchase a colour business card ad in the 21st edition Military Service Recognition Book.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-164
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs – Local Government Elections Regulation Amendment	
7.3	IH – Interior Health calls young artists to join Beyond the Buzz 2.0: Youth Voices on Substance Use	
7.4	UBCM – Provincial Response to 2024 Resolutions Councillor Clement noted the correspondence seemed incomplete.	
7.5	EV Site Host Update – The Village will submit a photo for BC Hydro EV Newsletter consideration	
7.6	TNRD News Release – TNRD Board Chair and Vice-Chair Acclaimed for Upcoming Year Clement – congratulations with Council	
7.7	CN Winter Driving Safety Message	
7.8	UBCM Preliminary Findings – Proposed Changes to Heritage Conservation Act	
7.9	UBCM Express Concern with Private Members Bill – Article	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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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	
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11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford – correction	

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

Deputy Mayor Davenport adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:29 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, November 10, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Nadine Davenport,
Deputy Mayor