

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

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Ashcroft is authorized pursuant to the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26 to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to nuisances, property maintenance, noise, animals, and other matters;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to promote civic responsibility, protect the health and safety of the public, enhance the appearance of the community, and establish clear expectations for good neighbourly conduct;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1 – CITATION AND PURPOSE

1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as the "**Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 879, 2025**".

1.2 The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote civic responsibility and good neighbourly relations by establishing clear rules for the use and maintenance of private and public property within the Village of Ashcroft.

1.3 This Bylaw repeals the following bylaws in their entirety:

- Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 505, 1990
- Noise Control Bylaw No. 684, 1983
- Fireworks Bylaw No. 765, 2009

1.4 The following Schedules attached hereto are hereby made part of this Bylaw and adopted as the Good Neighbour Bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft:

- Schedule A (Good Neighbour Bylaw Text)
- Schedule B (Definitions)
- Schedule C (Noxious and Invasive Plants)
- Schedule D (Designated Contraventions and Penalties)
- Schedule E (Residence Compliance Checklist)

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	25 th	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	25 th	DAY OF	August	, 2025
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	8 th	DAY OF	September	, 2025
RESCIND THIRD READING	14 th	DAY OF	October	, 2025
RE-READ A THIRD TIME	28 th	DAY OF	October	, 2025
ADOPTED THIS	10 th	DAY OF	November	, 2025

Original bylaw is signed by

Barbara H. Roden, Mayor

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

Original bylaw is signed by

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 Premises

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, uninsured or unregistered 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 uninsured or unregistered vehicle permitted on lots 1,700 m² or smaller, and no more than two on larger lots.
- b) Vehicles may not be parked or stored on boulevards, lanes, or other Village property without prior authorization.
- c) For the purposes of this section, derelict vehicles that are visibly deteriorated, lack valid insurance or registration, or appear inoperable are considered discarded materials and may be deemed unsightly under this Bylaw.

3.5 Recreational Vehicles and Motorhomes

- a) Recreational vehicles (RVs), campers, and motorhomes are not permitted to be used as permanent or semi-permanent dwellings on any property within the Village of Ashcroft. For the purposes of this Bylaw, an RV is defined as a self-propelled vehicle or trailer designed for temporary accommodation during travel or recreational use, including motor homes as defined under the Motor Vehicle Act.
- b) RVs may not be parked, stored, or left standing on Village rights-of-way, boulevards, or other public property, except in accordance with the Village's Traffic Bylaw. Despite the Traffic Bylaw, the seasonal storage of RVs on boulevards, rights-of-way, or other public property is prohibited during the off-season, being the period from October 15 to April 15 each year.
- c) Visitors staying with friends or family may occupy an RV for a maximum of seven (7) consecutive days, provided the vehicle is parked entirely on private property, does not obstruct sidewalks or traffic sightlines, does not create a tripping hazard, and does not impede access for emergency services. This exception is intended for occasional visits only and may not be used to facilitate frequent or recurring occupancy. Generally, use under this provision should not exceed one stay per calendar year per property.
- d) Temporary RV occupancy is not permitted on boulevards, public rights-of-way, or other Village-owned lands unless expressly authorized in writing by the Village. For greater certainty, the preparation of an RV for travel (loading, unloading, or servicing) on a boulevard or right-of-way must not exceed forty-eight (48) hours.
- e) RVs may be stored on private property only if they are not being used as dwellings, are maintained in good repair, and are parked in a driveway or side/rear yard without blocking sidewalks, road access, or visibility. No more than one RV may be stored on a residential lot unless otherwise permitted under the Zoning Bylaw.

3.5A Temporary Shelters

a) In addition, temporary shelters—such as tents or nylon/plastic coverings that are non-rigid and no larger than 10 square metres—are not permitted for long-term occupancy and must be located and maintained in a way that does not contribute to unsightly conditions or create safety concerns.

3.6 Firewood Storage

a) Firewood must be stacked neatly and stored in a manner that reduces fire hazards, consistent with FireSmart principles. Firewood shall not be stored against or under any structure, deck, or porch.

b) The preferred storage distance is at least ten (10) metres from all buildings. Where lot size does not allow, firewood may be stored no closer than three (3) metres from any structure.

c) Seasonal Storage: Firewood required for winter use may be temporarily stored near the home; however, all unused wood must be relocated by spring to a firewood shed or pile located at least ten (10) metres from all structures.

d) Firewood Sheds: Firewood sheds should be constructed of fire-resistant materials (e.g., metal siding, cement board, asphalt or metal roofing), placed on a non-combustible base extending 1.5 metres around the structure, and fitted with ember-resistant vents or screening. Sheds should be no larger than 10 ft × 10 ft and positioned with doors facing away from the dwelling.

e) Quantity: Residents may store only the amount of firewood reasonably required for household heating or recreational use for the season. Bulk or long-term stockpiling beyond seasonal needs is prohibited within the Village due to extreme wildfire risk.

f) Prohibited Storage: Chainsaws, jerry cans, fuel, or oils must not be stored with firewood.

g) Firewood piles or sheds must not obstruct access to buildings, property lines, or emergency routes, and must not be stored in a condition that creates a fire hazard for neighbouring properties. Firewood should be kept off the ground on racks or pallets where possible, and the surrounding area must be kept free of dry grass, leaves, bark, and other combustible debris.

3.7 Vegetation, Trees, and Hedges

a) Owners and occupiers are responsible for maintaining all trees, hedges, shrubs, and other vegetation on their property in a condition that is safe, tidy, and not unsightly. Vegetation must be kept trimmed to prevent obstruction of sidewalks, roadways, or public rights-of-way, must not encroach onto neighbouring properties, and must not block sightlines at intersections or driveways. Overgrown, unmanaged, or dead plantings must be regularly maintained or removed to preserve visibility and reduce fire risk.

b) Hazardous or Invasive Vegetation: Including noxious weeds as designated under the *Weed Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 487—must be promptly removed. Property owners are responsible for controlling the spread of such species and ensuring their removal does not result in regrowth.

c) Fruit Trees: Property owners must ensure that all fruit-bearing trees are regularly maintained to prevent the accumulation of fallen or rotting fruit. Ripe fruit should be picked in a timely manner to avoid attracting wild animals such as bears, raccoons, or deer, and to minimize the risk of vermin infestation. Any fallen fruit must be collected and properly disposed of. Failure to manage fruit trees in accordance with this section may result in enforcement action under this Bylaw.

d) Cedar Hedges: No person shall plant, establish, or replace a hedge consisting of cedar trees or shrubs on any property within the Village of Ashcroft.

e) Existing Cedar Hedges – Risk Reduction Requirements: Owners of existing cedar hedges must maintain them in a manner that reduces wildfire risk and nuisance conditions, including but not limited to:

- Regular trimming to reduce hedge density and remove dead or brown foliage.
- Maintaining a clearance of at least 30 centimetres (12 inches) from the ground to reduce ladder fuels.
- Removing accumulations of fallen debris and trimmings.

f) Cedar Hedge Phased Remediation: Property owners with existing cedar hedges are encouraged to phase in the removal, thinning, or replacement of hedges over time. The Village will continue to pursue FireSmart program funding to support private property remediation, including possible cost-sharing for trimming, removal, or chipping, subject to funding availability.

g) Redevelopment Requirement: Where redevelopment, substantial renovation, or major landscaping of a property occurs, any existing cedar hedge must be removed and replaced with FireSmart-appropriate vegetation or fencing.

h) Additional Risk Reduction Encouragement: Property owners are strongly encouraged to prioritize the removal or thinning of cedar hedges that directly abut dwellings, accessory buildings, or other structures, as these pose the highest wildfire and safety risks. This guidance is consistent with **FireSmart BC and FireSmart Canada principles**, which recommend reducing or eliminating flammable vegetation within the first 1.5 metres of any structure to protect homes and neighbouring properties.

i) Non-compliance with the basic FireSmart maintenance requirements of this section (such as removing dead or dry material) may result in enforcement action under Schedule B.

3.8 Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks

a) Every owner or occupier of real property whose property abuts a sidewalk or walkway must remove all snow and ice from the full width of the sidewalk or walkway:

- i. Following Overnight Events: No later than 10:00 a.m. on the day following any snowfall or freezing event occurring overnight.
- ii. During the Day: As soon as reasonably possible after the start of any snowfall or freezing event occurring during the day, and on an ongoing basis throughout the day as conditions require, to ensure the sidewalk remains clear and safe for use.

- iii. For clarity, snow and ice removal must be performed often enough to prevent the accumulation of hazardous conditions, including compacted snow or ice.
- iv. The use of coarse rock salt on concrete sidewalks is prohibited. Only eco-friendly de-icing materials or commercially available ice-melt products specifically formulated for use on concrete such as "Ice Blaster" or equivalent are permitted.

b) Snow removed from a sidewalk must not be placed on a roadway or on another sidewalk, boulevard, or lane where it may obstruct traffic or drainage.

c) If the owner or occupier fails to remove snow and ice as required, the Village may remove it in accordance with Section 2.7 (Remedial Action Authority) and invoice the property owner for all costs incurred.

3.9 Waste Management

- a) All garbage, recycling, and compost materials must be stored in secure containers to prevent scattering, odour, or attraction of animals.
- b) Waste containers must be maintained in a sanitary condition and kept out of sight from public streets where possible.
- c) No person shall dump or deposit waste, garbage, or debris on public or private land other than in a lawful disposal site or container authorized for that purpose.

3.10 Commercial Vehicle Parking:

- a) No person shall park or store a large commercial vehicle exceeding 5,000 kilograms gross vehicle weight in a residential zone, except for the purpose of temporary loading or unloading.
- b) For the purposes of this section, vehicles exceeding 5,000 kg GVW include but are not limited to dump trucks, cube vans, buses, delivery trucks, and construction service vehicles. Pickup trucks and personal vans are not considered large commercial vehicles under this section.

3.11 Encroachments on Public Property:

- a) No person shall place or maintain unauthorized structures, materials, landscaping, or equipment on Village sidewalks, boulevards, rights-of-way, or other public property.

3.12 Construction and Renovation Debris:

- a) Owners and contractors must ensure that construction and renovation debris is contained on the property and does not spill onto adjacent lands, boulevards, or drainage systems.

3.13 Emergency Access:

- a) No owner or occupier shall place or permit obstructions, including vehicles, landscaping, or structures, that impede emergency access to hydrants, rights-of-way, or easements.

PART 4 – NOISE CONTROL

4.1 No person shall make, cause, or permit noise that unreasonably disturbs others.

4.2 Without limiting section 4.1, the following are prohibited:

- i. Loud music or amplified sound that can be heard beyond the property line;
- ii. Persistent animal noise;
- iii. Construction or power tool use between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- iv. Vehicle engine idling in excess of 10 minutes, and vehicles must be parked in a manner that prevents exhaust fumes from entering any private residence.
- v. Operation of a motor vehicle with a defective or modified exhaust system that causes noise exceeding normal operating levels

4.3 This section does not apply to emergency services, Village operations, or authorized public events.

PART 5 – OUTDOOR BURNING

5.1 Outdoor Burning Compliance

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

- a) No person shall burn or cause to be burned any garbage, construction waste, plastics, rubber, painted or treated wood, domestic refuse, or other noxious materials in a wood stove, burning barrel, fire pit, outdoor fireplace, or any other device.
- b) Only clean, dry firewood or may be burned in an outdoor fire pit, wood stove, or other approved burning appliance.

5.3 Nuisance Smoke

No person shall operate an outdoor burning appliance in a manner that creates excessive smoke, odour, or air quality concerns for neighbouring properties.

5.4 Nuisance Odours

No owner or occupier shall cause or permit odours from compost, animal waste, or other materials to become a nuisance to neighbouring properties

5.5 Enforcement

Any contravention of this section may result in:

- i. Immediate extinguishment of the fire by the Fire Department or Bylaw Enforcement Officer, and;
- ii. Penalties and cost recovery in accordance with **Schedule B** of this Bylaw.

PART 6 – FIREWORKS AND FIRECRACKERS

6.1 The sale, possession, and discharge of fireworks or firecrackers is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the Village.

6.2 Any person causing an incident involving fireworks or firecrackers is liable for the full cost of the Village's response, as outlined in **Schedule B**.

PART 7 – ANIMALS, HENS, BEES and HOMING BIRDS

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

7.2 Backyard Hens

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

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

- xii. Hens showing signs of illness or disease must be removed promptly and handled in accordance with applicable provincial regulations.
- xiii. Hens must be provided with adequate food, water, shelter, and space in accordance with the BC SPCA Farm Animal Care Guidelines.

7.3 Beekeeping

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

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

7.4 Pigeons and Bird Sporting Events

- i. The keeping of pigeons or other homing birds (*Columba livia domestica*) for any purpose, including as pets or for breeding, is not permitted within the Village of Ashcroft.
- ii. No person shall organize, permit, or participate in a Bird Sporting Event within the Village of Ashcroft.
- iii. No person shall release pigeons or other domesticated birds for the purpose of competition, racing, distance flying, or endurance events, including but not limited to pigeon racing, high flyer, tippler and pigeon gaming (Kabootar Bazi) events.
- iv. No person shall abandon pigeons within the Village. Domesticated pigeons left without care are deemed abandoned and subject to enforcement under this Bylaw.

PART 8 – OUTDOOR LIGHTING

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

PART 9 – PUBLIC CONDUCT

9.1 Disorderly Behavior:

No person shall cause a nuisance in a public place by way of disorderly behaviour, public intoxication, loitering, or other actions that disturb the peace of the neighbourhood.

9.2 Disruptive Gatherings

No person shall host or permit a gathering that unreasonably disrupts neighbouring residents due to noise, traffic, or unsafe conditions.

PART 10 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

10.1 During periods of declared water restrictions, all property owners shall comply with watering schedules or limits established by the Village.

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

SCHEDULE B – DEFINITIONS

1. General Clause

Unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw, all terms shall have the same meaning as set out in the Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018, as amended or replaced from time to time.

2. Defined Terms

- **Accessory Building** means a building or structure subordinate to the principal building or use and located on the same parcel.
- **Bird Sporting Event** means any competition, contest, or activity involving the release of pigeons or other domesticated birds for distance, endurance, or time-based performance, including but not limited to pigeon racing, high flyer events, and tippler flying.
- **Boulevard** means the area between the curb and the adjacent property line that is not used as a sidewalk, including any landscaped or grassed area.
- **Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO)** means a person appointed by the Village to enforce one or more of its bylaws.
- **Cargo Container** means a prefabricated metal shipping container typically used for freight transport, repurposed for storage on a parcel of land.
- **Companion Animal** means a cat, rabbit, guinea pig, rodent, bird, or reptile (excluding dogs) kept as part of a household, but not including animals regulated under the *Wildlife Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 488.
- **Discarded Materials** includes, but is not limited to, broken, unusable, or unwanted household items, appliances, furniture, scrap metal, building materials, and yard waste that are not in active use or stored in a tidy and orderly fashion.
- **Derelict Vehicle** means a vehicle that is inoperable, unlicensed, partially dismantled, or in a visibly deteriorated condition such that it cannot be legally driven or used on a highway.
- **Dwelling Unit** means a self-contained unit providing sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities for residential use by one or more persons.
- **FireSmart Principles** means landscaping and property maintenance practices intended to reduce wildfire risk, as recommended by FireSmart Canada.
- **Hazardous Vegetation** means any tree, shrub, or other plant that poses a risk to safety, access, sightlines, or infrastructure, or increases the risk of fire.
- **Hen** means a domesticated chicken (*Gallus gallus domesticus*).
- **Invasive Plant** means a non-native plant that adversely affects habitats, ecosystems, or human activity, including species listed under Schedule A of this Bylaw.
- **Motor Vehicle** has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 318.
- **Noxious Weed** means a plant designated as such under the *Weed Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 487.
- **Occupier** has the same meaning as in the *Community Charter*, and includes a tenant, lessee, agent, or other person who has the right of access to and control over land or buildings.
- **Owner** has the same meaning as in the *Community Charter*, and includes a person registered in the Land Title Office as the fee simple owner of a property.
- **Pigeon** means a domesticated bird of the species “*Columba livia domestica*”, commonly kept for racing, sporting events, or as pets.
- **Pigeon Racing (Kabootar Bazi)** means a sport involving skilled trainers (called “Khalifas” or “Ustads”) who train their pigeons to fly back to their loft using various cues and techniques.
- **Recreational Vehicle (RV)** means a self-propelled vehicle or trailer designed for temporary living quarters for recreational or travel use, including motor homes, camper vans, campers, and travel trailers.
- **Refuse** means garbage, debris, filth, or waste material of any kind that is discarded or abandoned.

- **Sightline** means the visual field required for safe navigation at intersections, driveways, and access points.
- **Temporary Shelter** means a non-rigid, portable structure used for temporary cover or accommodation, including tents, tarpaulins, or nylon/plastic coverings, not exceeding 10 square metres in floor area.
- **Unsightly** means a condition of property that is offensive to the community's aesthetic standards, including but not limited to graffiti, accumulation of discarded materials, unkempt vegetation, deteriorated buildings, or offensive odours.
- **Village** means the Village of Ashcroft.

SCHEDULE C – NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE PLANTS

The following plants and species are prohibited and must be removed from all properties when identified:

1. Noxious Weeds (as defined by the Weed Control Act)

- Babes Breath (*Gypsophila*)
- 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

- Burdock (*Arctium spp.*)
- Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
- Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*)
- Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)
- Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*)
- Russian Elm (*Ulmus laevis*)
- Russian Olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)
- Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*)
- St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

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 odourous	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.