



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday January 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

"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

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 8, 2025 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 8, 2025, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-6
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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.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	CAO/CFO Report – Water Regulations, Utility Fee Amendments and Enforcement Alignment Bylaws Purpose: To present a coordinated package of bylaws that modernizes the Village's water regulations, updates water, sewer, and solid waste fees, and enables administrative enforcement of the new Water Regulations Bylaw. M/S 1. Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026; <i>THAT Council gives first and second reading to the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026;</i> M/S 2. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026 (Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fees);	P. 7-20
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	<p><i>THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026;</i></p> <p>M/S</p> <p>3. Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026 (Water Regulations).</p> <p><i>THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026.</i></p>	
5.2	<p>CAO Report – Review of Council Annual Remuneration Policy (C-05-2021)</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to present Council with the current Council Annual Remuneration, Conference Attendance and Travel Expense Policy (C-05-2021) for review and to invite discussion and direction on whether Council wishes to make any changes at this time</p> <p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council receives the report titled “Review of Council Annual Remuneration Policy (C-05-2021)” for information;</i></p> <p><i>AND THAT Council reviews the attached policy and provide direction to staff regarding any desired changes or confirmation of the current policy.</i></p>	P. 21-24

1. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Approval to Attend CAO Forum</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the CAO to attend the 2026 CAO Forum hosted by the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) in Richmond, BC, from February 17-19, 2026.</p> <p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the 2026 CAO Forum in Richmond, BC, February 17-19, 2026, and approve associated travel, accommodation, registration, and related expenses consistent with Village policy.</i></p>	P. 25-26
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Approval to Destroy Election Materials</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to destroy election materials from the 2025 Local By-Election, as required</p>	P. 27-28

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	<p>under the Local Government Act (LGA) once the legislated retention period has expired.</p> <p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council authorizes staff to destroy the 2025 Local By-Election materials in accordance with section 160(8) of the Local Government Act, as the required retention period has passed.</i></p>	
6.3	<p>EDTC Report – Mesa Vista Park Playground-Approval to Proceed with Quote and Funding Exploration</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to proceed with the replacement of the existing playground equipment at Mesa Vista Park by approving the attached quote, and to allow staff to explore external funding opportunities to reduce the financial impact to the Village.</p> <p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council approve staff to proceed with acceptance of the attached quotation from Park N Play Design Company Ltd. for the supply and installation of new playground equipment and safety surfacing at Mesa Vista Park, in the amount of \$263,264.99 (including GST), and further authorize staff to pursue applicable grant and leveraged funding opportunities to offset project costs.</i></p>	P. 29-42
6.4	<p>EDTC Report – Economic Development Capacity Grant Application</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Development Capacity Building stream.</p> <p>M/S</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding in the amount of \$50,000 under the Economic Development Capacity Building stream to support the continued position of the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator for the Village of Ashcroft and further supports the position and associated project for the duration of the grant period.</i></p>	P. 43-44
FOR INFORMATION		
6.5	<p>CFO Report – Water Meter Project Update – <i>For Information</i></p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status and progress of the Universal Water Metering Project.</p>	P. 45-46
6.6	BEO Report – Q4 Update – <i>For Information</i>	P. 47-49

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	Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of bylaw enforcement activity for the fourth quarter of 2025, to report on the implementation of the Good Neighbour Bylaw, and to outline enforcement priorities moving into 2026.	

2. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.1	HVC – Teck News Release Anglo American Merger	P. 50-52
7.2	Community Works Fund 2024-34 Agreement Year 2 Payment 2	P. 53
7.3	NDIT – Business Façade Improvement Program Approval Letter	P. 54
7.4	Letter from Osoyoos – Private Members Bill M216	P. 55-56
7.5	GFOABC – Thank you CFO Yoginder Bhalla	P. 57
7.6	Human Rights Commissioner’s – Inquiry Into Police Use of Media Exclusion Zones – Municipalities	P. 58-67
7.7	EMCR Newsletter	P. 68-77
7.8	IHA – Healthy Communities Newsletter	P. 78-84
7.9	Justice Backlogs – Targeted Messaging, and Municipal Responsibility	P. 85-90
7.10	TNRD News Release – BC Assessment Request	P. 91-92
7.11	TNRD News Release – Neskonlith MOU	P. 93
7.12	TNRD News Release – Mattress Recycling Fee Changes	P. 94
7.13	TNRL News Release – 2025 Most Borrowed Titles	P. 95-96
7.14	TNFC – Updates	P. 97-99
7.15	HVC – Condition of 10_CWAP Quarterly Report	P. 100-108
7.16	Village of Valemount – Feedback Bill M216	P. 109-110

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 111
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4. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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5. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.	N/A	
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6. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

7. 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	M/S <i>THAT, Council move to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations</i>	
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8. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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9. ADJOURNMENT

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

2.1	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
2.2	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

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>

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 & 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 Roarty 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">Seniors Update – Parking Concerns <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">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.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.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. Enforcement challenges were noted, as the Village does not have weekend bylaw services and RCMP presence is not regular. The Seniors Association indicated they are willing to address parking conflicts directly with users as they arise. It was noted that similar requests have been made to previous Councils. Council was reminded that the appropriate process for considerations such as this request is through a Notice of Motion. <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
held Monday, December 8, 2025.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



TO: Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2026
FROM: CAO, Daniela Dyck & CFO, Yoginder Bhalla
SUBJECT: Water Regulations, Utility Fee Amendments, and Enforcement Alignment Bylaws

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026;**
THAT Council gives first and second reading to the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026;
- 2. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026 (Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fees);**
THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026;
and
- 3. Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026 (Water Regulations).**
THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026.

PURPOSE:

To present a coordinated package of bylaws that modernizes the Village's water regulations, updates water, sewer, and solid waste fees, and enables administrative enforcement of the new Water Regulations Bylaw.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Yoginder Bhalla
Chief Financial Officer

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

The Village's existing Water Regulations Bylaw (Bylaw No. 797, 2015) predates the installation of water meters and does not provide sufficient authority or clarity for modern water system management.

As the Village proceeds with the installation of water meters as part of ongoing infrastructure renewal and system management initiatives, it is important to note that volumetric (usage-based) billing will not be implemented at this time. Water services will continue to be billed on a flat-rate basis.

During the past year, and most recently through the 2026 budget discussions, the Village's Chief Financial Officer, Yoginder Bhalla, advised Council that annual utility fee increases of approximately 5% are necessary to support sustainable operation, maintenance, and long-term asset management. The proposed fee adjustments included in the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw are consistent with this financial guidance.

To support the meter installation program and the recommended utility fee adjustments, staff are bringing forward three interconnected bylaws for Council's consideration. These bylaws are being developed in advance of full water meter deployment to ensure the Village has the appropriate regulatory, fee, and enforcement framework in place.

DISCUSSION:

1. Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026

The proposed Water Regulations Bylaw replaces the existing bylaw and establishes a modern regulatory framework for water services.

Key elements include:

- Authority for the installation of water meters, including contractor access to private property at reasonable times.
- Establishment of the Village's standard water meter (indoor 19 mm), with flexibility for other sizes or types as specified by the Village.
- Prohibition of unauthorized water connections or take-offs between the curb stop and the water meter.
- Provisions governing pit meters, including owner responsibility for the full cost differential, payable in advance.
- Explicit confirmation that volumetric billing is not being implemented at this time, and that flat-rate billing will continue.
- Clear enforcement authorities, including service discontinuance and offence provisions aligned with provincial legislation and the Village's Bylaw Notice Enforcement (BNA) system.

2. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw (Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fees)

The Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw updates multiple utility-related fee schedules within the consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw.

This bylaw:

- Updates water-related fees to support administration of the water system and preparation for the water meter program.
- Implements a 5% increase to water fees, consistent with financial guidance provided through the budget process.
- Implements a 5% increase to sewer fees, consistent with financial guidance provided through the budget process.
- Implements a 5% increase to solid waste collection, removal, and disposal fees to support service delivery costs.
- Ensures all rates, fees, and cost recovery items are maintained in a single, consolidated bylaw for clarity and transparency.

- Separates rate-setting from regulatory provisions, consistent with municipal best practices.

3. Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw (Water Regulations)

The Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw enables administrative enforcement of the new Water Regulations Bylaw through the Village's existing Bylaw Notice Enforcement system.

This bylaw:

- Adds a new schedule identifying violations of the Water Regulations Bylaw.
- Establishes proportionate, graduated penalties for non-compliance, including refusal of access, meter tampering, and unauthorized connections.
- Supports timely and consistent enforcement without reliance on court proceedings, while preserving prosecution as a last resort.

The three bylaws are designed to operate as a single, coordinated framework:

- The **Water Regulations Bylaw** establishes regulatory authority, responsibilities, and offences in preparation for the water meter installation program.
- The **Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw** implements utility fee adjustments identified through the budget process.
- The **Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw** provides the administrative enforcement tools required to ensure compliance.

Bringing these bylaws forward together ensures the Village is prepared in advance of full water meter deployment and avoids gaps between regulation, pricing, and enforcement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The proposed 5% water, sewer and solid waste fee increases align with financial guidance provided during budget deliberations.
- Additional Water meter related fees support administration and system preparation associated with the water meter program.
- Owner-requested pit meter installations are fully cost-recovered.
- Administrative enforcement reduces reliance on court-based prosecution and associated costs.

IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION:

If adopted, staff will:

- Communicate clearly that water meters are being installed for system management purposes and that volumetric billing is not being implemented at this time.
- Update the Village website with the updated Bylaws and fee schedules.
- Coordinate meter installation activities with residents and businesses.
- Train Public Works and Bylaw Enforcement staff on the updated regulatory framework.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed Water Regulations Bylaw, together with the related Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw and Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw, establishes a coordinated and modern framework to support the Village's water, sewer, and solid waste services. These bylaws provide the necessary regulatory authority, fee structure, and enforcement tools to support the initial installation of water meters, implement utility fee adjustments identified through the budget process, and ensure consistent and fair compliance.

Bringing these bylaws forward together allows Council to consider the full scope of changes as a single, integrated package and ensures the Village is prepared in advance of full water meter deployment. Adoption of the bylaws will support sustainable service delivery, long-term asset management, and clear communication with residents and businesses.

Attachments

Water Regulations Bylaw No, 881, 2026

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026

Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 881, 2026

A Bylaw to Regulate Water Connections, Operations, Water Meters, and Charges

WHEREAS Pursuant to Section 194 of the Community Charter, Council may regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to municipal services;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft wishes to update its water regulations to authorize the installation of water meters and modernize administration of the water system;

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

1. CITATION

1.1 This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026.”

2. REPEAL

2.1 Bylaw No. 797, cited as “*The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Water Regulations Bylaw No. 797, 2015*”, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Billing Period” means the period established by Council for the billing of water charges.

“Corporation” means the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft.

“Council” means the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft.

“Contractor” means a person, firm, or corporation authorized by the Corporation to perform work on its behalf.

“Fees and Charges Bylaw” means the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended from time to time.

“Foreman” means the Public Works Foreman or such other person appointed by the Corporation.

“Inspector” means the Foreman or a person designated by the Foreman.

“Owner” means the registered owner of land or a person deemed by law to be the owner.

“Owner’s Water Line” means the water pipe extending from the property line to the building and plumbing system on the property.

“Public Water System” means the waterworks owned, operated, or controlled by the Corporation.

“Water Connection” means the water pipe extending from the public water line to the property line of the property being served.

“Water Meter” means a device approved by the Corporation for measuring water flow.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.1 No person shall connect to, interfere with, alter, or obstruct any part of the Public Water System except as authorized by the Corporation.

4.2 The Corporation shall not be liable for the cost of any work performed on private property in connection with water service.

4.3 The Corporation may throttle or discontinue water service where a property owner or occupier violates this bylaw or where, in the opinion of Council, the public interest requires such action.

5. RIGHT OF ACCESS

5.1 Employees of the Corporation and authorized Contractors shall have the right of access at reasonable times to all lands and buildings supplied with water for the purpose of:

- installing, inspecting, repairing, maintaining, replacing, or removing water meters;
- locating, accessing, or servicing the main water shut-off valve;
- inspecting plumbing related to water service.

5.2 Owners and occupiers must provide safe, clear, and unobstructed access to the main water shut-off and approved meter location.

5.3 Where access required under this section is refused or obstructed, the Corporation may provide written notice requiring compliance. If the owner or occupier fails to provide access after receiving written notice and being given a reasonable opportunity to comply, the Corporation may discontinue water service to the property until such time as access is provided.

6. WATER METERS – GENERAL

6.1 The Corporation may require the installation of a water meter on any property supplied with water.

6.2 All water meters installed under this bylaw remain the property of the Corporation unless otherwise determined by Council.

6.3 No person shall tamper with, damage, remove, bypass, or interfere with a water meter.

7. WATER METER LOCATION AND TYPE

7.1 The Village standard water meter shall be an indoor 19 mm water meter, or such other size or type of water meter as may be specified by the Corporation, installed in a location approved by the Corporation.

7.2 Pit meters are not the Village standard.

7.3 Where an owner requests installation of a pit meter instead of the standard indoor meter, the owner shall be responsible for all additional costs associated with the pit meter installation.

7.4 The owner shall pay the full cost differential between a standard indoor water meter and a pit meter in advance of installation, in accordance with the Corporation’s Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended from time to time.

7.5 No person shall install, permit, or maintain any additional water connection, branch, or take-off between the curb stop and the water meter.

8. BILLING METHOD

8.1 Volumetric water billing is not implemented at this time.

8.2 Water meters are installed for the purposes of:

- system monitoring; and management;
- leak detection;
- water loss analysis; and
- future planning.

8.3 Until Council adopts a volumetric rate structure by bylaw, all properties shall continue to be billed on a flat-rate basis in accordance with the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

9. OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1 Owners shall maintain all Owner's Water Lines and plumbing fixtures in good repair and at their own expense.

9.2 Owners shall install and maintain pressure-reducing valves and shut-off valves as required by the Corporation.

10. DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION

10.1 The Corporation may disconnect water service for:

- non-payment of charges;
- refusal of access;
- violation of this bylaw.

10.2 All costs of disconnection and reconnection shall be borne by the owner and imposed in accordance with the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

11. WATER RATES, FEES, AND PAYMENT

11.1 All water rates, fees, charges, discounts, penalties, connection fees, and service charges imposed under this bylaw shall be as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended from time to time.

11.2 Water charges may be billed annually or at such other intervals as Council may determine.

12. NON-PAYMENT OF CHARGES

12.1 Any water charges remaining unpaid after December 31 in the year in which they are imposed shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the land and shall be collected in the same manner as taxes.

13. INFRACTIONS AND PENALTIES

13.1 Any person who violates this bylaw commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

13.2 Each day that a violation of this bylaw continues constitutes a separate offence.

13.3 Nothing in this bylaw limits the authority of the Corporation to enforce this bylaw by any lawful means, including, without limitation, bylaw notices issued under the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, prosecution, discontinuance of service, or recovery of costs.

14. SEVERABILITY

14.1 If any portion of this bylaw is found to be invalid, the remainder shall remain in force and effect.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
LEGAL REVIEW THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	, 2026

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 881, 2026 as adopted by
Council.

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

Daniela Dyck,
Corporate Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 882, 2026

A Bylaw to Amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024 (Utility Fees)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft has authority under the Community Charter to establish fees and charges for municipal services;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to update water, sewer and solid waste removal and disposal (utility) fees to support ongoing operation, maintenance, and infrastructure sustainability;

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

1. Citation

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as “Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026 (Utility Fees).”

2. Amendment

2.1 The Fees and Charges Bylaw is amended by replacing Schedule “I” – Water Fees with the schedule attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

2.2 The Fees and Charges Bylaw is further amended by replacing Schedule “J” – Sewer Fees with the schedule attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

2.3 The Fees and Charges Bylaw is further amended by replacing Schedule

3. Effective Date

3.1 This bylaw comes into force and effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	, 2026

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 882, 2026 as adopted by
Council.

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

Daniela Dyck,
Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE “I”
WATER FEES

Rates include GST- reflect a 5% increase in 2026

Category	Rate
Single Family Dwelling	\$577.50
Multi Family Dwelling – per single unit	\$577.50
Mobile Home	\$577.50
Hotel (including restaurant, beer parlour, rooms, lounge)	\$6,943.65
Restaurant 1–20 seats	\$735.00
Restaurant 21–50 seats	\$1,575.00
Restaurant 51+ seats	\$3,150.00
Licensed Lounge	\$1,861.65
Laundromat, per washer	\$247.80
Service Station	\$620.55
Clinic / Train Station	\$1,447.95
Commercial – 1–2 Washrooms	\$577.50
Post Office	\$1,117.20
Supermarket	\$1,861.65
Church / Community Hall	\$577.50
School, per classroom	\$577.50
Community Incubator (8 x SFD)	\$4620.00
Hospital, per bed	\$577.50
Industrial Plant – 1–2 Washrooms	\$3,644.55
RCMP Station	\$3,725.40
Curling Rink	\$577.50
Racquet and Leisure Centre	\$4,341.75
Courthouse	\$3,748.50
Unspecified – 1–2 Washrooms	\$577.50
Irrigation	\$5,251.05
Drip Irrigation	\$2,572.50
Car Wash – Per Bay	\$735.00
Water on/off for repair	\$50.00
Cross Connection Turn On Fee	\$200.00
2026 cost differential estimated at \$11,687 (small pit meter) less \$937 (Indoor 19mm meter)	Actual cost differential
Third Party Purchase of Bulk Water	No Bulk Water Sales
Application for Connection to Village Water Supply	\$1,575.00

SCHEDULE “J”**SEWER FEES**

Rates include GST – reflect a 5% increase in 2026

Category	Rate
Single Family Dwelling	\$529.20
Multi Family Dwelling – per single unit	\$529.20
Mobile Home	\$529.20
Hotel (including restaurant, beer parlour, rooms, lounge)	\$2,428.65
Restaurant 1–20 seats	\$735.00
Restaurant 21–50 seats	\$1,575.00
Restaurant 51+ seats	\$3,150.00
Licensed Lounge	\$1,916.25
Laundromat, per washer	\$232.05
Service Station	\$529.20
Clinic / Train Station	\$529.20
Commercial – 1–2 Washrooms	\$529.20
Post Office	\$529.20
Supermarket	\$1,320.90
Church / Community Hall	\$284.55
School, per classroom	\$529.20
Community Incubator (8 x SFD)	\$4233.60
Hospital, per bed	\$529.20
Industrial Plant – 1–2 Washrooms	\$1,058.40
RCMP Station	\$1,058.40
Curling Rink	\$529.20
Racquet and Leisure Centre	\$3,302.25
Courthouse	\$3,433.50
Unspecified – 1–2 Washrooms	\$529.20
Car Wash – Per Bay	\$630.00
Sewer Disconnection / Re-connection	Actual cost
Video or Snake Sewer Lines on Private Property	\$131.25 per hour

SCHEDULE “K”**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL FEES**

Rates include GST reflect a 5% increase in 2026

Classification	Service Level / Item	Rate
Collection Fees – Once per Week		
Solid Waste Residential Cart (240 litre)	Once per week collection	\$157.50
Solid Waste Business Container (360 litre)	Once per week collection	\$236.25
Solid Waste Commercial Container (1100 litre)	Once per week collection	\$722.40
Collection Fees – Twice per Week		
Solid Waste Residential Cart (240 litre)	Twice per week collection	N/A
Solid Waste Business Container (360 litre)	Twice per week collection	\$420.00
Solid Waste Commercial Container (1100 litre)	Twice per week collection	\$1,417.50
Additional Receptacle / Replacement Costs		
Solid Waste Residential Cart	Entire unit replacement	\$105.00
Solid Waste Residential Cart	Replacement lid	\$52.50
Solid Waste Residential Cart	Replacement wheels	\$31.50
Solid Waste Business Container	Entire unit replacement	\$157.50
Solid Waste Business Container	Replacement lid	\$63.00
Solid Waste Business Container	Replacement wheels	\$31.50
Solid Waste Commercial Container	Entire unit replacement	\$787.50
Solid Waste Commercial Container	Replacement lid	\$210.00

Replacement and additional receptacle fees apply where damage, loss, or replacement is required due to misuse or at the request of the owner.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 883, 2026

A Bylaw to Amend the Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw *(Water Regulations Violations)*

WHEREAS, Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft has adopted a Bylaw Notice Enforcement system pursuant to the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act;

AND WHEREAS Council has adopted Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026, which regulates water connections, water meters, access, and related matters;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to enable administrative enforcement of the Water Regulations Bylaw through the issuance of bylaw notices;

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

1. CITATION

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as “Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026 (Water Regulations)”

2. AMENDMENT

2.1 The Village of Ashcroft Notice of Enforcement Bylaw, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding Schedule “G” Violations and Penalties Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026, as attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

3. SEVERABILITY

3.1 If any portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the bylaw shall remain in full force and effect.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This bylaw comes into force and effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	DAY OF	, 2026
RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	, 2026

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 883, 2026 as adopted by
Council.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE “G”
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES
Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026

Description	Section	Penalty	Early Payment Discount	Late Payment Penalty	Second Offence	Third and Subsequent Offences
Contravention of any provision of the Water Regulations Bylaw not otherwise specified	General	\$100	\$70	\$130	\$250	\$500
Refusal or obstruction of access required for meter installation, inspection, maintenance, or repair	5	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Failure to comply with written notice issued under the Water Regulations Bylaw	5.3	\$250	\$175	\$325	\$500	\$750
Tampering with, damaging, bypassing, or interfering with a water meter	6.3	\$500	\$350	\$650	\$750	\$1,000
Unauthorized connection, reconnection, or interference with the public water system	4.1	\$500	\$350	\$650	\$750	\$1,000



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2026

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: Review of Council Annual Remuneration Policy (C-05-2021)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council receive the report titled "Review of Council Annual Remuneration Policy (C-05-2021)" for information,

AND THAT Council review the attached policy and provide direction to staff regarding any desired changes or confirmation of the current policy.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the current Council Annual Remuneration, Conference Attendance and Travel Expense Policy (C-05-2021) for review and to invite discussion and direction on whether Council wishes to make any changes at this time

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Policy C-05-2021 establishes Council's annual remuneration, conference attendance, and travel expense provisions. The policy specifies that it is to be reviewed by Council no later than June of a municipal election year.

While the policy's formal review date is June 2026, Council's past practice has been to review remuneration policies earlier in the year to allow adequate time for discussion, direction, and potential implementation planning.

The policy was most recently amended on October 1, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Council is being asked to consider the attached policy and discuss whether any changes are desired for the upcoming term. This review is intended to be exploratory and policy-focused, allowing Council to confirm the existing approach or identify areas for potential adjustment.

It is important to note that 2026 is a collective bargaining year. As such, any remuneration increases tied to the Collective Agreement will not be implemented until the collective agreement is ratified later in the year. Should increases be approved through bargaining, they would be applied retroactively in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Bringing the policy forward at this time supports transparency, allows Council adequate time for consideration, and aligns with both the policy requirement and Council's established practice.

Financial Implications

There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report. Any future changes to Council remuneration would be subject to Council direction, budget considerations, and the timing of collective agreement ratification.

Policy Implications

This report directly relates to Council Policy C-05-2021 – Council Annual Remuneration, Conference Attendance and Travel Expense Policy.

Options

Council may choose to:

1. Confirm the existing policy with no changes;
2. Provide direction to staff on specific amendments for further consideration; or
3. Defer discussion to a later date.

Attachments

Council Policy C-05-2021 – Council Annual Remuneration, Conference Attendance and Travel Expense Policy

COUNCIL POLICY

TITLE: Council Annual Remuneration, Conference Attendance and Travel Expense Policy		POLICY #: C-05-2021
Authority: Council	Effective Date: January 1, 2023 Review Date: June 2026	
Issued By: Daniela Dyck, CAO Issued Date: July 13, 2021	Approved By: Council Amendment Date: October 1, 2024 Resolution #: R-2024-148	

PURPOSE: To establish Policy for Council's Annual Remuneration, Conference Attendance and Travel Expenses

POLICY:

THAT Mayor and Councillors shall be paid an annual remuneration in recognition of their service to the community.

1. **Remuneration to the Mayor**

- a. The Mayor shall be paid an annual remuneration of \$15,185.38 (effective January 1, 2023) which shall be paid monthly for the discharge of the duties of office for services performed within the Village. Annual increases in line with the Collective Agreement shall be applied as follows:
- 2024 = \$15,565.01
2025 = \$15,954.14

2. **Remuneration to Councillors**

- a. Each Councillor shall be paid an annual remuneration of \$8,215.38 (effective January 1, 2023) which shall be paid monthly for the discharge of the duties of office for services performed within the Village. Annual increases in line with the Collective Agreement shall be applied as follows:
- 2024 = \$8,420.16
2025 = \$8,630.68

3. **Travel Expenses**

- a. The Mayor will be able to claim expenses to a maximum of \$8,000 per year for meetings, courses and/or conferences.
- b. Each Councillor will be able to claim expenses to a maximum of \$6,000 per year for meetings, courses and/or conferences.

- c. All travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Village of Ashcroft Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy No. F-01-2022 as amended from time to time.
- d. Attendance at the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Convention and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention shall be as follows:

SILGA:

1st year after being elected – all of Council attend (based on Council availability)
Remaining term – Mayor and 2 Council members (alternating)

UBCM:

1st year after being elected – all of Council attend (based on Council availability)
2nd and 3rd year – 2 Council members (alternating)
4th year – all incumbent Council members running in the upcoming election attend the conference
Mayor – to attend UBCM each year.

Council members alternate attendance at SILGA and UBCM Conferences.

4. **Policy Review:**

- a. Policy is to be reviewed by Council no later than June of a municipal election year.

Approved by Council January 1, 2019
Amended by Council – July 25, 2022
Amended by Council – October 1, 2024



TO: Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2026
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Approval to Destroy Election Materials – Local Government Act, s.160(8)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the 2026 CAO Forum in Richmond, BC, February 17–19, 2026, and approve associated travel, accommodation, registration, and related expenses consistent with Village policy.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the CAO to attend the 2026 CAO Forum hosted by the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) in Richmond, BC, from February 17–19, 2026

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the LGMA holds a CAO Forum designed specifically for local government Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and appointed Deputy CAOs to gather with senior leaders across British Columbia to share insights, discuss emerging issues, and explore best practices in municipal administration.

The 2026 Forum will be held at the Westin Wall Centre, Richmond, BC and is themed “Weathering Change.”

DISCUSSION:

Program Highlights & Learning Opportunities

The CAO Forum is structured around interactive and practical sessions. Key areas of focus include:

- Leading with Compassion: Exploring leadership approaches that strengthen organizational culture and resiliency.
- Strategic Planning & Adaptation: Sessions dedicated to strategic planning frameworks and tools to navigate evolving community needs.
- Emergency Service Cost Management: Discussions addressing fiscal pressures and approaches to managing rising emergency services costs.

- Legal and Regulatory Updates: Information on recent legal developments affecting local government operations.

A pre-forum workshop, “The CAOs’ Compass for General Local Elections,” precedes the main event. This session focuses on preparations for the 2026 General Local Elections and effective strategies for setting a newly-elected Council up for success, a subject of particular relevance given that 2026 is an election year.

Under my employment contract, I am permitted to attend up to three professional development conferences/courses per year, excluding UBCM and SILGA conferences, provided the training is mutually beneficial to the Village and to my professional capacity. This request aligns with that provision and represents an opportunity to bring practical insights back to the organization.

As a budget-conscious practice, I typically attend only one or two events per year. In 2025, I attended the SILGA Annual Conference in Merritt and the FireSmart Conference due to organizational need at the time as we did not have a FireSmart Coordinator. This participation yielded strategic learnings in FireSmart principles and best practices, emergency preparedness and intergovernmental collaboration.

CONCLUSION:

Participation in the CAO Forum will:

- Strengthen leadership skills and knowledge on strategic and operational issues affecting local government.
- Provide practical tools and peer-to-peer learning opportunities that can be applied directly to Village administration.
- Offer early insights and planning considerations relevant to the 2026 general local elections – advantageous for Village election readiness.
- Support networking with CAOs across BC, building relationships that facilitate future collaboration and shared problem-solving.

Financial Implications

Estimated costs associated with attending the 2026 CAO Forum are:

- Conference Registration: \$1,276.28 (LGMA member rate plus GST)
- Hotel Accommodation: \$1,026.00 plus taxes and parking (approx.)
- Travel Costs: To be finalized based on mode of travel

These investments support capacity building in areas critical to organizational success and Council priorities.



TO: Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2026
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Approval to Destroy Election Materials – Local Government Act, s.160(8)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council authorizes staff to destroy the 2025 Local By-Election materials in accordance with section 160(8) of the Local Government Act, as the required retention period has passed.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to destroy election materials from the 2025 Local By-Election, as required under the Local Government Act (LGA) once the legislated retention period has expired.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

The results of the 2025 Local By-Election were officially declared on Monday October 20, 2025. In accordance with section 160(8) of the Local Government Act, election materials must be destroyed as soon as practicable after 56 days following the declaration of election results. The legislated 56-day retention period has now passed, and the materials are eligible for destruction.

Legislative Authority

Section 160(8) of the Local Government Act requires the destruction of election materials after the prescribed retention period, including materials identified under section 146, as follows:

- Ballots used in the election
- Ballot stubs
- Copies of the list of registered electors used for voting proceedings
- Voting books used in the election
- Solemn declarations and any written statements or declarations in relation to voting proceedings, excluding those used for the registration of electors

These requirements are intended to protect voter privacy and ensure the integrity of the election process.

DISCUSSION:

All election materials have been securely stored since the election and have not been subject to any recounts, judicial proceedings, or investigations. There is no longer a legislative or operational requirement to retain these records.

Upon Council approval, staff will arrange for the secure destruction of the materials in accordance with best practices for confidential records.

CONCLUSION:

The Local Government Act requires that election materials be destroyed once the mandatory retention period has expired. Council approval is required to proceed with destruction. Granting approval ensures legislative compliance and proper records management.

Policy / Strategic Alignment

This action complies with the Local Government Act, supports responsible records management, and aligns with privacy and information-handling best practices.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications associated with this request. Any costs related to secure destruction will be minimal and absorbed within existing operating budgets.

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: January 12, 2025
FROM: Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator
SUBJECT: **Mesa Vista Park Playground-Approval to Proceed with Quote and Funding Exploration**

RECOMMENDATION:

*THAT, Council approve staff to proceed with acceptance of the attached quotation from Park N Play Design Company Ltd. for the supply and installation of new playground equipment and safety surfacing at Mesa Vista Park, in the amount of **\$263,264.99 (including GST)**, and further authorize staff to pursue applicable grant and leveraged funding opportunities to offset project costs.*

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to proceed with the replacement of the existing playground equipment at Mesa Vista Park by approving the attached quote, and to allow staff to explore external funding opportunities to reduce the financial impact to the Village.

Prepared by:



Margaret Moreira
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator

Approved for Submission to Council by:



Daniela Dyck
Chief Administrative Officer

Introduction:

Mesa Vista Park is a neighbourhood park that serves local families and visitors. The existing playground equipment has reached the end of its useful life and no longer meets modern standards for accessibility, inclusion, or play value. All components are outdated, limiting use by children of varying abilities and ages, and increasing maintenance concerns.

Discussion

Under the direction of the Parks and Rec Working Group, staff issued a Request for Quotes and received four (4) submissions for the design, supply, and installation of a new playground structure, shade canopy, and rubber safety surfacing for Mesa Park. Following a review process, the Parks and Rec. Working Group evaluated the submissions and selected Park N Play Design Company Ltd. as the preferred proponent. The proposed playground is designed to serve children aged 18 months to 12 years and incorporates a variety of play elements intended to support inclusive and accessible play opportunities.

The quoted scope of work includes:

- Custom play equipment and shade structure

- Delivery to site
- Full installation, including crane and safety fencing
- Black rubber safety surfacing with base preparation

The total project cost is **\$263,264.99 (including GST)**.

Replacement of the playground will improve safety, accessibility, and community use of Mesa Vista Park. In addition, the upgraded park aligns with Council's goals of enhancing community infrastructure and improving quality of life for residents.

Staff will actively pursue grant and leveraged funding opportunities through provincial, federal, and other applicable programs to offset a portion of the project cost. Any successful funding will reduce the net financial contribution required from the Village.

Conclusion:

Approval of the attached quote will allow the Village to move forward with a long-overdue replacement of aging playground infrastructure at Mesa Vista Park. The proposed project addresses safety, inclusivity, and accessibility concerns while providing a modern, durable play space for the community. Exploring external funding opportunities may further reduce the overall financial impact to the Village.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

This project supports Council's objectives related to:

- Enhancing community recreation amenities
- Promoting inclusive and accessible public spaces
- Investing in long-term community infrastructure

Legislative

Local Government Act – authority for the provision and maintenance of municipal parks and recreation facilities.

Authority

Financial Implications

The total cost of the proposed playground replacement is **\$263,264.99 (including GST)**. Funding for this project is a provision in the Villages 2026 Budget; however, staff will seek external grant funding to offset project costs where possible.

Attachment Listing

Park N Play Design Company Ltd. – Mesa Vista Park Playground Quote (December 19, 2025)

**QUOTE #: BCI1121-2R2
DESIGN 2 REVISION 2**

GameTime Custom Play Equipment & Shade This play equipment is recommended for children ages 18 months 5 years & 5 to 12 years as per the 2D and the Component List. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 #91608 15' Sunblox Umbrella Canopy• Delivery to Site	\$100,863.45
Full Installation of Play Equipment & Shade Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crane• Snow Safety Fencing	\$ 53,378.42
Black Rubber Safety Surfacing, Supplied & Installed for 3,130 ft ² at 11' Fall Height Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base Preparation	\$ 96,486.69
SUB TOTAL	\$250,728.56
5% G.S.T.	\$ 12,536.43
TOTAL (INCLUDING TAXES)	\$263,264.99

****SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PAGE 2****

****SECOR CERTIFICATE #20230110-SE2367****

Terms and Conditions for Project

Delivery is available approximately five (5) to seven (7) weeks after receipt of confirmation on order.

Installation scheduling is on a "First in/First out" model. Dates specified in a Bid or RFP document will be honoured accordingly. Delays due to site work not being completed may lead to installation being delayed.

Installation will be done in accordance with manufacturers and CSA standards. Changes to this scope may incur additional charges unless otherwise negotiated or identified in writing by both parties. All prices are based on a clear, clean, and level site, prepared to recommended space requirements. Park N Play Design Company Ltd. reserves the right to renegotiate contracts if additional site preparation is required, unless otherwise agreed upon in the quotation.

Vehicle and heavy equipment access must be provided to job site as required. Park N Play Design Company Ltd. is not responsible for damage to site and surrounding area while delivering and installing material. Adequate staging areas must be provided for both trailers and crates. Finished landscaping or reclamation is not included in the above pricing unless specified.

Park N Play Design Company Ltd. reserves the right to cancel, delay, postpone, and/or surcharge installation due to unfavorable digging, and/or weather conditions. The location of owner's utilities and services are not the responsibility of Park N Play Design Company Ltd. Park N Play Design Company Ltd. is not responsible for damages incurred during installation due to incorrect or incomplete site information.

Prices **DO NOT** include Concrete Pads, Security, Curbs, Site Rehab, Drainage, Removal of Non-Park N Play Garbage, Permits, or other extraneous fees unless noted in the description above or otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties. Removal of existing surfacing is to a depth up to 12" unless otherwise noted.

Terms of Agreement

Terms available subject to approved credit. Payment by Bank Letter of Credit, Certified Cheque, or Credit Card.

- **Supply only terms are payment upon delivery with a 50% deposit at time of order.**
- **If paying by credit card, a 2.9% fee will be applied.**
- **If equipment is not installed at no fault of Park N Play Design Company Ltd., we will not be responsible for storage unless an agreement is in place by both parties in writing.**
- **A 50% Deposit is required at time of acceptance of project. Final payment is due when project is completed upon receipt. If an installation is postponed the customer will be invoiced for equipment only and this amount is payable upon receipt of invoice. The installation will be invoiced upon completion of project and is due upon receipt**
- **Installation delays outside of Park N Play's control may be subject to additional costs.**
- **We reserve the right to have a Third-Party Certified Playground Safety Inspector review the work. In the event of a disagreement regarding Playground Safety Standard Compliance, the less stringent interpretation shall apply.**
- **Warranty period begins from the date of Park N Play's installation completion. If installation is not done by Park N Play, then the warranty period will begin from, the day of delivery of equipment.**

This quotation will remain in effect for 30 days from the date of quotation unless withdrawn earlier by Park N Play Design Company Ltd. by notice to you. The terms of this quotation supersede the provisions of any conflicting term of your form of purchase order. If you do not have a form of purchase order, please sign and date a copy of this quotation and return it to us.

TO PLACE AN ORDER:

QUOTE #

Please fill out the form below and return to Park N Play Design by email.

Above quotation, terms, and conditions accepted by:

Municipality/Company Name

Date

Signature

Print Name, Title

Invoice To:

Ship to/Site Address:

Purchase Order #: _____

Billing Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Site Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

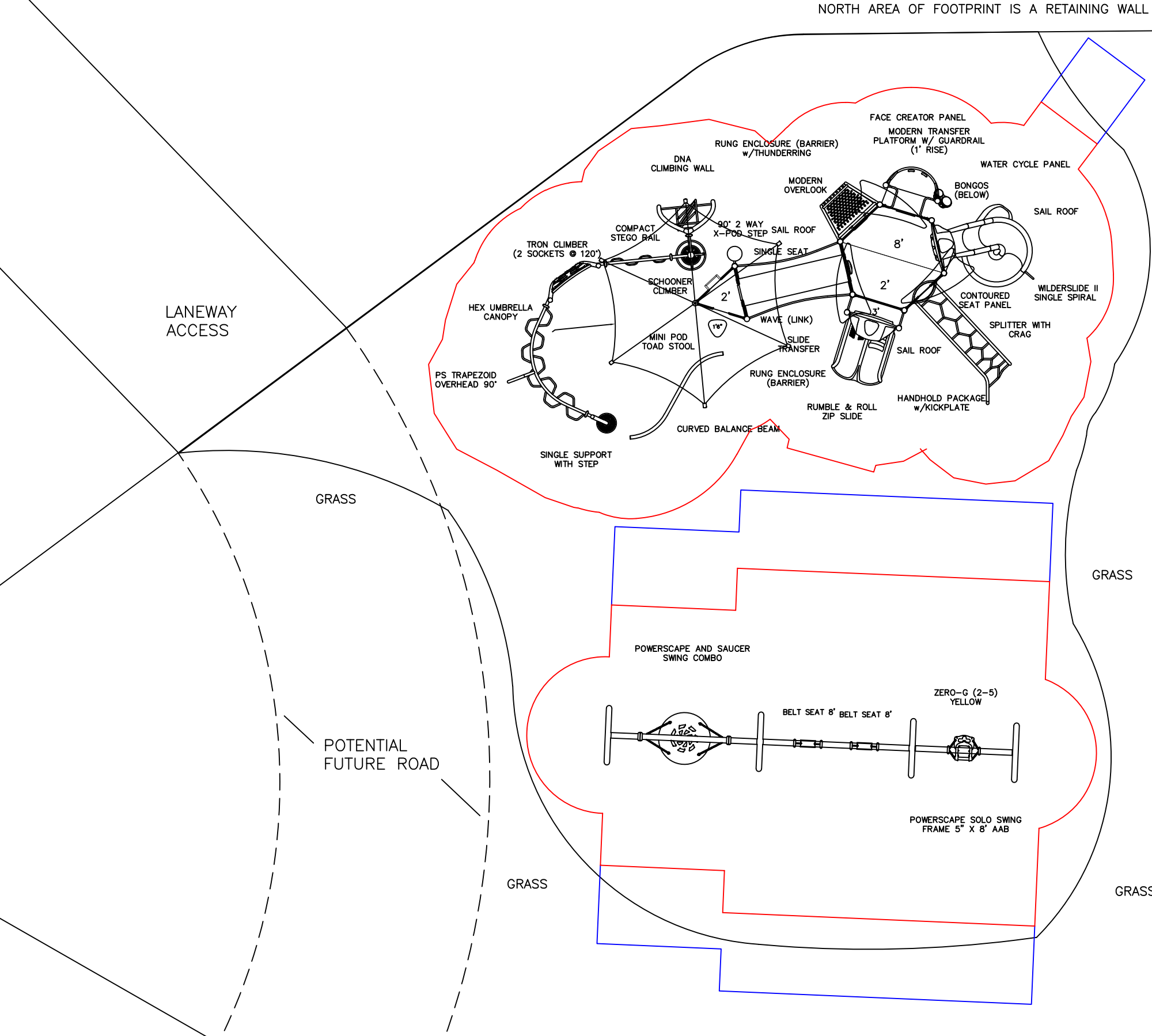
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Delivery Required as Quoted _____ or _____

Please advise colour(s) required _____

*Thank you for your interest in our products and for the opportunity to submit a quotation. If you
require additional information, please call us toll free at 1-866-551-8188.*

*ALL RENDERS AND PICTURES ARE SHOWN FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY,
REFER TO QUOTE AND COMPONENT LIST IF APPLICABLE FOR PRODUCTS



SAFETY ZONE
NON ENCROACHMENT ZONE
UNDER DECK COMPONENT

PARK N PLAY DESIGN
#20, 10 WRANGLER PLACE S.E.
ROCKY VIEW COUNTY, AB
T1X 0L7
(866) 551-8188
WWW.PARKNPLAYDESIGN.COM

IMPORTANT: Soft resilient surfacing should be placed in the use zones of all equipment, as specified for each type of equipment, and at depths to meet the critical fall heights as specified by the U.S. consumer Product Safety Commission, ASTM standard F 1487 and Canadian Standard CAN/CSA-Z-614-20

RECOMENDED AGE:	18M - 5 & 5 - 12
TYPE OF SURFACING:	PIP
TOTAL AREA:	291 SQM
TYPE OF CURB:	N/A
LENGTH OF CURB:	NA
FALL HEIGHT:	3.35 M
INSTALLATION METHOD:	IN GROUND

MESA PLAYGROUND - DESIGN 2

ASHCROFT, BC

LARA COX

NOTE:

SHOP DRAWING/ SUBMITTAL REVIEW

☐ REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED
☐ REVIEWED WITH CHANGES NOTED

APPROVAL CONFIRMS THE DESIGN MEETS THE AGREED CONCEPT AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. CHANGES AFTER APPROVAL MAY RESULT IN ADDED COST OR DELAYS.

BY: _____ DATE: _____

PROJECT NAME:	BCI1121
DATE:	DECEMBER 17, 2025
SCALE:	1:100
DRAWN BY:	AL/WK

THIS DRAWING CAN BE SCALED ONLY
WHEN IN AN 11"X17" FORMAT

















Playground Component List

Mesa Playground RFP - Design 2 Revision 2

BCI1121-2R2

QTY	Part #	Name	QTY	Part #	Name
1	564	Curved Balance Beam	1	90216	Rung Enclosure W/Barrier, Above Dk
2	5287	Belt Seat for 8' Toprail	1	90222	Rung Encl Thunderring & Bar,Above Dk
1	5337	8' Solo Powerscape Swing Add-A-Bay	2	G90266	8' Upright, Galv
1	5372	Powerscape and Saucer Swing Combo	1	G90272	14' Upright, Galv
1	5375	Zero-G (2-5) Yellow 8' Height	1	G90273	15' Upright, Galv
1	6141	Mini Pod Toad Stool	1	90507	2'-6"/3' Rumble & Roll Zip Slide
1	26064	Dna Climbing Wall Attachment	1	90610	Contoured Panel (Above)
5	26094	Triangular Shroud	1	90842	Single Spiral
1	26142	Single With Step	1	90870	Splitter 8'
1	26143	90 Deg 2 Way X-Pod Step	1	91139	Entryway - Barrier
1	27070	Tron Climber 2 socket	4	91146	Entryway - Guardrail
1	27075	Trapezoid Overhead Ladder - 90 deg	1	91564	Face Creator Panel
1	27100	Compact Stego Rail	1	91611	Modern Overlook Climber
1	80001	49"Tri Punched Steel Deck	1	91683	Wave Link
1	80082	Slide Transfer	1	91711	Modern Transfer w/Guardrail 1' Rise
3	80180	Sail Roof	1	91987	Water Cycle Panel
3	G80183	Sail Roof Extensions	2	G90262	4' Upright, Galv
1	80687	Handhold/Kick Plate Pkg	2	G90266	8' Upright, Galv
1	81680	Single Seat	1	G90269	11' Upright, Galv
1	81699	Bongos	1	G90272	14' Upright, Galv
2	90004	Two Piece Hex Deck	3	G90273	15' Upright, Galv
1	90103	2' Schooner Climber			

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: Jan 12, 2026
FROM: Margaret Moreira, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator
SUBJECT: **NDIT – Economic Development Capacity Building Grant Application**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding in the amount of \$50,000 under the Economic Development Capacity Building stream to support the continued position of the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator for the Village of Ashcroft and further supports the position and associated project for the duration of the grant period.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Development Capacity Building stream.

Prepared by:



Margaret Moreira
Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator

Approved by:



Daniela Dyck
Chief Administrative Officer

Introduction:

Approval of this application to the NDIT Economic Development Capacity Building Program would provide wage funding for the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator position. This role is essential to advancing Ashcroft's economic priorities and ensuring consistent, focused attention on business development, tourism growth, and long-term economic resilience.

With this funding, the Coordinator will continue to deliver and advance key initiatives that support local businesses, attract investment, and promote Ashcroft as a distinctive destination.

Economic Development & Investment Attraction

- Actively pursuing hotel and accommodation investment opportunities to support visitor growth and economic diversification.
- Maintaining and updating Ashcroft's investment readiness materials to ensure accurate and current information is available to potential investors.
- Providing ongoing support to local businesses through retention efforts, promotional initiatives, and expansion support.

Tourism Development & Promotion

- Continue marketing initiatives that reinforce Ashcroft's brand as the Heart of the True Desert.
- Building and strengthening partnerships with regional tourism organizations to increase visibility and visitation.
- Creating and distributing updated promotional materials that showcase the community and its assets such as the Museum, Campground, and Recreation facilities, enhancing the visitor experience and encouraging longer stays.

Shop Local & Business Support Initiatives

- Continuing and expanding shop local campaigns that encourage residents and visitors to support Ashcroft businesses.
- Participating in collaborative regional marketing opportunities, including initiatives such as the Celebrate Canada Buy Local campaign featured in the regional journal.

Strategic Planning & Funding Development

- Advancing updates to Ashcroft's Economic Development and Tourism strategies to ensure they reflect current opportunities and community priorities.
 - Researching and submitting applications for additional grants and funding programs to leverage external resources for local economic initiatives.
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Conclusion:

Funding through the NDIT Economic Development Capacity Building Program will enable the Village to retain dedicated capacity for economic development and tourism activities by partially supporting the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator position. The Village of Ashcroft will continue to provide the remaining funding required for wages and benefits, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to economic growth and community sustainability.

Council's endorsement of this application will support the continuation of strategic economic development efforts and help position Ashcroft for long-term prosperity.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

- Economic Development & Tourism Strategy

Legislative Authority

- N/A

Financial Implications

- \$50,000 Grant funding a portion of EDTC wages; the Village will cover the remaining wage and benefit costs as part of its budget allocations.

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Yoginder Bhalla, CFO
SUBJECT: Water Meter Project Update

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status and progress of the Universal Water Metering Project.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Ashcroft was successful in securing 100% grant funding for the implementation of universal water metering, with a total approved grant amount of \$2.719 million. This project represents a significant investment in the long-term sustainability and management of the Village's water system.

DISCUSSION:

The Universal Water Metering Project is progressing well. A preferred vendor, Neptune Technology Group, has been selected through the procurement process. Neptune is a highly qualified and experienced firm with a strong track record of successful water meter installations in municipalities of varying sizes. The project team is currently in the final stages of contract negotiations, with final terms being confirmed. The Village has requested the use of the MMCD contract format, which is a standard contract form commonly used for large municipal infrastructure projects.

In parallel with contract negotiations, staff have been undertaking field work throughout the municipality to locate, inspect, and assess existing water shut-off valves. As with many older communities, Ashcroft faces challenges related to limited historical records and a wide variety of unique water service configurations. However, as this field data has been refined and validated, staff have been able to significantly reduce initial estimates related to the number of pit meters and meters required for strata properties. This refinement has resulted in lower projected costs and the creation of a substantial financial cushion within the project budget.

Current estimates, excluding force account rates (items charged based on actual quantities used, such as excavator and dump truck time), are in the range of \$1.5 million. Even when including a contingency

allowance of approximately \$500,000, the project budget retains an estimated additional cushion of over \$500,000. This provides flexibility to address unforeseen challenges that may arise during installation.

As a small municipality with limited staffing resources, the Village continues to manage extensive water system needs, including identifying and addressing required repairs and infrastructure improvements. It is anticipated that the installation of universal water metering will reveal additional repairs and deficiencies that will need to be addressed prior to implementing volumetric billing. A staged and practical approach is therefore required, allowing necessary repairs to occur alongside the implementation of systems that enable residents to accurately monitor their water consumption. The successful transition to volumetric billing is contingent on completing these foundational improvements.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Sustainable infrastructure management and responsible water use.

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

The project is fully grant funded. Ongoing refinements to scope and quantities have resulted in cost efficiencies and increased contingency capacity, significantly lowering the risk of overruns.

Attachment Listing

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: January 12, 2025
FROM: Reggie Amyotte, BEO
SUBJECT: Q4 Report to Council

RECOMMENDATION

For Information Only

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of bylaw enforcement activity for the fourth quarter of 2025, to report on the implementation of the Good Neighbour Bylaw, and to outline enforcement priorities moving into 2026.

Prepared by:



Reggie Amyotte,
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer,

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Background

As you know, the Good Neighbour Bylaw was adopted by Council at the October 14, 2025 Regular meeting. The bylaw consolidates and replaces three former bylaws: Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 505, Noise Control Bylaw No. 684, and Fireworks Bylaw No. 765. This consolidated approach modernizes enforcement and allows for more consistent and efficient administration.

The bylaw provides authority to address matters such as pigeon racing, unlicensed or derelict vehicles, trailers and RVs on boulevards, use of RVs as dwellings, overgrown vegetation, firewood storage, cargo containers, waste management, and similar neighbourhood impacts.

Discussion

Bylaw enforcement activity during the fourth quarter of 2025 reflected a steady and varied workload across multiple enforcement categories. Dog-related complaints and Unsightly Premises files continued to represent the largest share of enforcement activity.

Dog complaints increased during the quarter, with several new files opened. While a number of these complaints were resolved, others carried forward into the next reporting period. Unsightly Premises files began the quarter with a higher number of carryover complaints. Although there were fewer new files in this category, continued follow-up resulted in a modest reduction in the overall backlog.

Complaints related to vehicles, trailers, and RVs increased over the reporting period, indicating a growing area of concern within the community. Zoning and noise-related issues arose periodically but remained relatively low in number.

No enforcement activity was recorded in several categories, including watering restrictions, snow removal, traffic control, outdoor burning, signage, and business licensing. This likely reflects seasonal conditions and general compliance during the reporting period. Fire hazard and other complaint types fluctuated but contributed modestly to overall totals. Fire pit inspections and renewals were minimal during the fourth quarter.

Overall, enforcement activity during Q4 demonstrated ongoing demand balanced by file resolution, resulting in manageable carryovers rather than a sustained increase in unresolved complaints.

Conclusion / Next Steps

Through consistent follow-up, I was able to resolve 20 bylaw complaints during the reporting period. In the first quarter of 2026, I will continue to focus on reducing long-standing files, particularly those related to Unsightly Premises.

Tracking and reporting tools will be updated in 2026 to better reflect the expanded scope of the Good Neighbour Bylaw. As the FireSmart program continues to evolve, I will work with the FireSmart Coordinator to address fire hazard concerns through education, incentives, and proactive engagement, using enforcement where appropriate.

I am looking forward to working with the new Good Neighbour Bylaw and am hopeful that it will be well received by the community, with an emphasis on education, cooperation, and voluntary compliance. This bylaw has been a long time coming and provides a clearer, more streamlined approach to addressing many of the bylaw issues that regularly arise in the community.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Bylaw Actionable Items Table

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Task	Oct-25			Nov-25			Dec-25		
	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved
Dog Complaints	2	3	1	4	0	1	3	1	0
Unsightly Complaints	6	0	1	5	0	1	4	2	1
Watering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/trailers/RV	0	3	1	2	1	1	2	5	2
Overgrown Trees (PW)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Zoning	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0
Noise	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Snow Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Hazard	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Outdoor Burning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign bylaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business license	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	11	8	15	4	7	11	11	5
Fire Pit Inspections (1st time)		1			0			0	
Fire Pit Renewals		1			0			0	

Teck Reports Voting Results from Special Meeting of Shareholders

Merger of Equals with Anglo American plc approved by both classes of Teck shareholders

Vancouver, B.C. – Teck Resources Limited (TSX: TECK.A and TECK.B, NYSE: TECK) (“Teck”) announced today the voting results from its Special Meeting of Shareholders held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 (the “Meeting”). Teck shareholders overwhelmingly voted to approve the special resolution (the “Arrangement Resolution”) approving the plan of arrangement under the *Canadian Business Corporations Act*, involving, among other things, the “merger of equals” of Anglo American plc (“Anglo American”) and Teck (the “Merger”). 99.7% of the votes cast by Class A common shareholders at the Meeting were in favour of the Arrangement Resolution and 89.7% of votes cast by Class B subordinate voting shareholders were in favour of the Arrangement Resolution.

“This resoundingly positive vote marks an important milestone in creating Anglo Teck—a global leader in critical minerals headquartered in Canada,” said Jonathan Price, President and CEO, Teck. “Anglo Teck will be positioned to deliver long-term value through a world-class copper growth portfolio, operational and functional synergies, and a stronger platform to meet growing demand for critical minerals essential to global economic growth and the energy transition. We look forward to advancing the necessary regulatory approvals and completing the merger for the benefit of our shareholders, employees, communities, and partners.”

The Arrangement Resolution required the approval of at least (a) two-thirds of the votes cast by Class A common shareholders present or represented by proxy at the Meeting, voting separately as a class; and (b) two-thirds of the votes cast by Class B subordinate voting shareholders present or represented by proxy at the Meeting, voting separately as a class. A total of 6,329,767 Class A common shares, representing 83.3% of the votes attached to all outstanding Class A common shares, and 380,842,347 Class B subordinate voting shares, representing 79.4% of the votes attached to all outstanding shares, were voted at the Meeting. Detailed voting results for the Meeting will be available under Teck’s profiles on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca) and EDGAR (www.sec.gov).

As announced earlier today by Anglo American, at the General Meeting of Anglo American held earlier on December 9, 2025, shareholders of Anglo American overwhelmingly approved (i) the allotment and issue of new ordinary shares of Anglo American to Teck shareholders in connection with the Merger; and (ii) the change of the name of Anglo American to “Anglo Teck plc” with effect from the completion of the Merger.

The Merger remains subject to customary closing conditions, including approval under the *Investment Canada Act* and applicable competition and regulatory approvals in various jurisdictions globally and final approval by the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Further information about the Merger can be found in

Teck's management information circular dated November 3, 2025 (the "Circular") for the Meeting, which is available under Teck's profile on SEDAR+ and on EDGAR. As disclosed in the Circular, prior to the deadline for eligible Canadian Teck shareholders to make an election to receive the exchangeable share consideration under the Merger, Teck will provide to registered Teck shareholders a letter of transmittal and election form (the "Letter of Transmittal and Election Form"). The Letter of Transmittal and Election Form will explain how to exchange Teck shares for the consideration under the Merger and, for eligible Canadian Teck shareholders, how to elect to receive the exchangeable share consideration under the Merger. Teck will issue a news release announcing once the Letter of Transmittal and Election Form has been made available and providing details on the relevant exchange and election procedures.

Forward Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking information and forward-looking statements as defined in applicable securities laws (collectively referred to as forward-looking statements). These statements relate to future events or future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "can", "could", "plan", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "may", "will", "would", "project", "predict", "likely", "potential", "should", "believe" and similar expressions is intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. These statements speak only as of the date of this news release. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the anticipated benefits and synergies from the proposed Merger, the expected effects of the Merger on Anglo American and Teck, future production levels, the expected timing of completion of the Merger, and other statements that are not historical facts.

These statements are based on a number of assumptions, including, but not limited to, assumptions regarding general business and economic conditions, future outlook and anticipated events, such as the ability of Anglo American and Teck to complete the Merger, the ability of Teck and Anglo American to obtain all required regulatory and court approvals, the ability of Teck and Anglo American to satisfy all other conditions to the Merger, the strategic vision of the merger between Teck and Anglo American following the closing of the Merger, expectations regarding exploration, production and operational potential, expectations with respect to production capabilities and future financial or operating performance of Teck and Anglo American following the Merger, expectations with respect to Teck's current production and cost guidance and previously disclosed updates, the potential valuation of the merger of Teck and Anglo American, the expected synergies between Teck and Anglo American, the expected revenue from the synergies between Teck and Anglo American, expectations regarding integration and synergy capture; the accuracy of the pro forma financial position and outlook of Teck and Anglo American following the closing of the Merger, the success of the new board and management team, the satisfaction of the conditions precedent to the Merger, the future financial or operating performance of the merged Teck and Anglo American, the expected EBITDA uplift, the expectations around the headquarters of the combined entity being in Canada, the expectations of the results and success of the *Investment Canada Act* commitments, the expectations with respect to receiving *Investment Canada Act* approval, the assumptions surrounding the proposed *Investment Canada Act* commitments, the expectations with respect to the proposed investments by the combined company in Canada, the potential of Teck and Anglo American following the Merger to meet industry target, public profile expectations, future plans, projections, objectives, estimates and forecasts and the timing related thereto and the expectations surrounding the combined companies long-term strategy. The foregoing list of assumptions is not exhaustive. Events or circumstances could cause actual results to vary materially.

Forward-looking information is based on the information available at the time those statements are made and are of good faith belief of the officers and directors of Teck and Anglo American as of the time with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the Forward-looking information. Factors that may cause actual results to vary materially include, but are not limited to, the possibility that the Merger will not be completed on the terms and conditions, or on the timing, currently contemplated, and that it may not be completed at all, due to a failure to obtain or satisfy, in a timely manner or otherwise, required regulatory and court approvals and other conditions to the closing of the Merger or for other reasons, public perception of the Merger, market reaction to the Merger, the negative impact that the failure to complete the Merger for any reason could have on the business of Anglo American or Teck, the ability of Anglo American and Teck to successfully integrate and capture expected synergies, general economic and market conditions, including interest and foreign exchange rates, global financial markets, changes in government regulations or in tax laws, industry competition, technological developments and other factors described or discussed in Anglo American's or Teck's disclosure materials filed with applicable securities regulatory authorities from time to time.

Teck assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required under securities laws. Further information concerning risks, assumptions and uncertainties associated with these forward-looking statements, the Merger and Teck's business can be found in Teck's Circular in respect of the Meeting filed under Teck's profile on SEDAR+ (www.sedarplus.ca) and on EDGAR (www.sec.gov).

About Teck

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December 12, 2025

Mayor Barbara Roden and Council
Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Council:

**RE: CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND: SECOND COMMUNITY WORKS FUND
PAYMENT FOR 2025/2026**

I am pleased to advise that UBCM is in the process of distributing the second Community Works Fund (CWF) payment for fiscal 2025/2026. An electronic transfer of \$69,727 is expected to occur in December 2025. This payment is made in accordance with the payment schedule set out in your CWF Agreement with UBCM (see section 4 of your Agreement).

CWF is made available to eligible local governments by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Administrative Agreement. Funding under the program may be directed to local priorities that fall within one of the eligible project categories.

Further details regarding use of CWF and project eligibility are outlined in your CWF Agreement and details on the Canada Community-Building Fund can be found on our [website](#).

For further information, please contact Canada Community-Building Fund Program Services by e-mail at ccbf@ubcm.ca or by phone at 250-356-5134.

Sincerely,



Councillor Cori Ramsay
UBCM President

PC: Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

December 18, 2025

Village of Ashcroft
PO Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Attention: Mayor Barbara Roden

**Subject: 2026 Business Façade Improvement Program
Northern Development Project Number IA-0000012439**

Northern Development Initiative Trust was created by the province to be a catalyst for central and northern B.C. to grow a strong diversified economy by stimulating sustainable economic growth through strategic and leveraged investments.

We are pleased to advise you that the Village of Ashcroft's Business Façade Improvement application for the 2026 year has been approved, effective January 1, 2026, for up to \$10,000 from the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Development Account.

Funding under this program is provided as a reimbursement upon Northern Development's receipt of reporting documents. Complete reporting is due by January 31, 2027. Reporting materials can be found on Northern Development's website at www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/community-development/business-facade-improvement/.

We wish you every success with your project. We are excited to see how your Business Façade Improvement projects will stimulate economic growth and strengthen our region.

Sincerely,
Northern Development Initiative Trust

c: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Ashcroft
Margaret Moreira, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator, Village of Ashcroft

December 9, 2025

Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills
c/o Parliamentary Committees Office
Room 224, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Chair Amna Shah:

Re: Town of Osoyoos concerns with the proposed *Professional Reliance Act* (Bill M216)

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Osoyoos, I am writing to express concerns regarding the recently introduced *Professional Reliance Act* (Bill M216), currently before the Legislative Assembly as a private member's bill.

While we support provincial efforts to streamline development approvals and improve housing delivery, several aspects of the proposed legislation raise substantial governance, risk management, and operational issues for local governments. More specifically, Council's concerns relate to the following matters:

1. Loss of Local Government Flexibility and Oversight

The Bill proposes to prohibit local governments from requiring peer reviews of professional reports certified under the *Professional Governance Act*, except with authorization from the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG). As drafted, this restriction applies broadly to "submissions" provided under a development approval process, including rezonings, OCP amendments, development permits, variances, temporary use permits, phased development agreements, heritage permits, and building permit-related assessments.

This approach would effectively impose a one-size-fits-all approval framework across B.C. and remove an important tool that local governments rely on to ensure that professional reports are complete, reliable, and consistent with local bylaws, development guidelines, environmental protection measures, and hazard mitigation standards. Even though the Town of Osoyoos has not historically required third-party reviews, maintaining the authority to do so remains essential to ensure due diligence and uphold public interest.

2. Risk of Increased Delays to Development

Contrary to the Bill's stated intention of accelerating development, the proposed dispute-resolution mechanism—relying on the OSPG to assess disagreements over professional findings—poses a significant risk of introducing new delays. The OSPG is not currently mandated or resourced to adjudicate such disputes, and local governments may experience extended application stalls while awaiting provincial direction. This outcome would be inconsistent with the Province's recent efforts to streamline land-use approvals and increase housing supply.

3. Liability and Risk Exposure

Although the Bill asserts that local governments will be shielded from liability for relying on certified submissions, it does not prevent local governments from being named in legal claims. In cases where the responsible professional is unavailable or underinsured, local governments may face joint and several liability exposure. This represents a material financial risk for the public sector and contradicts the Bill's stated purpose of reducing administrative burdens.

4. Loss of Local Government Flexibility and Oversight

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) has advised that the proposed Act was not subject to the typical policy development or consultation processes associated with government bills. System-wide changes to local government approval authority should not be advanced without meaningful engagement with the municipalities and regional districts who will be responsible for administering the resulting framework. Early consultation ensures policies are practical, aligned with public expectations, and grounded in operational realities.

5. Proposed Mandatory Timelines for Development Processing

The Town is also concerned by the Bill's enabling provisions to establish mandatory processing timelines for development applications through regulation. In other jurisdictions, failure to issue a decision within a prescribed timeline results in deemed approvals. Such an approach does not account for the significant variation in resources, complexity of applications, and statutory obligations across B.C.'s diverse local governments, and may lead to sub-optimal or unsafe development outcomes.

In light of these issues, the Town respectfully requests that:

1. The Province suspend further consideration of Bill M216 pending comprehensive consultation with local governments and UBCM;
2. The Ministry undertake a detailed review of potential liability impacts, dispute-resolution timelines, and operational implications; and
3. Any future professional-reliance reforms be developed collaboratively with local governments to ensure they support both efficient development and public safety.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns and please know that the Town of Osoyoos would welcome the opportunity to participate in further dialogue on this matter and that I can be reached at 250-498-1857 or by email at smckortoff@osoyoos.ca.

Yours truly,



Sue McKortoff, Mayor
Town of Osoyoos

Enclosure(s)

C: The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

CC: Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
Village of Ashcroft

Dear Yoginder (Yogi),

RE: 2025 Fall PD Program - November 25-26, 2025

On behalf of GFOABC, thank you for your time, expertise, and leadership in supporting the delivery of our Fall Professional Development program through your contribution to the **Asset Management – Levels of Service** session.

Your in-room support helped ground the session in practical experience, enabling participants to understand better how levels of service are defined, communicated, and aligned with financial planning, community expectations, and organizational capacity.

We also want to recognize your ongoing contributions to the GFOABC community. Through your previous presentations and continued willingness to act as a resource for members, you play an important role in advancing understanding and confidence in asset management practice across the profession.

Our members are our value proposition, and your engagement exemplifies the peer leadership that underpins GFOABC's professional development programs. By sharing your experience and perspective, you help strengthen collective capability and support more informed, resilient decision-making in local government finance.

We would also like to acknowledge the **Village of Ashcroft** for supporting your participation in Fall PD and in GFOABC programming more broadly. That support contributes to a strong, connected, and capable finance community across BC.

Thank you for your generous contribution and continued support of the GFOABC community.

With gratitude,



Kala Harris, Executive Director
Government Finance Officers Association
of British Columbia

From: Hyman, Carly OHRC:EX <Carly.Hyman@bchumanrights.ca>
Sent: January 6, 2026 1:14 PM
To: Sokolova, Maria OHRC:EX <Maria.Sokolova@bchumanrights.ca>
Cc: unknown

Subject: RE: Human Rights Commissioner's inquiry into police use of media exclusion zones - Municipalities

Further to the emails below, the Human Rights Commissioner has received questions from municipalities about responding to Recommendation 1 from the Commissioner's report of her inquiry into the use of media exclusion zones. Recommendation 1 reads as follows:

The Vancouver Police Department and the City of Vancouver, as well as all other police departments and municipal governing bodies in British Columbia, immediately cease excluding or restricting media in areas around police action (including, but not limited to, where police are involved in 'keeping the peace') without judicial authorization, unless required by immediate and unforeseeable circumstances limited to a credible and substantial threat to public safety (in accordance with the law) or for the integrity of a criminal investigation. If an exclusion zone (as defined in this report) is required in these circumstances, every reasonable effort to mitigate impact on freedom of the press must be taken.

For your information, we have defined exclusion zone as follows:

An exclusion zone is the closure or regulation of any form of access, including media access, to public space.^[1] It might also be referred to as a no-go zone, buffer zone, temporary access control area, work zone, restriction or safety zone.^[2] The significance of a restriction on access depends on its effect and the impact on human rights, not on the words used to describe it or even the intent or purpose in

^[1] Robert Diab, *Commissioned Paper: The Policing of Large-Scale Protests in Canada: Why Canada Needs a Public Order Police Act*, (Public Order Emergency Commission, 2022), 41, <https://publicorderemergencycommission.ca/files/documents/Policy-Papers/The-Policing-of-Large-Scale-Protests-in-Canada-Diab.pdf>.

^[2] H.G. Watson, "A History of Media Exclusion Zones – How injunctions became synonymous with police drive crackdowns on press freedom in Canada," June 15, 2023, <https://canadapressfreedom.ca/a-history-of-media-exclusion-zones/>.

establishing it.^[3] Human rights may be affected by partial as well as total restrictions.^[4] Our reference to the term exclusion zone encompasses all the various names referred to above because of their similar effect on restricting the media access to specific areas and potentially the ability to gather and disseminate information to the public.

Some municipalities have asked if they are required to respond to the recommendation if they have no operational control over police activities. Issues raised by municipalities include:

- inability of a municipality that is policed by the RCMP to direct RCMP operations
- some municipalities served by the RCMP share a detachment with adjacent municipalities further complicating direction over RCMP activities
- municipalities not policed by the RCMP do not have operational authority over a municipal police department

The recommendation speaks to both police and municipal actions; for example, if the local government sends staff or makes a request of police (or otherwise works with police) to create an exclusion zone around a police action, then this is a municipal action. Accordingly, we are writing to confirm that the Human Rights Commission is expecting a response to Recommendation 1 from all municipalities regardless of whether the jurisdiction is served by municipal police or the RCMP. Please note that we have sent these recommendations to E division as well as all municipal police departments.

We look forward to receiving your response by **January 30, 2026**. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

^[3] *Ontario Human Rights Commission and O'Malley v. Simpsons-Sears Ltd.*, 1985 CanLII 18 (SCC), 551, <https://canlii.ca/t/1ftxz>; *Andrews v. Law Society of British Columbia*, 1989 CanLII 2 (SCC), 173-174, <https://canlii.ca/t/1ft8q>.

^[4] UN Human Rights Committee, *General Comment no. 34, Article 19, Freedoms of opinion and expression*, CCPR/C/GC/34, 12 September 2011, paras 22-24, 26-29, 33-36, <https://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/docs/gc34.pdf>; UN Human Rights Committee, *General comment no. 31, The Nature of the General Legal Obligation Imposed on States Parties to the Covenant*, CCPR/C/21/Rev.1/Add. 13, May 26, 2004, para 6, https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2FC%2F21%2FRev.1%2FAdd.13&Lang=en; **Edison Lanza**, *Protest and Human Rights*, para. 31.

Warmly,
Carly

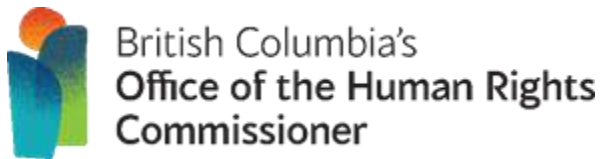
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From: Hyman, Carly OHRC:EX <Carly.Hyman@bchumanrights.ca>

Sent: December 22, 2025 9:58 AM

To: Sokolova, Maria OHRC:EX <Maria.Sokolova@bchumanrights.ca>

Subject: RE: Human Rights Commissioner's inquiry into police use of media exclusion zones – Municipalities

Dear mayors,

Since sending the email below, the Commissioner has heard from several municipalities who shared that their Councils will not be meeting before the January 12, 2026 response date. The Commissioner has agreed to extend the timeframe for response to **Friday, January 30, 2026**. The Commissioner requires your response prior to the report being released in early February.

Please note the following:

- the Commissioner is only asking for your response to Recommendation 1;
- the Commissioner has provided the recommendations to all the municipal police departments and the BC RCMP on a confidential basis and has requested their response. You are welcome to discuss the recommendations with your police department counterparts;
- the Commissioner's recommendations are confidential until her report is released publicly in early February. Accordingly, please ensure that any Council discussions to respond to the Commissioner's recommendation, that occur prior to the report being released, are held in camera.

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out. I am away from the office until January 5, 2026 but you can reach Maria Sokolova, Staff Lawyer, at Maria.Sokolova@bchumanrights.ca in my absence.

Happy holidays!

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DECEMBER 18, 2025

All Mayors of British Columbia
VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayors,

Re: Human Rights Commissioner's inquiry into police use of media exclusion zones – recommendations and request for response

On October 16, 2023, I initiated an inquiry into police use of media exclusion zones. The goal of the inquiry is to shine a light on how police use exclusion zones to restrict media access to observing police action affecting the human rights of marginalized populations, in situations where there is no injunction that explicitly allows for such an exclusion zone.

The primary focus of this inquiry was the exclusion zone created in Vancouver during the Downtown Eastside decampment on April 5 and April 6, 2023. The inquiry examined whether and how police use of exclusion zones can comply with domestic and international human rights standards. More information about the inquiry can be found [here](#) and in the confidential attached executive summary.

I appreciate that you did not provide evidence to inform this inquiry. However, because of the significant impact of exclusion zones on freedom of the press and because their use is growing across B.C. and Canada in a variety of contexts including decampments, I am making a recommendation to all municipalities and all police departments in B.C. regarding the use of media exclusion zones (or indeed, any areas in which media access is restricted) without judicial authorization.

Section 47.20 of B.C.'s *Human Rights Code* provides that at the conclusion of an inquiry, I can make a written report containing any recommendations I consider appropriate. The inquiry report includes a total of 6 recommendations, including the following:

Recommendation 1

The Vancouver Police Department and the City of Vancouver, as well as all other police departments and municipal governing bodies in British Columbia, immediately cease

excluding or restricting media areas around police action¹ without explicit judicial authorization, unless required by immediate and unforeseeable circumstances limited to a credible and substantial threat to public safety (in accordance with the law) or for the integrity of a criminal investigation. If an exclusion zone (as defined in this report) is required in these circumstances, every reasonable effort to mitigate the impact on freedom of press must be taken.

I am requesting a formal response from your municipality to the recommendations by Monday, January 12, 2026. In your response, please indicate whether your municipality accepts and will implement the recommendations. Please note that I may make your municipality's response public when the report is released.

Please note that I anticipate releasing the final report in early February 2026. My team will be following up with you after that time as well to engage in conversation with you and your staff about plans for implementation.

I am grateful for your attention to this matter and would be happy to meet with you, should you wish to learn more about the inquiry or discuss the impacts on press freedom in more depth in your community. Freedom of the press is a vital part of our democracy and is enshrined in both our constitutional and our international law commitments. My mandate as Human Rights Commissioner covers all local governments in the province and includes promoting protection with international human rights law. I look forward to working with you to ensure that freedom of the press is protected across the province.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Carly Hyman, General Counsel at Carly.Hyman@bchumanrights.ca.

Sincerely,



Kasari Govender, Commissioner
BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

Attachment: Confidential - Executive Summary of Commissioner's inquiry into media exclusion zones

¹ Including (but not limited to) where police are involved in 'keeping the peace'.

Commissioner's recommendations

The Commissioner's following recommendations must be implemented in a manner that is consistent with domestic and international human rights laws and promotes and protects the rights of people who are unhoused or otherwise impacted by exclusion zones.

Please note that the footnotes to the recommendations contain additional context, clarity and examples, and do not form the substance of the recommendations.

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Recommendation 2

By June 2027, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General introduces legislation, legislative amendments or regulations to enshrine the directive established in Recommendation 1. This must be done in collaboration with municipal police departments and RCMP e-division, and in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, media organizations, subject matter experts and advocacy organizations.

In compliance with the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (the Charter) and domestic and international human rights standards including *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP), the legislation (and attendant regulations as necessary) should include:

- direction on how to determine whether someone is a journalist, taking into account that journalism is a function shared by a wide range of actors. People engaged in a good faith

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news-gathering activity of a journalistic nature on matters of public interest should be captured by this direction, in accordance with both international and domestic law. For the sake of clarity, the Commissioner recommends that the Ministry not engage in credentialling journalists for this purpose;

- time limits and size constraints for exclusion zones, to ensure as minimal intrusion on freedom of the press as possible;
- rules around managing admission, access control points and pool cameras, including ensuring that pool cameras are established by media rather than police and are only used when strictly necessary;²
- requirements for when notice of media restrictions is to be given to the media and the content of such notice;
- training requirements for all involved front-line officers and commanders to ensure familiarity with the legislative changes;
- training requirements for all front-line officers and commanders on press freedom and freedom of assembly, as discussed in more detail below.

Recommendation 3

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General provide funding for rights-based training for all front-line police officers and commanders, including:

- to the Canadian Association of Journalists or other experts to develop training on press freedom, which should include the role of the press in a functional democracy, legal protections of freedom of the press, when and in what way media access may be restricted and police obligations when interacting with or making operational decisions in regard to the media; and
- to a legal organization or expert to develop training on freedom of association, which should include the importance of the right to assemble in a functional democracy, legal protections of the right, when and in what way protests may be restricted, regulated or monitored and police obligations when interacting with or making operational decisions in regard to protests.

² For example, pool cameras should be limited to only those circumstances where only one camera shot is possible (for example, a person speaking at a podium), where it is only physically possible for one camera to fit in the filming space or where expense of filming is extraordinary and therefore outweighs benefits of diverse views.

The Ministry should direct the Justice Institute and the RCMP to work with these organizations to deliver this ongoing training or should otherwise incorporate this recommendation into their ongoing development of standardized training curriculum, starting in February 2027.

Recommendation 4

By February 2027, the Ministry of Attorney General provide annual funding (either independently or in collaboration with another legal funder) to an independent organization tasked with providing systemic advocacy and individual legal support to media and media organizations who encounter legal and policy issues concerning freedom of the press.

Recommendation 5

By June 2026, the Vancouver Police Board amend its policy regarding handling of service and policy complaints to require that all complaints are handled in a procedurally fair manner and with rigour, including by ensuring that members involved in a matter under investigation are not tasked with investigating their own actions or those of their superiors and that all handling of complaints is addressed in a manner that is free from conflicts of interest, either real or perceived, and transparent.

Recommendation 6

By June 2027, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General introduce amendments to the Police Act to:

- amend s.171(1) to make explicit that where investigations of Service and Policy complaints are conducted, they can be done by an independent third party;
- amend s.171(2) to make compliance with the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner's recommendations mandatory; and
- amend s.173(1)(b) to change non-binding recommendations on investigation, study or procedural courses of action to binding directions.

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The Province has been working with communities to support local emergency preparedness and response efforts related to the ongoing atmospheric river, heavy rains and flooding on the south coast. The [River Forecast Centre](#) continues to monitor conditions and provide regular updates.

Additionally, as [colder winter weather](#) approaches, it is important to [be prepared for seasonal conditions such as low temperatures, snow and storms](#). A reminder that the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) [reimburses eligible costs](#) related to warming centres.

In this issue, you will find information on the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award, links to the updated Disaster Recovery Guide, a reminder about reporting deadlines for the Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program, seasonal preparedness information, mapping and mitigation tools and climate resilience resources.

[EMCR regional offices](#) are available to support First Nations' and local governments' emergency management planning, response and recovery needs. Reach out if you need assistance.

Additional resources

- Active advisories and Evacuation Alerts and Orders can be found at [@EmergencyInfoBC on X](#) or [EmergencyInfoBC.ca](#)
- Travel information and road closures available at [DriveBC.ca](#)
- Create a profile with Emergency Support Services at [ess.gov.bc.ca](#)
- Make a household emergency plan at [PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyReady](#)



Exemplary Service Award nominations open

Nominations for the [2026-2027 Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award \(EMESA\)](#) are now open.

The EMESA is a partnership between provincial, territorial and federal governments that recognizes both individuals and groups working in emergency management who have achieved excellence in their respective fields.

In the 2024-25 nomination cycle, B.C. emergency management professionals and volunteers received 18 nominations and 9 awards in total — one of the highest number of nominees and recipients across the country.

Awards will be granted in five categories:

- Resilient communities
- Search and rescue volunteers
- Search and rescue employees
- Next generation
- Outstanding contribution to emergency management

All nominations must be **submitted by April 30, 2026**. [Nomination process](#) depends on the category and location.

For additional information contact EMBC.CCEMO.Award@gov.bc.ca



Released: Disaster Recovery Guide

The 5th edition of the [Disaster Recovery Guide for Indigenous governing bodies and local authorities](#) is now available. The guide supports communities in planning for post-disaster recovery and is adaptable based on scope, scale and local needs.

Revised based on feedback from recovery leaders working for Indigenous governing bodies and local authorities, the modernized guide provides actionable tools to navigate post-emergency recovery.

A suite of tools and resources is also available to help communities with less capacity move from response to recovery. These include post-disaster templates and detailed appendices for Resilience Centre guidance and resources for hiring community recovery managers.

Visit the [disaster recovery for communities](#) page to access the guide, templates and more.



Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding Program: final report due

Final reports from communities and groups who received funding through the [Indigenous Engagement Funding Program \(IERFP\)](#) are due by **March 31, 2026**.

A report template will be released in early 2026 which recipients should complete to confirm funds have been spent, including a summary of outcomes and work completed. The IERFP team is working to connect with recipients to provide support. If all funding awarded may not be used prior to the report due date, or for additional questions please reach out to the IERFP team at EMCR.IERfunding@gov.bc.ca.

To provide additional understanding, guidance, details and opportunities for implementing Indigenous engagement requirements under the Emergency and

Disaster Management Act, three factsheets have been posted on the [emergency management legislation webpage](#).



Stay avalanche safe

People exploring British Columbia's backcountry are encouraged to be mindful of hazards, have a plan and stay informed about avalanche safety. Forecasts, safety guidance, training resources and tools are available for you to share with your community to help people stay safe:

- [Latest avalanche forecasts](#)
- [Avalanche training courses](#)
- [PreparedBC avalanche safety guidance](#)
- [Driving and travelling in an avalanche area tips](#)

In 2021, the Province provided a \$10-million grant to assist Avalanche Canada to continue its work in keeping people in B.C. safe. This grant is in addition to annual funding to support issuing special public avalanche warnings in B.C. by Avalanche Canada.

Read the [avalanche safety news release](#) for additional information.



New colour-coded weather alerts

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has launched [colour-coded weather alerts](#) to help people quickly understand their risk and prepare for the level of weather impacts possible during hazardous conditions.

What do the colours mean?

Statement: Not an alert. Information on weather conditions that are unusual, inconvenient or cause for potential concern.



Yellow Alert: Hazardous. Most common. Impacts moderate, localized, and/or short-term.



Orange Alert: Severe. Less common. Impacts can be major, widespread and/or may last a few days.



Red Alert: Very dangerous. Rare. Potential for impacts to be extreme, extensive, and prolonged.

ECCC also issues weather statements that provide extra information. Learn more at Canada.ca/Weather-Alerts.

Communities can [contact ECCC](#) for ready-to-use content and graphics to help share information and raise awareness about this new system.



Mitigation project enters construction phase

A new structure is being built to reduce the risk to the Lillooet Lake Estates community from future debris flows originating from Catiline Creek.

As climate change makes extreme weather events more frequent, locally driven projects help safeguard homes and infrastructure and build safer, more resilient communities.

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) received project funding from both the federal and provincial governments. The Ministry of Emergency Management contributed nearly \$4.6 million from the Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation stream of the [Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#), and the [Green Infrastructure: Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation program](#).

Read the [news release](#) and visit the [SLRD website](#) for more information and project updates.



Sharing experiences of climate change

People living in B.C. can share personal stories about how climate change is impacting their health and well-being on the new ecolens.ca website.

Launched by the [BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](https://www.bccdc.ca/), the site allows people to learn about others' experiences by sharing insights into how climate change is affecting their lives and how they are responding.

The information collected will also help scientists and health professionals better understand climate change impacts and inform the development of adaptive strategies.

For more information, [read the news release](#) from BCCDC.



Landslide mapping guidelines webinar

A prerecorded webinar is available to support communities undertaking landslide risk reduction projects.

Funding from EMCR was used by [Engineers and Geoscientists BC \(EGBC\)](#) to develop Professional Practice Guidelines – Landslide Mapping. The guidelines help standardize professional practice for four key types of landslide maps: inventory, susceptibility, hazard and risk.

They also address critical practice considerations including data collection and interpretation, analytical methods, climate change, equity, communication strategies and the practical needs of those using landslide maps.

The webinar can be found in [EGBC’s Knowledge Centre](#) or [ClimateReadyBC’s resource catalogue](#).



Funding opportunities

First Nations and local governments can apply for funding to support disaster mitigation, recovery and response.

Visit the [emergency management financial supports](#) webpage or [ClimateReadyBC](#) for available programs.

Upcoming deadlines:

January 30, 2026: [Indigenous cultural safety and cultural humility training](#)

February 27, 2026: [Emergency operations centres equipment and training](#)

Open and ongoing for 2026: [FireSmart Community Funding and Supports](#)



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Reminder: Registration for the [2026 Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit](#) opens **Wednesday, January 14.**

Contact your [regional office](#) for emergency management information and support.

If you have received this by way of forward, **subscribe here.**

We acknowledge with respect that Emergency Management and Climate Readiness operates throughout British Columbia on the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples. We invite you to learn which territories you work/live on and how to respectfully acknowledge the land.

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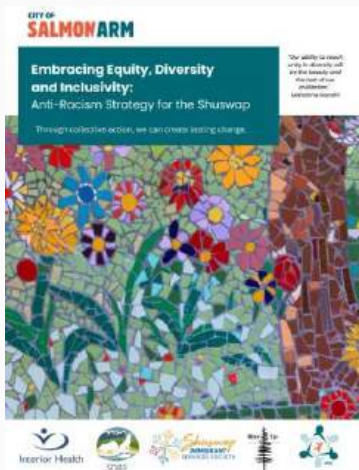
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Our Healthy Communities team works with Indigenous communities, municipalities, regional districts and other partners to create opportunities for all people to live well. Healthy built and natural environments, along with supportive social and economic circumstances, are the essential building blocks for health. Topics within the newsletter reflect this broad scope. Learn more about the [Healthy Communities team](#), find your [local team member](#) or visit our [website](#).

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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION





City of Salmon Arm Council Endorses Anti-Racism Strategy

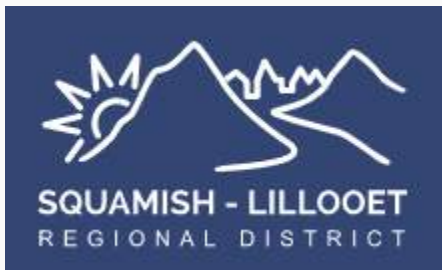
Salmon Arm City Council endorsed [Embracing Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity: Anti-Racism Strategy for the Shuswap](#) during their October 27 Council meeting. The City received [PlanH](#) funding from BC Healthy Communities in 2024 to create their Anti-Racism Strategy, which was developed in collaboration with School District 83, Rise Up Indigenous Wellness, Shuswap Immigration Services Society, and IH (Healthy Community Development and Integrated Child and Youth Teams). The strategy identifies strategic goals that all partners commit to actioning and dismantling systemic racism in Salmon Arm.

North Aberdeen Plateau Guidance Plan Endorsed by Regional Partners

The Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB), the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO), and the District of Lake Country have formally endorsed the [North Aberdeen Plateau Guidance Plan](#). This shared framework sets out how the partners will work together to protect water, cultural values and the landscape in the face of ongoing climate pressures, including drought and wildfire.

SLRD Adopts Agriculture Emergency Plan to Strengthen Rural Resilience

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) [has adopted](#) a comprehensive [Agriculture Emergency Plan \(AEP\)](#), marking a significant step forward in safeguarding the region's agriculture sector from the impacts of natural disasters, climate change and other emergencies. While the plan is primarily intended as an operational resource for SLRD staff, it may also be useful for farmers, ranchers and community partners seeking to understand the SLRD's approach to agricultural emergency preparedness and response.



Okanagan Food and Innovation Hub Breaks Ground in Summerland

Summerland has officially broken ground on the [Okanagan Food and Innovation Hub](#)—a 22,500-square-foot, state-of-the-art food processing and distribution centre, set to open in May 2026. This collaborative initiative, led by LocalMotive and supported by the Government of BC, District of Summerland, Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen, Community Futures, and several other partners, will offer advanced processing, storage and distribution facilities. The hub aims to help farmers access new markets, reduce food waste and strengthen the South Okanagan's food system by expanding local processing and creating economic opportunities.

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Using Data to Drive Decisions

This new platform is a collective initiative led by [CFLRI](#), [CPRA](#), and [SIRC](#), designed to empower decision-makers in sport, physical activity, recreation and parks across Canada. It will transform infrastructure, participation and economic impact data into powerful insights, helping decision-makers plan, fund and evaluate with confidence. Be the first to see the impact of the [CAN Active Insights platform](#) and stay up to date as the details become available.

Tools for Climate Action

The British Columbia Institute of Technology's (BCIT) [Centre for Ecocities](#) has launched two easy-to-use online tools to help communities, businesses and local governments take action on climate change. These tools show how everyday choices, like what we eat, how we travel and what we buy, affect the environment, and offer practical ways to cut pollution and support healthy communities.



BC Living Wages 2025

The living wage is the hourly rate that a full-time worker must earn to cover essential expenses, avoid chronic financial stress and participate in the social, civic and cultural life of their community. This rate supports a basic, decent standard of living, but without comforts or extras that most may take for granted. The living wage was calculated this fall for 27 communities in BC. [Read all the information here](#) and watch a [recording of the online briefing here](#)

Resource on Municipal Governance of Homeless Encampments

[This paper](#) explores how municipalities are responding—through bylaws, temporary shelters, and emerging rights-based approaches—and the complex legal and practical issues involved. Read about the laws and court decisions that shape local action, common barriers like unclear jurisdiction and limited shelter access, and why encampments represent both a human rights crisis and an opportunity. Check out the [one-pager here](#)



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individuals and others on how they can collectively contribute to prioritizing and elevating adult physical activity levels in Canada. See the [recommendations for municipalities and urban planners here](#)

EVENTS & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Strengthening Community Resilience: An Age-Friendly and Indigenous-Inclusive Approach to Emergency Preparedness

Communities across B.C. are invited to join an Age-friendly Communities webinar on January 14, 2025, at 10:30 am PST, exploring how inclusive and Indigenous-informed approaches can strengthen emergency preparedness for people of all ages.

The webinar will share practical tools and community examples showing how inclusive, equitable preparedness strategies can be incorporated at the local level. Participants will learn from real-life examples and leave with resources they can start using immediately.

[Register Here](#)

CEA Adaptation Planning and Action Cohorts

The [Community Energy Association \(CEA\)](#) is inviting [expressions of interest for Adaptation Planning and Action Cohorts](#), a program to support BC local governments and Indigenous communities in taking action on climate adaptation. Delivered by CEA and partners, this free program brings together five or more communities to work together on an aspect of climate adaptation. This cohort will run from approximately February to June 2026. Complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#) by Dec 22, 2025

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES





Wah-ila-toos: Clean Energy Initiatives in Indigenous, Rural, and Remote Communities

[The Wah-ila-toos program](#) from the federal government helps Indigenous, rural and remote communities switch from diesel to cleaner energy. It also makes it easier for people to get support from the government and have more control over their energy choices.

There is no deadline to apply, subject to available funds

Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC

[Enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities](#) contributes to healthy and vibrant communities. This grant is now open and the focus is on one or more of these priority areas:
1) outdoor enhancement 2) stewardship and education 3) inclusive participation

Applications due January 20, 2026 11:59 pm PST



RBC Barrier Buster Grants Program

[Barrier Buster projects](#) improve access to physical spaces. They can be as diverse as the communities that create them. Grants can be used to build accessible play spaces, improved parking and exterior access, interior accessibility improvements for community facilities and workspaces, elevators, and more. 40 accessibility grants of up to \$40,000 are available. Applications due March 15, 2026





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Dear Mayor and Council,

In previous correspondence, I described how senior governments have used stigma and structural design to shift the consequences of their decisions onto municipalities. I am writing today to flag a new and concerning development: residents in Langford and Colwood are being subjected to a [targeted messaging campaign](#) that appears designed to manufacture public consent for further cost-downloading.

Specifically, over recent weeks the BC Crown Counsel Association (BCCCA) has been running radio advertisements directed at Langford and Colwood listeners, urging residents to write their MLAs and demand increased funding for Crown prosecutors. These ads do not appear to be running province-wide. Instead, they seem to be narrowly targeted at two municipalities that have already shown resistance to unchecked downloading of justice-system costs from senior governments.

Because these advertisements have had limited circulation and may not be widely known, I believe it is important to outline their core claims and implications.

What the Ads Claim

The advertisements assert that:

- case loads are too high,
- files and laws are becoming more complex,
- front-line prosecutors are burned out and understaffed, and
- as a result, “lower-level offenders may not face accountability.”

The clear implication (or threat?) is that public safety is at risk unless additional funding flows to Crown.

However, this framing does not withstand closer scrutiny once the structural incentives jointly created by Crown and RCMP leadership are examined.

1. Non-Arrest Is Now a Feature, Not a Bug

In my October 1st letter, I documented evidence from Kamloops where RCMP acknowledged witnessing repeat, non-violent property crimes without making arrests — even when GPS-tracked stolen items were located inside the home. These non-arrests were later used to help justify a civil forfeiture threat.

Across the province it now appears:

- the 2020 MOU increased disclosure burdens dramatically,
- high case loads lead Crown to triage only the most serious files,
- so police implicitly avoid arresting lower-level offenders whose cases will likely be dropped anyway,
- police avoid overwhelming paperwork,
- Crown avoids untenable intake volumes,
- municipalities see escalating disorder, and
- vulnerable homeowners become targets for civil forfeiture.

When a major incident finally occurs — such as an overdose death — civil forfeiture becomes profitable, using the smaller, previously ignored offences as leverage. This is after hundreds of complaints of low level offences by members of our communities are completely ignored or even mocked.

This is not a justice system dysfunction; it is a business model.

2. The Five Revenue Pathways Created by the 2020 MOU

The 2020 Disclosure MOU, jointly authored by federal prosecutors, BC Crown, and RCMP leadership during the pandemic when arrests were much less frequent, has enabled the following monetization channels:

1. Case-Load Inflation
More paperwork → slower cases → higher case volumes → increased budget justification and job security for Crown
2. Civil Forfeiture Growth
Non-arrest → unresolved disorder → major incident → property seizure → government revenue during defund police movement.
3. Municipal Funding of Clerks
RCMP pressure municipal councils for “major crime” disclosure clerks to compensate for MOU-created bottlenecks — new civilian positions that previously belonged to the very institutions that authored the MOU (and should probably only be staffed by sworn officers).
4. Delayed Bodycam Rollout
Disclosure burdens create an excuse to delay the province-wide implementation of bodycams — reducing transparency and institutional risk.

(Thanks and applause to the District of North Saanich Council for asking about this at the November 17th meeting; every municipality should be asking about bodycams prior to further funding.)

5. The BCCCA Manufactured-Consent Campaign

Rather than advocating for systemic reform, Crown now targets specific municipalities with pressure messaging to expand its budget.

Notably, the MOU itself refers to its signatories as “key players” in the justice system. This is not neutral language. It explicitly frames prosecution, policing, and disclosure governance as a closed group of institutional actors coordinating policy among themselves, rather than as public servants accountable downstream to municipalities or the public.

In regulatory and competition contexts, the term “*key players*” is commonly used to describe coordinated market actors whose decisions shape outcomes for others who lack bargaining power. In the justice context, its use signals centralized control over disclosure rules, timelines, and burdens — without corresponding obligations to fund or absorb the operational consequences of those choices.

In other words, this is *cartel language*, not something anyone should ever expect coming from senior leadership in Justice.

3. Why Langford and Colwood Were Targeted

The ads are likely only aimed at these two communities because:

- they have resisted unchecked cost-downloads,
- the West Shore RCMP detachment has documented workload concerns,
- and they are part of the South Island coalition that stood together to oppose E-Comm downloading.

Municipal resistance apparently makes these municipalities targets for pressure campaigns. Targeted messaging is an intimidation tactic — not a public safety measure.

4. Mayoral Unity and Strategic Timing

Municipal unity matters. We have seen mayors — including the recent alliance of Vancouver and Surrey leaders — stand together to demand accountability from Metro Vancouver leadership on shared issues. This model of cross-municipal cooperation can be exceptionally powerful when confronting systemic cost-shifting and accountability gaps.

It was telling when District of North Saanich Mayor Peter Jones recently mentioned that bad provincial news often arrives at 4:30 pm on a Friday — a reminder that senior governments treat municipal politicians no better than they do any other British Columbians (hence the need for municipal unity).

Funding a disclosure clerk — as DNS chose to do — can be a pragmatic interim step, but only if it demonstrably alleviates case backlogs and improves accountability for all offences. If clerks do not materially help address lower-level crime and systemic delays, municipalities should reconsider ongoing funding. I do appreciate their willingness to help tackle the ongoing crime and disorder, but let's not forget who caused it (or why they seem to have caused it).

5. The Broader Federal Context and Guaranteed Livable Income

This targeted pressure campaign must also be understood within a broader federal context.

Since the 2025 federal leadership transition, Prime Minister Mark Carney has made clear that his government will not pursue a Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) pilot. Requests from provinces and policy advocates to test GLI-style programs have been met with an explicit refusal, even as federal spending expands significantly in other areas, including policing, defence, and security.

This is a consequential choice. The evidence around GLI is not speculative. Historical and contemporary pilots — including Manitoba's Mincome experiment — demonstrated reductions in poverty, improved health outcomes, and lower downstream social costs. More recent modelling has consistently shown that a GLI would reduce crime, stabilize housing, decrease calls for police service, and ease pressure on courts and prosecutors.

In other words, GLI *directly addresses* the root conditions that senior justice institutions now cite to justify ever-expanding budgets.

The federal government's refusal to test GLI, while simultaneously increasing spending on enforcement and prosecution, reveals a structural preference: managing the consequences of poverty and disorder rather than reducing them. In that environment, crime, backlog, and social instability become permanent budget justifications instead of problems to be solved.

This is why the BCCCA's targeted advertising matters. These messages do not merely misdiagnose the problem; they reinforce a system in which scarcity, backlog, and public fear are operationally useful. They are not isolated communications — they are the visible edge of a deeper structural choice.

6. What Municipal Leaders Must Now Recognize

Langford and Colwood are being positioned as leverage points in a provincial-federal strategy to normalize:

- downloading costs,
- pressure campaigns,
- selective enforcement,
- non-arrest practices,
- opaque disclosure burdens, and
- civil forfeiture against the vulnerable.

The public is being told to demand more funding for a system that systematically avoids addressing its own self-created failures.

Municipalities must *not* allow targeted messaging to wedge communities into funding a structure whose incentives are fundamentally misaligned with public safety and justice.

Conclusion

The BCCCA advertisements tell residents that “lower-level offenders may not be held accountable.”

The evidence shows otherwise. This is not a staffing failure — it is a policy choice.

A justice system that selectively enforces, selectively prosecutes, and selectively seizes is not malfunctioning. It is operating as designed by those who benefit from the resulting bottlenecks. When institutions prioritize obedience to process over responsibility for outcomes, harm becomes normalized and accountability evaporates.

History teaches us that unquestioning obedience to broken systems can lead to catastrophe. From residential schools to other institutional failures now being reckoned with across this country, the lesson is consistent: when people follow rules without challenging their consequences, damage compounds quietly — until it can no longer be ignored.

This is why municipal unity matters. Municipalities must continue standing together. Meaningful change will not come from within systems that profit from dysfunction; it will come from principled pressure applied from below — unified, informed, and unwavering.

The Christmas Truces of 1914 remind us that civil disobedience, exercised thoughtfully and collectively, can be an ethical act — and sometimes a necessary one. I trust that this will be a topic of discussion over the holiday season for those who are in receipt of this correspondence.

If the current trajectory of unchecked crime and disorder continues into the new year, another unified stance on the steps of the legislature by municipal leaders may again be required. Perhaps it should take place at the end of the day on a Friday.

Thank you again for your service and dedication to your communities.

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NEWS RELEASE

TNRD Board Requests BC Assessment Proposed Valuation Changes for Pipelines to be Postponed

Kamloops, BC – December 15, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Board of Directors has, for a second time, written an urgent letter to the Ministry of Finance to formally request that proposed changes by BC Assessment to valuation of “Gathering and Transmission Pipelines” be immediately postponed, until such time that local governments have been engaged in a thorough consultation process to ensure fairness and transparency.

The latest letter was submitted to the Ministry following a Committee of the Whole meeting on December 12, 2025, where the Board received a detailed report from TNRD staff regarding tax implications as a result of the planned changes to pipeline values by BC Assessment. The Board also sent a letter to the Ministry on [October 23, 2025](#), when preliminary tax impact information was available.

- View: [TNRD Board Letter: December 12, 2025](#)

During the staff presentation on December 12, the Board was provided updated figures on expected shifts to taxation. If BC Assessment changes to pipeline values are implemented in 2026 as proposed, there would be a substantial impact to the TNRD and Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) budgets for the foreseeable future, unfairly shifting the tax burden to other property classes.

As proposed, this change by BC Assessment would shift 3.3% of the tax requisition for the 2026 TNRD budget, and would shift 1.7% of the tax requisition for the 2026 TRHD budget. The total amount of property taxes being shifted from pipeline companies to residential and business properties in the TNRD would be approximately \$1.3 million each year, beginning in 2026.

“Proposed changes by BC Assessment to the value of pipelines would have substantial negative impacts for TNRD residential and business taxpayers, and consultation with local governments has been severely lacking,” said Barbara Roden, TNRD Board Chair. “Our Board understands that these proposed changes have been under review for many years; however, local governments were only informed of the process in September. The abrupt notice provided by BC Assessment for changes of this magnitude is not sufficient for local governments to reasonably adjust their budgets and ease the anticipated tax burden that this now creates for residents and businesses.”

The TNRD understands that BC Assessment is planning to review valuation of other large-scale utilities, including Railways, and BC Assessment has informed the TNRD that this could increase the value of other properties within the Utilities tax class and offset negative tax impacts for residential ratepayers. Given the apparent imminent plan for BC Assessment to do this wider review, the TNRD asks that the status quo valuation of pipelines remain in effect for at least one additional year, which BC Assessment has had in place since 1986.

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NEWS RELEASE

TNRD, Neskonlith Indian Band Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Kamloops, BC – December 18, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is honoured to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Neskonlith Indian Band, which marks a positive step in the relationship between these two governments.

Leaders from the TNRD and Neskonlith came together today for a signing ceremony, followed by a community-to-community forum between staff and elected leaders.

“This Memorandum of Understanding recognizes the desire of both the TNRD and the Neskonlith Indian Band to develop a positive and ongoing relationship, encourage communication, and work together on shared interests,” said TNRD Board Chair Barbara Roden. “The TNRD Board of Directors is continuing to focus on building partnerships with our many neighbouring First Nations, and we look forward to working with Neskonlith to address common challenges and create shared opportunities for the region.”

“The Signing of this Memorandum of Understanding represents an important step forward in strengthening the collaboration between Neskonlith Indian Band and the TNRD,” said Neskonlith Kukpi7 (Chief) Irvin Wai. “This agreement reflects our shared commitment to have respectful government-to-government relations, to have open communication, and for us to be working together in the best interest of our communities – now and into the future.”

The TNRD Board of Directors has prioritized engaging with First Nations in its [2023-2026 Strategic Plan](#), which has Relationships and Reconciliation as a key priority. The TNRD is committed to collaboration with First Nation governments and advancing reconciliation, and continues to work towards establishing formal working relationships through MOUs with its First Nations neighbours.

The TNRD geographic boundaries include more than 44,000 square kilometres, with more than 65 unincorporated communities in 10 Electoral Areas, 11 Member Municipalities, and 25 First Nations. For more information about the 25 First Nations whose territory the TNRD resides on, visit: tnrd.ca/firstnations.

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NEWS RELEASE

Mattress Disposal Fees Updated in Response to Delay in Provincial Take-Back Program

Kamloops, BC – December 19, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Board of Directors has approved updates to recycling fees for mattresses and boxsprings, in response to an indefinite delay by the Province of BC to add these materials to its Recycling Regulation.

Effective January 1, 2026, disposal fees for mattresses will be \$20 for residential units and \$35 for commercial units at Eco-Depots and select Transfer Stations.

The Board approved these fee increases after the TNRD was notified by the Ministry of Environment and Parks that it is postponing adding mattresses and boxsprings to its Recycling Regulation, which would force a new program where mattress producers are responsible for managing their products' end-of-life, shifting costs from taxpayers to companies. As a result of this postponement, all associated disposal costs for mattresses and boxsprings continue to be covered at the regional district level, with most costs falling on taxpayers.

In 2024, there were 6,700 mattresses recycled at accepting TNRD facilities, and disposal costs totalled more than \$289,000. Only 3% of these costs were recovered through disposal fees charged to customers, with the remaining 97% funded through regional taxation. Landfilling these mattresses instead of recycling them would have taken up an estimated \$1.13 million in landfill airspace. All mattresses recycled in the TNRD are taken to a facility in Hope, B.C., for disassembly and material recovery.

On average, mattresses cost \$43.50 per unit to recycle in the TNRD; updates to disposal fees for consumers are expected to offset about \$100,000 in costs for taxpayers in 2026. Until mattresses are included in the provincial Recycling Regulation, a portion of mattress disposal costs will continue to fall on taxpayers. The TNRD continues to advocate for a province-wide mattress recycling program to ease the burden on taxpayers and ensure that they are recycled instead of landfilled.

Mattresses are accepted for recycling at all 11 TNRD Eco-Depots and at 5 Transfer Stations (Knutsford, Paul Lake, Savona, Vavenby, and Westwold). To view hours of operation and accepted materials at all TNRD solid waste sites, visit: tnrd.ca/depothours.

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NEWS RELEASE

Thompson-Nicola Regional Library Releases Most Borrowed Titles for 2025

Kamloops, BC – December 22, 2025 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) has made a list and checked it twice. We've tallied up all the titles borrowed from our 14 library locations this past year, and are ready to release the Top 10 Most Borrowed Titles from 2025!

There are romantasies and dystopian societies, detectives solving cold cases and 21st Century wildfires, sci-fi robots, and middle school dramas. This year, we've also included DVDs (libraries are like the last Blockbusters) and video games (libraries are more than just books) in our lists.

So read on, and find some inspiration for your next visit to the library.

Top Kids Titles

3. Big Shot, by Jeff Kinney
2. Hot Mess, by Keff Kinney
1. The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown

Top Young Adult Titles

3. Two Degrees, by Alan Gratz
2. A Court of Thorns and Roses, by Sarah J. Maas
1. Sunrise on the Reaping, by Suzanne Collins

Top Adult Non-Fiction Titles

3. Revenge of the Tipping Point, by Malcolm Gladwell
2. The Anxious Generation, by Jonathan Haidt
1. The Let Them Theory, by Mel Robbins

Top Adult Fiction Titles

3. The Grey Wolf, by Louise Penny
2. The Women, by Kristin Hannah
1. The Waiting, by Michael Connelly

Top DVDs

3. The Wild Robot
2. Deadpool & Wolverine
1. Horizon: An American Saga, Chapter 1

Top Video Games

3. Super Mario 3D World & Bowser's Fury (Nintendo Switch)
2. Paper Mario: The Thousand-Year Door (Nintendo Switch)
1. Luigi's Mansion 3 (Nintendo Switch)

The most borrowed title for the year was: Michael Connelly's The Waiting.

The full top 10 lists can be found at tnrl.ca.

About the TNRL:

The TNRL is dedicated to enriching lives through literacy, learning, and community connection. With 13 library branches and a Mobile Library, the TNRL offers a wide range of service, programs, and resources for all ages. For more information on library resources and programming, visit: tnrl.ca.

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Looping you all in on a recent update provided to the TNRD Board. This is all public knowledge and can be shared.

Hope you all get some much needed rest and holiday cheer!



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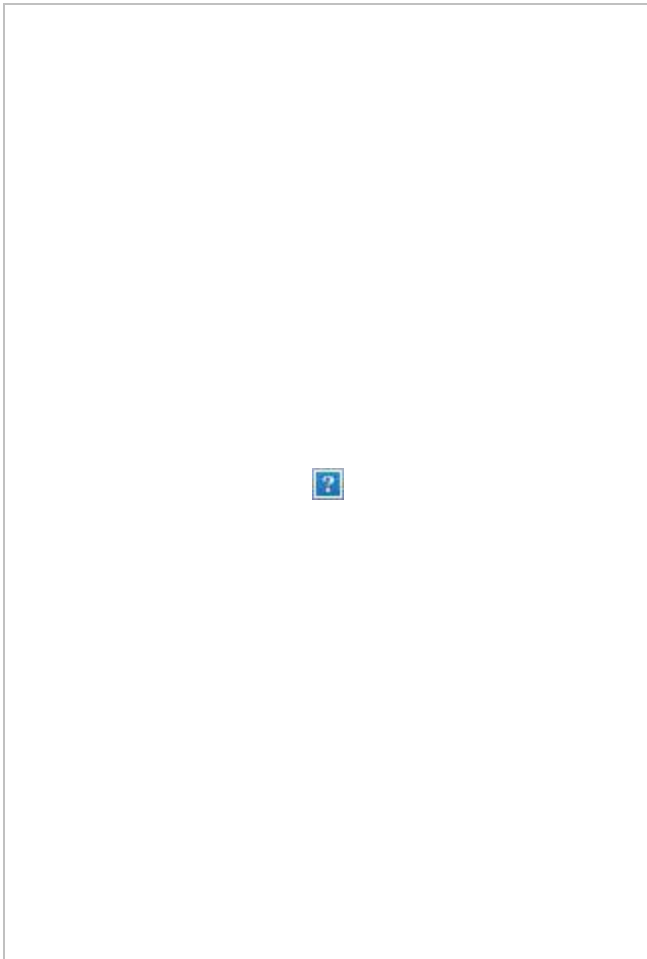
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Here is a brief update on some of the recent Film Commission activities, it has been a couple of months so there is a bit to update you on:

- [My Secret Santa](#), a Christmas movie 100% filmed in the TNRD premiered on Netflix on December 3rd and [People Magazine](#) listed it as one of the must-watch Holiday movies. The movie featured many locations at Sun Peaks and in Kamloops and several locals were featured as background performers. Last week it was [#2 on the most viewed film on all streaming](#) platforms.
- Preparations are being made for *Learn about Film* (March 7-8, 2026), and an exciting year of F.I.N.E. networking evenings including a local film showcase on January 18th
- Terri will be representing the Thompson-Nicola at [Prime Time](#) in Ottawa in January (Brrrrr!)
- October was a very busy month for TNFC – over 21 projects contacted us for locations and assistance, 7 projects filmed in Kamloops, Merritt, Ashcroft, and Tobiano.
- Kamloops local, Amanda Wandler's film, *W7éyle* (Moon's Wife), screens at the LA Skins Fest (the USA's largest Indigenous Film Festival) at the world-famous TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood — a remarkable milestone for a story rooted in our region. Amanda was also selected by the Whistler Film Festival for and Indigenous Filmmaker Fellowship.

- Local filmmaker, Todd Sullivan, took away top honors at the 2025 Okanagan+ 48 Hour Film Project in October.
- [Heated Rivalry](#) is the #1 Crave Original Series debut of all time and features a Kamloops lead actor. *“Two rival hockey stars at the top of their game face an unexpected challenge when they develop feelings for each other, complicating their careers and the sport's expectations.”*
- [Incandescence](#), the award-winning National Film Board feature documentary on wildfires, partially filmed in the TNRD, is one of the top ten most watched films of 2025 on the NFB's streaming site.
- Our print calendars were a big hit this year, we have run out of copies, but we have ordered more due to popular demand. If you would like copies, please let us know and we will ensure that you receive them.

Feel free to reach out if you have follow up inquiries. Thank you for your ongoing support of Film Industry growth in the Thompson-Nicola. Happy Holidays!



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Good afternoon, Mayor Roden,

"In accordance with the reporting requirements in the Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan (CWAP) required by the Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Highland Valley Copper Mine Life Extension (HVC MLE), please find attached the first CWAP report. This first report includes the results of indicators as detailed in tables 13-1 and 13-2 of the CWAP and emerging issues and themes related to accommodation effects of HVC MLE Construction. While adaptive management was determined not to be warranted in this reporting period based on the results of monitoring and effectiveness evaluation, any adaptive management implemented that may be warranted in the future will be detailed in the applicable reports.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or comments
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Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan Quarterly Report

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HVC MLE: Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan (CWAP) Quarterly Report

Report: 1

Reporting Period: May 2025-December 2025

1 Overview

As described in the HVC MLE Construction Workforce Accommodation Plan (CWAP), this report is a local accommodation monitoring report considering emerging issues and themes related to accommodation effects of HVC MLE Construction, including adaptive management. This report includes results of indicators as detailed in Tables 13-1 and 13-2 of the CWAP, emerging issues and themes related to accommodation effects of HVC MLE Construction, including any adaptive management undertaken.

2 Distribution

As per the CWAP, the following Indigenous Governments and Organizations and parties receive this quarterly report via email:

- Nlaka'pamux Nation:
 - Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly
 - Kanaka Bar Indian Band
 - Lower Nicola Indian Band
 - Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council
 - Spuzzum First Nation
- Secwepemc Nation:
 - Bonaparte First Nation
 - Stk'emlupsemc te Secwépemc Nation
- City of Kamloops
- District of Logan Lake
- City of Merritt
- Village of Ashcroft
- Village of Cache Creek
- Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD)
- Gold Country Communities Society
- Kamloops Accommodation Association
- Tourism Merrit
- Tourism Kamloops
- Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce

3 Results of Monitoring

HVC MLE monitoring activities include relying on feedback shared during engagement with Indigenous Governments and Organizations and municipalities as well as a review of internal and external information sources to understand emerging issues related to workforce accommodations and quantitative information from tourism industry associations.

Monthly average of on-site construction workers that live locally versus work mobile is shared in Table 1. Table 1 also includes a monthly average of on-site mobile construction workers being temporarily accommodated in the Local Study Area¹.

¹ The Local Study Area includes the regional service centre of Kamloops as well as the District Municipality of Logan Lake, the City of Merritt, the villages of Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Lytton, and the unincorporated communities of Spences Bridge, Spuzzum, and Boston Bar.

Table 1: On-site Construction Workers that Live Locally Versus Work Mobile

Indicator from CWAP	Location	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Monthly average of on-site construction workers that live locally versus work mobile. ¹ Monthly average of on-site mobile construction workers being temporarily accommodated in the LSA.	Ashcroft	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Cache Creek	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Creston	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	Kamloops	25	32	26	54	83	72	81
	Logan Lake	0	1	1	3	3	2	2
	Merritt	19	33	9	36	30	32	10
	Boston Bar First Nation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lower Nicola Indian Band	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
	Local²	45	68	38	97	118	108	95
	Mobile³	38	21	61	110	84	79	60
	Total	83	89	99	207	202	187	155
Qualitative feedback if received by HVC and its contractors regarding the use of local/regional accommodation by the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce. ²	No qualitative feedback was received by HVC and its contractors regarding the use of local/regional accommodation by the HVC MLE mobile construction workforce.							

1 Source of data as per CWAP: Teck and contractors' established human resources systems. December 2025 data not available at the time of writing.

2 Local workforce refers to Indigenous and non-Indigenous employees whose reported address is located in the communities within the HVC MLE project Area of Interest and/or they are a member of an Indigenous Government or Organization with whom Teck has an agreement for HVC MLE.

3 Mobile workforce refers to all employees outside the definition under 2, above.

Anticipated workforce requirements for the duration of the construction phase are provided in Figure 1.

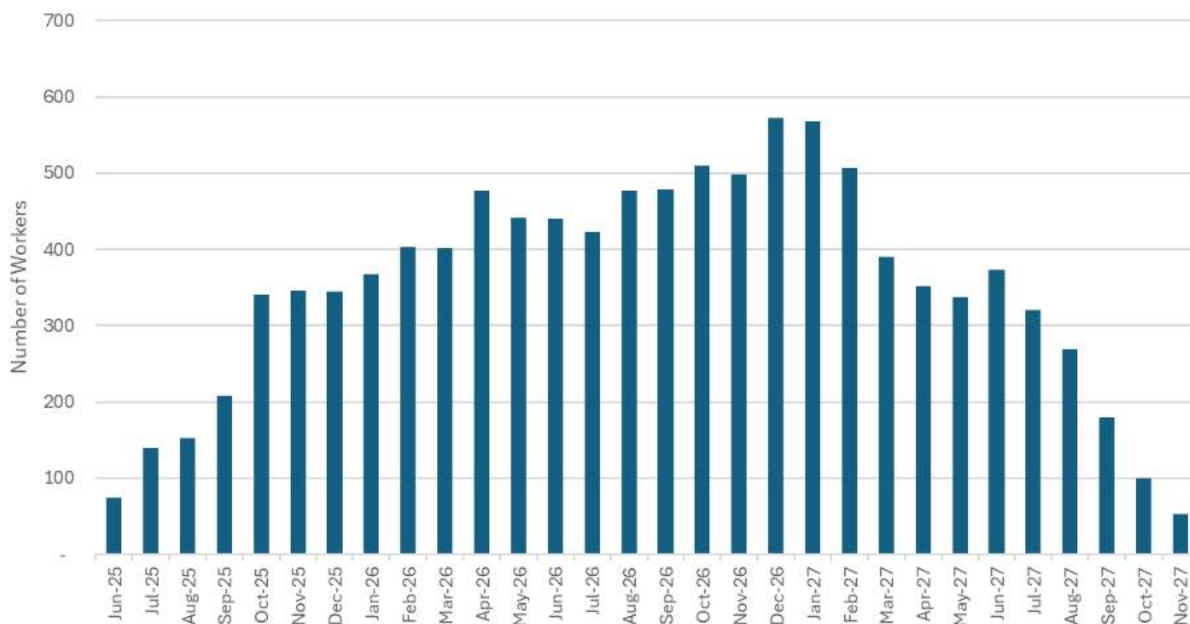


Figure 1: HVC MLE Anticipated Number of Workers Needing Temporary Housing

Table 2 provides general accommodation indicators.

Table 2: General Accommodation Indicators

Indicator from CWAP	July to September 2025	October to December 2025
Hotel/motel occupancy (%) ¹	69.2	69.2
Owned housing prices-Single Detached Unit median sale price (\$) ²	673,200	679,900
Average Rental rates 2-Bed Apt (\$) ³	1,679	4th quarter stats not yet available from the CMHC.
Rental vacancy rates (%) ⁴	1.2	4th quarter stats not yet available from the CMHC.
Local/regional accommodation issues/concerns ⁵	None raised	None raised

¹ Source of data as per CWAP: Tourism Kamloops.

² Source of data as per CWAP: CMHC, Statistics Canada Federal Census, and publicly available information prepared by local communities and/or stakeholders.

³ Source of data as per CWAP: CMHC, Statistics Canada Federal Census, and publicly available information prepared by local communities and/or stakeholders.

⁴ Source of data as per CWAP: CMHC, Statistics Canada Federal Census, and publicly available information prepared by local communities and/or stakeholders.

⁵ Source of data as per CWAP: Publicly available studies, plans, and/or reports prepared by local communities and/or stakeholders regarding local accommodation; and HVC's and contractors' established Indigenous and community engagement systems.

4 Analysis

Emerging Issues and Themes

- Specific concerns have not been shared with HVC regarding accommodation availability since initiating construction. As the project ramps up with increased workforce, HVC will continue to monitor accommodation indicators as per the CWAP.
- Workforce distribution data shows Kamloops as the primary hub for mobile workers, with Logan Lake and Merritt accommodating a smaller portion of the mobile workforce.

Analysis of Results of Monitoring

- Occupancy estimates in the HVC MLE Single Application Package predicted the potential impact of HVC MLE on hotel/motel room availability. There is expected to be sufficient hotel and motel room capacity to accommodate all HVC MLE-related mobile workers over the course of construction. This is aligned with data analyzed to date.
- Communities like Ashcroft and Cache Creek may offer additional capacity but require reliable transportation solutions for mobile workers. Seasonal factors (e.g., winter driving conditions) could influence the extent to which the mobile workforce uses accommodation in those communities.

Adaptive Management

- Through monitoring and effectiveness evaluation, the Qualified Person responsible for overseeing implementation of the CWAP has determined that adaptive management is not warranted consistent with the CWAP.



January 5, 2026

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Re: Concerns Regarding Bill M216 – Professional Reliance Act

On behalf of local government elected officials, I am writing to express serious concerns regarding Private Member's Bill M216, the proposed *Professional Reliance Act*. While we support efforts to streamline development approvals and increase housing supply, the Bill raises significant governance, public safety, liability, and operational concerns for local governments.

Under the existing framework of the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*, local governments may require professional certifications and, where appropriate, peer review to support development approvals. This discretion is essential in areas subject to flooding, steep slopes, wildfire interface conditions, and other hazards. The current professional reliance model allows local governments to exercise due diligence while balancing efficiency with public safety and environmental protection.

Bill M216 would prohibit local governments from requiring peer review of professional submissions, except with authorization from the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance (OSPG). This restriction applies broadly to rezonings, OCP amendments, development permits, variances, heritage permits, and building permit-related assessments. The result is a one-size-fits-all approach that removes a critical oversight tool and undermines local government autonomy.

Eliminating independent review increases risks to public safety and the environment. Local government staff routinely identify deficiencies in applications already certified by registered professionals. Without the ability to require peer review, the likelihood of failures increase.

Although the Bill suggests that liability rests with certifying professionals, local governments will continue to face legal exposure, public scrutiny, and emergency response costs when failures occur—particularly where professionals are underinsured or unavailable.



The Bill may also delay, rather than accelerate, development. Disputes would be referred to the OSPG, which is not currently mandated or resourced to adjudicate technical disagreements within development approval timelines.

Finally, Bill M216 was introduced without meaningful consultation with local governments or UBCM and departs from the findings of the 2018 Professional Reliance Review, which recommended strengthening oversight and accountability—not eliminating peer review. Concerns also remain regarding enabling provisions for mandatory processing timelines, which may lead to unsafe or sub-optimal outcomes.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the province to suspend further consideration of Bill M216 and to engage in comprehensive consultation with local governments and relevant stakeholders to develop balanced, evidence-based reforms.

Sincerely,

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Mayor
Village of Valemount

Cc: The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2025					
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Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Other	Status
	2025 MOTIONS				
R-2025-149	THAT, staff continue to seek alternate grant opportunities to fund a Hotel Investment Attraction Study, and connect with Miles Bruns and Al Boldt to identify best practices for advancing hotel investment attraction.	CAO	CEDD - eligible funding source		On-going
R-2025-174	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.	CAO	Send letter		completed
R-2025-175	THAT, Council endorse the attached 2026 Ashcroft Council Meeting Schedule as amended.	EA	Distribute Schedule		completed
R-2025-176	THAT, Council endorse the Grant Writer funding application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust and approve the Village portion of the expense for 2026.				completed
R-2025-177	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.	DPW	DPW ordered signs and will have PW Crew install		completed