



# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street  
Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm

### **PRESENT**

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

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

### **EXCUSED**

Councillor, Nadine Davenport

Public –  
Media – 1

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for December 8, 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."*

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

M/S Clement / Anstett

*THAT, the agenda for Monday December 8, 2025 be amended to include the following items:*

- *New business – NDIT resolution in support of a Grant Writer funding application*
- *Updated Council Meeting Schedule for item 6.2*
- *Budget print out for Item 6.3*

CARRIED. Unanimously R-2025-171

### **2. MINUTES**

<b>2.1</b>	Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council held Monday, November 24 , 2025 M/S Clemet / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council held Monday, November 24, 2025, be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-172
<b>2.2</b>	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 24, 2025 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 24, 2025, be adopted as amended to include staff present.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-173

### **3. DELEGATIONS**

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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 questions or comments from the public were received.*

#### 5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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#### 6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report: Bill M 216 – 2025 Professional Reliance Act</p> <p>Purpose: To inform Council of the Village of Ashcroft's concerns regarding Bill M 216 – 2025 Professional Reliance Act, and to present the Village's formal response letter to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs.</p> <p>M/S Tedford / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council endorses the attached letter to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, requesting that the Province reconsider Bill M216 and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Implementing legislation without consultation seems to be a disturbing trend from the province. Similar to the pipeline tax changes, this initiative was also rolled out quietly without consultation.</p> <p>Well researched letter from MIABC</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-174</p>
6.2	<p>CAO Report: 2026 Ashcroft Council Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Purpose: To request Council's endorsement of the 2026 Ashcroft Council Meeting Schedule.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council endorse the attached 2026 Ashcroft Council Meeting Schedule as amended.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-175</p>

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FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	<p>CFO Report: Budget Discussion</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose is to review the budget line by line to align increases, projects and initiatives to granular account budgets.</p> <p>CFO Bhalla guided Council through the priority list asking for input regarding priority item electric SUV and supporting infrastructure to utilize the remaining LGCAP funding or if Council had other suggestions.</p> <p>Council discussed alternatives such as additional solar panels, insulation at the arena, replace arena front doors. After consideration staff was directed to seek a blended solution purchase EV and replace arena doors if cost effective.</p> <p>CFO Bhalla also guided Council through proposed 2026 budget line by line in detail commenting specifically on all highlighted sections which reflected changes to the budget.</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked CFO Bhalla for keeping the Village fiscally on course.</p> <p>Next budget meeting to present year end numbers will be towards the end of January.</p>	

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Interior Health – Is your community ready for cold weather? IH new web page on Cold Weather Readiness for Community Leaders	
7.3	Local Government Heritage Capacity Survey Results	

### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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### 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	<p>NDIT – Grant Writer Funding Application</p> <p>M/S Roden / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council endorse the Grant Writer funding application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust and approve the Village portion of the expense for 2026.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED</p> <p>Unanimously</p> <p>R-2025-176</p>
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### 10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	<p>Enhancing Parks, Recreation &amp; Culture WG Notes – December 2, 2025</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>It was noted that an accessible merry go round replaces bouncy chairs in the original design</p> <p>Chime / music component – how loud will these be the park is in a residential neighbourhood</p> <p>Concern how serviceable will the equipment be, in particular the merry-go-round</p> <p>Question in regard to service contract and warranty</p> <p>Council liked the playground design</p>	
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### 11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden</p> <p>Thanked the HUB for the Santa Parade with an impressive 25 floats on December 5, 2025</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted she will be attending the Rotary Dinner on December 15, 2025.</p>	
11.2	Councillor Anstett – Nothing to report	
11.3	Councillor Clement – Nothing to report	
11.4	Councillor Davenport - excused	
11.5	<p>Councillor Tedford – Verbal Report</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this verbal report is to provide Council with updates, observations, and information relevant to my Council duties. This may include community engagement activities, committee participation, regional meetings, or emerging issues of interest to the Village.</p> <p>Verbal Report Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors Update – Parking Concerns</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Tedford provided an update following a meeting with the new Seniors Centre Chair, Cliff Marsh, and reported the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are several outstanding keys for the facility which will be returned to the village. The seniors will revert back to the contract and retain three keys for seniors use.</li> <li>The Seniors Association has inquired about installing an access ramp on the north side of the building. As this is not a current budget item, Councillor Tedford suggested they explore New Horizons for Seniors funding to support accessibility improvements at either the north entrance or the front of the building.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns were raised regarding parking availability at the Lady Minto building on Saturday afternoons during weekly bingo sessions. Hockey parents frequently occupy all the spaces, and seniors have approached them to request that spaces remain available for elder users.</li> <li>Councillor Tedford proposed the creation of six (6) seniors-only parking stalls, with signage indicating "Seniors Parking Only – Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.", with directional arrows as needed. Estimated costs are approximately \$70 per sign and \$60 per post, plus labour.</li> <li>Enforcement challenges were noted, as the Village does not have weekend bylaw services and RCMP presence is not regular.</li> <li>The Seniors Association indicated they are willing to address parking conflicts directly with users as they arise.</li> <li>It was noted that similar requests have been made to previous Councils.</li> <li>Council was reminded that the appropriate process for considerations such as this request is through a Notice of Motion.</li> </ul> <p>M/S Tedford / Anstett <i>THAT, Council endorse the purchase and installation of four (4) signs to be placed in front of the Village office. Signs will read: Seniors Centre Parking Only, Sat. 12-4 pm and be done with directional arrows.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2025-177</p>
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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

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for December 8, 2025, at 7:15 pm

Certified to be a true and correct copy of  
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council  
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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor