



# AGENDA

## Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street  
Monday January 26, 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, January 12, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 12, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-7
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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	Waiting for Legal Review for Bylaw # 881, 2026 – to proceed	
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### 1. STAFF REPORTS

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### 2. CORRESPONDENCE

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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 – Campbell Hill Site Visit	
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	N/A	
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### 8. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING



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13.1	N/A	
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### 9. ADJOURNMENT

**PRESENT**

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

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

**EXCUSED**

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Public –

Media – 1 (left prior to meeting due to missing equipment)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 12, 2026 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**

***Letter requesting free facility use from the Guns & Hoses Organizing Committee on January 31, 2026 – New Business***

M/S Anstett / Tedford

*THAT the Regular Meeting Agenda on Monday January 12, 2026 be adopted as amended.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2026-01

**2. MINUTES**

<b>2.1</b>	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 8, 2025 as amended M/S Tedford / Davenport Item 11.1 Spelling error – Rotary Dinner <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 8, 2025, be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-02
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**3. DELEGATIONS**

<b>3.1</b>	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 question were received from the public.*

#### 5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>CAO/CFO Report – Water Regulations, Utility Fee Amendments and Enforcement Alignment Bylaws</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Tedford</p> <p>1. Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026; <i>THAT Council gives first and second reading to the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026;</i></p> <p>M/S Davenport / Tedford</p> <p>2. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026 (Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fees); <i>THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026;</i></p> <p>M/S Davenport / Tedford</p> <p>3. Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026 (Water Regulations). <i>THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-03</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-04</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-05</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 Tedford / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council confirm the existing Remuneration Policy (C-05-2021)“ and is not recommending changes.</i></p> <p>Clarification – policy follows the Collective Agreement increases</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-6</p>

## 1. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Approval to Attend CAO Forum</p> <p>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.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Anstett <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>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-07
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Approval to Destroy Election Materials</p> <p>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.</p> <p>M/S Anstett/ Davenport <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>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-8
6.3	<p>EDTC Report – Mesa Vista Park Playground-Approval to Proceed with Quote and Funding Exploration</p> <p>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.</p> <p>M/S Davenport/ Anstett <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>Discussion:</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-9

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification was provided regarding the existing retaining walls; the walls will not be removed and are included in the project plan.</li> <li>• Comments were made noting that the proposed playground footprint appears smaller and more centrally located between two residences. Staff advised this is due to the cost of the required pour-in-place rubber surfacing, which is mandated under current playground installation standards.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that all pea gravel will be removed, as it can compromise the rubber surfacing. Turf will abut the playground surface.</li> <li>• Council expressed support for the inclusion of a shade structure in the playground design.</li> <li>• Councillor Davenport advised she would forward images of shade structures observed during recent travel for reference.</li> <li>• Project financing was confirmed in the 2026 Budget should additional grant funding not be secured.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.4</b>	<p>EDTC Report – Economic Development Capacity Grant Application Purpose: 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 Anstett / Davenport <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>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members noted the positive benefits of the Economic Development &amp; Tourism program and the work being carried out by the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator (EDTC).</li> <li>• Attracting hotel accommodation continues to be identified as a key priority.</li> <li>• It was noted that visiting hockey teams are not attending tournaments in Ashcroft due to limited local accommodation availability.</li> </ul>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-10
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
<b>6.5</b>	CFO Report – Water Meter Project Update – <i>For Information</i>	

	<p>Purpose: 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>Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding applications were submitted reflecting increased project costs.</li> <li>• Staff are continuing to identify and confirm the locations of curb stops and water shut-offs.</li> <li>• The Mesa subdivision is progressing as planned and is currently well managed. Need to move focus to North Ashcroft and downtown</li> <li>• It was noted that strata properties will be serviced by a single meter rather than individual meters for each unit.</li> <li>• As the project advances, it is anticipated that fewer meters will be installed than originally estimated.</li> <li>• Installation of meters will assist in identifying water leaks and system breaks.</li> <li>• Volumetric (usage-based) billing is not anticipated in the near term; the current focus is on leak detection and gaining a clearer understanding of water usage patterns.</li> <li>• The project will support improved water conservation efforts.</li> <li>• A staged and organized installation approach will be used.</li> <li>• Through the process, both the municipality and residents will be better able to identify issues within the public system and on private properties.</li> <li>• Concerns were raised regarding potential water line breaks on private property during installation and responsibility for repair costs.</li> <li>• Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) requirements were discussed.</li> <li>• Staff will contact other communities to understand how similar issues were addressed during their meter installation projects.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.6</b>	<p>BEO Report – Q4 Update – <i>For Information</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification was requested regarding what was meant by "other."</li> <li>• It was noted that no burning complaints have been received.</li> </ul>	

## 2. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.1	HVC – Teck News Release Anglo American Merger	
7.2	Community Works Fund 2024-34 Agreement Year 2 Payment 2	
7.3	NDIT – Business Façade Improvement Program Approval Letter	
7.4	Letter from Osoyoos – Private Members Bill M216	
7.5	GFOABC – Thank you CFO Yoginder Bhalla	
7.6	Human Rights Commissioner’s – Inquiry Into Police Use of Media Exclusion Zones – Municipalities	
7.7	EMCR Newsletter	
7.8	IHA – Healthy Communities Newsletter	
7.9	Justice Backlogs – Targeted Messaging, and Municipal Responsibility	
7.10	TNRD News Release – BC Assessment Request	
7.11	TNRD News Release – Neskonlith MOU	
7.12	TNRD News Release – Mattress Recycling Fee Changes	
7.13	TNRL News Release – 2025 Most Borrowed Titles	
7.14	TNFC – Updates	
7.15	HVC – Condition of 10_CWAP Quarterly Report	
7.16	Village of Valemount – Feedback Bill M216	

## 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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## 4. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	Guns and Hoses Organizing Committee M/S Roden / Tedford <i>THAT, Council waive the ice rental fee for January 31, 2026, for the Guns and Hoses fundraising game.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-11
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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	
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<b>11.2</b>	<b>Councillor Anstett</b>	
<b>11.3</b>	<b>Councillor Clement</b>	
<b>11.4</b>	<b>Councillor Davenport</b>	
<b>11.5</b>	<b>Councillor Tedford</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanks were expressed for the signage installed in front of the Village Office, and it was noted that the signage appears to be effective.</li> <li>Arena staff have been advised that, if a complaint is received, an announcement will be made over the arena public address system requesting the vehicle be moved.</li> </ul>	

**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*

<b>12.1</b>	M/S Roden / Tedford <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>	<b>CARRIED</b> <b>Unanimous</b> <b>R-2026-12</b>
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**8. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

<b>13.1</b>	N/A	
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**9. 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, January 12, 2026.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



**TO:** Mayor and Council

**MEETING DATE:** January 26, 2026

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO

**SUBJECT:** Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Funding – Program  
Overview and Initial Investments

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*For Information*

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Village’s Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding, outline the types of projects the funding supports, and share information on recent investments made using these funds.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND:**

Through the efforts of CFO Bhalla, the Village of Ashcroft secured \$150,000 Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funding over time. Council has previously been advised of both the funding and its intended purpose, which is to support practical actions that reduce the Village’s carbon footprint. Past LGCAP investments have included replacing incandescent and fluorescent lighting with LED lighting and installing solar power monitoring tools at the water treatment plant.

The Province provided clear direction that LGCAP funds are intended to be actively used for eligible climate action projects and that local governments are expected to report back on how the funds are invested. In response, staff have taken a measured and practical approach to identifying projects that align with LGCAP eligibility while also addressing real operational and community needs.

**LGCAP Program Overview**

The Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) is a provincial program that provides ongoing funding to local governments to support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help communities prepare for climate change.

The program is intentionally broad and allows flexibility for local governments to invest in initiatives that make sense locally. Eligible projects may include:

- Purchasing electric or low-emission vehicles;
- Improving the energy efficiency of municipal buildings, such as insulation or building envelope upgrades;
- Renewable energy projects, including solar installations;
- Climate planning, monitoring, and reporting; and
- Capacity-building and implementation work that supports emissions reduction.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Province has emphasized that municipalities are expected to move from saving LGCAP funds to implementing eligible projects and reporting on the investments made. During the 2026 budget discussions, Council supported using a portion of the LGCAP funds for projects that provide both environmental and operational benefits. Specifically, Council supported to offset the cost of:

- The purchase of an electric SUV for municipal use; and
- Replacing the front entrance doors at Drylands Arena to improve energy efficiency.

Both projects clearly meet LGCAP guidelines and respond to identified Village needs.

#### **Electric Vehicle Purchase**

On January 22, 2026, CFO Bhalla, Director of Public Works Bennewith, and I travelled to Kamloops to finalize the purchase of the Village's first electric vehicle. Following test driving and negotiations, the Village purchased a Kia EV9 electric SUV.

The EV9 will primarily be used by Council and staff for travel to meetings, conferences, and training outside. As the Village becomes more familiar with the vehicle, other appropriate uses may be identified over time.

A few highlights of the vehicle:

- Seating for up to seven people, with flexible cargo space (noting that leg room is limited when fully occupied); and
- A manufacturer-rated range of approximately 460 km, depending on conditions.

Staff will be responsible for integrating the vehicle into the municipal fleet, including charging logistics and day-to-day use. Staff are looking forward to the learning curve that comes with operating an electric vehicle and gaining practical experience along the way.

CFO Bhalla will speak to the budget impacts of this purchase as part of his financial presentation to Council.

#### **Drylands Arena Energy Efficiency Upgrade**

The replacement of the front entrance doors at Drylands Arena is planned as a second LGCAP-eligible project. This upgrade is expected to improve the building envelope, reduce heat loss, and contribute to lower energy use over time. Additional details related to timing and procurement will be brought forward as the project moves ahead.

#### **Travel Policy Considerations**

With the addition of an electric vehicle to the Village's fleet, it makes sense to revisit the Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, which does not currently account for the use of a shared municipal EV. Items staff will need to consider include:



- When the municipal EV should be used instead of personal vehicles;
- How booking and prioritization will work;
- How travel reimbursement is handled when the EV is used, including charging costs and mileage; and
- Ensuring consistency and fairness for both Council and staff.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

Staff will move forward with the following:

- Installation of level 2 charger at the rear of the arena or other location identified near the village office;
- Establishing basic operational and charging procedures for the EV9;
- Gaining some initial experience using the vehicle to help inform future decisions;
- Bringing forward proposed updates to the Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy for Council's consideration;
- Advancing the Drylands Arena door replacement; and
- Completing required provincial reporting on how LGCAP funds have been used.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The Village continues to use its LGCAP funding in a practical way that supports both climate objectives and everyday operations. Staff will move these initiatives forward and will keep Council informed as the projects progress and reporting requirements are completed.



**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO  
**SUBJECT:** Wildfire Preparedness Planning - 2026

**MEETING DATE:** January 26, 2026

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*For Information*

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief update on wildfire preparedness planning as we look ahead to the 2026 fire season.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND:**

Environment Canada is forecasting warmer and drier conditions in 2026. In response, staff are taking a proactive and practical approach to planning for wildfire risk, while continuing to focus on day-to-day operations and existing priorities.

**Preparedness Planning**

At this time, staff are focused on planning and scheduling preparedness activities. Physical work will begin after spring breakup, once ground conditions allow.

Planned activities include:

- Scheduling maintenance of the fire guard above the Mesa Subdivision
- Planning targeted weed and vegetation control where appropriate
- Repairing and using the flail mower to manage sagebrush and other vegetation between the Mesa Subdivision and the fire guard
- Planning for the flushing and testing of hydrants above the Mesa Subdivision to ensure they are ready for use if needed

Public Works will continue to prioritize this work alongside other operational responsibilities.

### **Public Engagement and Regulatory Tools**

FireSmart education and public engagement continue year-round and remain an important part of the Village's overall approach to wildfire preparedness. The Village also has bylaws in place that restrict flammable vegetation, support FireSmart ignition zone clearing, and address unsightly premises that may contribute to wildfire risk.

As part of ongoing community risk reduction, the Bylaw Officer will continue to focus on unsightly premises and the enforcement of the Good Neighbour Bylaw. This work supports FireSmart principles by encouraging routine property maintenance and addressing unmanaged vegetation that may increase wildfire risk. The focus will remain on education and cooperation, with enforcement used as needed.

Staff will also be reaching out to key community stakeholders, including CPKC and CP Rail, Interior Health Authority, School District No. 74, Ashcroft Terminal Ltd., and Desert Hills Ranch, to support coordinated wildfire preparedness efforts.

### **CWRP Status and Funding**

The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) is nearing completion. Once adopted, it will allow the Village to apply for additional fuel management and mitigation funding.

Staff have also been advised that applications for FireSmart Year Two funding may be submitted once the Village is within 120 days of completing the CWRP. This funding would support ongoing FireSmart education and allow for reimbursement of eligible mitigation work on private property. While funding levels are not yet confirmed, it is anticipated that matching funds of approximately \$1,000 per property may be available.

Applying prior to final CWRP adoption does carry some financial risk, and staff will return to Council for direction if and when that decision is required.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Overall, staff are taking a proactive, measured approach to wildfire preparedness through planning, public education, and the use of existing regulatory tools. Council will be kept informed as planning continues and as future funding opportunities are brought forward.



**TO: Mayor and Council**

**MEETING DATE:**, January 26, 2026

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO

**SUBJECT: Mesa Park Playground Upgrade – Upcoming Work and Temporary Closure**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*For Information*

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief update on upcoming work at Mesa Park related to the playground upgrade and to outline what residents can expect during construction.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND:**

As previously approved by Council, the Village will be moving ahead with upgrades to the Mesa Park playground. The goal of the project is to replace aging equipment and create an improved, more welcoming play space for families and children in the community.

Preparatory work is expected to begin in early spring, once weather and ground conditions allow. Site preparation is planned for early spring, as this is typically a quieter period for Public Works and weather conditions are more suitable for outdoor work once the ground has thawed.

**What to Expect**

Early spring site preparation will include the removal of the existing playground equipment. Once this work begins, the playground area will be temporarily closed and will remain unavailable until the new playground is installed and the project is complete.

At this time, staff anticipate that the playground upgrade will be completed by the end of June at the latest, depending on weather and contractor scheduling.

Importantly, the field and basketball court will remain open and available for use throughout the project. Temporary fencing and signage will be installed around the playground area to help keep everyone safe while work is underway.

**Public Communication**

An article will be included in the next Village newsletter to let residents know that the playground will be dismantled in the near future and will not be accessible until the new playground is installed. Updates will also be shared through the Village's regular communication channels as the project progresses.

**CONCLUSION:**

While there will be a temporary closure of the playground, the finished project will provide a refreshed and improved space for the community to enjoy. Staff will continue to manage the work and keep Council informed as the project moves forward.

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**MEETING DATE:** January 26, 20026

**FROM:** Yoginder Bhalla, CFO

**SUBJECT:** Year-End Finance Review and Budget Update

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a rear-end finance review and latest budget update.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**



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Yoginder Bhalla,  
Chief Financial Officer

**BACKGROUND:**

Annual budget review.

**DISCUSSION:**

Power point presentation of the 2025 financials and latest budget update.

**Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

**Legislative Authority**

**Financial Implications**

**Attachment Listing**

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**From:** [Ashcroft Farmer's Market](#)  
**To:** [Daniela Dyck](#)  
**Subject:** Request to use Pool Park Field for Farmer's Market 2026 Season  
**Date:** January 19, 2026 4:28:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [2026 Market Location Proposal.pdf](#)

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Hello and Happy New Year from the Ashcroft Farmer's Market!

We are writing to once again formally request usage of the Pool Park field for our 2026 season, and also request a placement change. The Ashcroft Farmer's Market has become a popular staple in our community, connecting local farmers and makers from all over with residents and tourists, and we look forward to returning for our fourth season.

In speaking with residents and market shoppers after our relocation to the lower field at the pool park in 2025, the overwhelming feedback was confusion as to why the market had moved to the lower field, when the best visibility and accessibility was on the main field adjacent to the playground and parking lot. I believe that in our last meeting, there may have been some confusion about which field we were requesting so for complete clarity, I have attached a map of the field with indicators of where we would like to set up. The view to the lower field from Elm Street is blocked by the trees and downward slope of the hill, and while having signage on the corner of Elm and Government was beneficial to increasing our traffic, we feel that being on the main field will create the strongest impact for vendors and the Village of Ashcroft.

Some of the concerns raised at the meeting last year included damage to the field caused by tent spikes, parking space and safety, and usage conflicts with other groups and pool users. We feel that with the hours the market operates (Sundays 9am to 1pm), there is minimal overlap with the pool hours and recreation activities like soccer do not operate on Sundays. Vendors have been alerted to not use tent spikes to anchor their tents, and being adjacent to the pool parking lot gives customers ample parking space to safely park and visit the market.

We would like to run the market from May 3rd to October 25th, every Sunday from 9am to 1pm. We understand that using the field for half the year is a big request and the increased use of the field does come at a cost to the village. We are happy to discuss a reasonable rental agreement and remuneration to the village to cover field maintenance.

Please consider our requests and if there are any concerns, we are happy to address them. If this should be discussed by council again, please add it to the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

All the best,

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**Emilia Meunier**

Executive Director

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Heritage Place Park, 700 Railway Ave.,  
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Customer  
Parking



2026  
Location  
Proposal



Shenocroft Park

2025  
Location

Vendor Parking

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January 6, 2026



Dear Mayor and Council,

We're pleased to share this poster in celebration of BC Heritage Week, taking place February 16–22, 2026. This year's theme, *Stir the Pot*, celebrates food as heritage and how it brings together culture, memory, family, and community. Food traditions become a starting point for conversations about contemporary issues like food security, cultural recognition, and the value of tradition.

Heritage Week is a province-wide celebration that invites communities across British Columbia to recognize and celebrate local history, culture, and heritage.

We respectfully invite your municipality to proclaim February 16–22, 2026 as Heritage Week in your community. A municipal proclamation is a meaningful way to acknowledge the importance of local heritage and the individuals and organizations who steward it.

You can learn more about Heritage Week, access a proclamation template and download digital posters at [heritageweek.ca](https://heritageweek.ca). We also encourage you to display the enclosed poster in municipal buildings and community spaces to help spread the word locally.

Please share these posters and information about BC Heritage Week with staff responsible for heritage sites, cultural programs, and community services to help engage your residents.

Thank you for your leadership and for supporting the celebration of heritage in communities across British Columbia.

Warm regards,



Kirstin Clausen  
Executive Director, Heritage BC  
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Heritage Week is a province-wide celebration that invites communities across British Columbia to recognize and celebrate local history, culture, and heritage. Heritage BC, a non-profit organization, coordinates Heritage Week each year through public outreach, community events, and municipal proclamations. **Learn more at [heritageweek.ca](https://heritageweek.ca).**



Heritage BC



# Stir the Pot

FEB 16 - 22, 2026



Find events across the province at [BCHeritageWeek.ca](https://BCHeritageWeek.ca)

## Drafting your 2026 resolutions

### Publishing Date

January 21, 2026

As members begin drafting resolutions for the 2026 Area Association conventions, please keep in mind the [extraordinary resolution](#) that passed in 2025 which will apply a new framework to ensure resolutions considered by the membership at Convention are: focused on new issues, within local government scope, province-wide in nature, and clearly written.

Resolutions that are repetitive, out of scope, regional in focus, or unclear will not be considered at UBCM Convention. This will make more time at Convention for thoughtful debate of the resolutions that do pass the framework. By sharpening the focus, the outcomes of our debates will provide a clearer indication of the critical issues facing British Columbia's communities. The change also supports UBCM's advocacy with the Province by reducing the overall number of resolutions conveyed each year.

Starting this year, all resolutions submitted to UBCM (either through Area Associations or direct to UBCM) that **meet one or more of the following criteria will be excluded** from consideration at Convention:

- Existing UBCM policy (based on membership endorsing or not endorsing a previous resolution or policy paper within the last five years),
- Outside of the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations,
- Does not meet UBCM criteria for format or clarity, or
- Regional in focus.

The UBCM Resolutions Committee is committed to applying the new criteria fairly, objectively, and with equal consideration regardless of the size or capacity of the sponsoring member. In the interest of transparency, resolutions that are excluded by this criteria will still be shared in an appendix in the Resolutions Book.

Before drafting your 2026 resolutions, members are encouraged to:

- Review UBCM's [resolutions database](#) for similar resolutions over the last five years.
- Consider if the issue is within local government or First Nations' member scope.
- Consider if the issue is relevant for a wide segment of UBCM members outside your region. While regional issues may be appropriate for consideration at an Area Association convention, they will no longer be considered at the UBCM Convention.

- Refer to UBCM's [writing guidelines](#) to ensure clarity and necessary format.

Should you have any questions about the application of the four new criteria, please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst at [jjustason@ubcm.ca](mailto:jjustason@ubcm.ca)

## **Tags**

[Resolutions](#)

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**Subject:** Cycling for Courage 2026 Sull/Gardner PG-Kamloops-Ashcroft-Wistler-New Westminster

Hello Ashcroft/Cache Creek/Lillooet;

<https://www.inland-group.ca/i-care/project-courage/cycling-for-courage/>

I am Amarjit Singh Sull of Quesnel Teacher/Fire Department (I was in Cache Creek 2021 with our structural fire crew) along with Rob Gardner (formerly of Quesnel) now Kamloops Account Manager Falcon Equipment

We will be cycling this year supporting the honour house society. Currently 3 riders and a support vehicle.

Checking if you have anything planned or taking place during Canada Day 2026 or if you have a newsletter of events in the event our cycling timing allows our group to take a break & catch in on some events in your community.

please use this email along with [cyclingforcourage@gmail.com](mailto:cyclingforcourage@gmail.com)

I have attached our brochure with cycling dates with QR code for our cause & our direct link (easier to read) for donations & story.

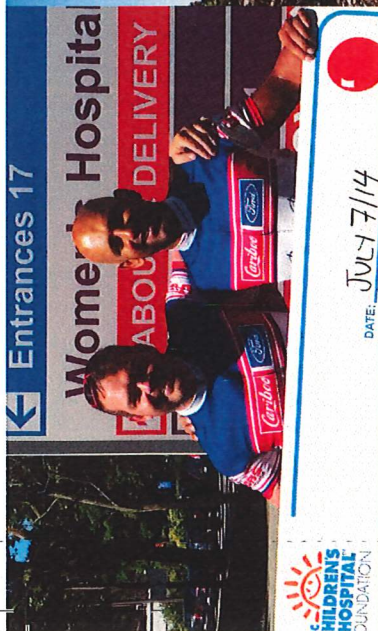
July 01 2026 Honour Ranch into Ashcroft to Cache Creek to Lillooet

Thank You for taking the time to look and read the information.

<https://www.inland-group.ca/i-care/project-courage/cycling-for-courage/>

Amarjit Singh Sull (Archie)  
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Cycling for Courage  
Quesnel BC





*"When we ride with purpose,  
we move mountains —  
one kilometre at a time."*



## MEET THE RIDERS

### Amarjit "Archie" Sull - Quesnel, BC

A teacher of 25 years and a member of the Quesnel Volunteer Fire Department, Archie knows firsthand the impact of Honour House.

For Archie, Cycling for Courage is personal. It's a chance to give back to the place that has supported his family and countless others.

### Rob Gardner - Kamloops, BC

Rob's life has been built on mentorship, service, and community. A longtime hockey coach and account manager in the heavy equipment industry, he's dedicated to helping others succeed — on and off the ice.

In 2014, Rob and Archie completed a seven-day, 800-kilometre ride from Quesnel to Vancouver, raising over \$30,000 for BC Children's Hospital. Now, more than a decade later, they've reunited to ride again — this time for the heroes who serve us every day.

*Photo from Archie & Rob's 2014 ride in which they raised over \$30,000 for BC Children's Hospital.*

## TO DONATE, VISIT:

[inland-group.com/cycling-for-courage](http://inland-group.com/cycling-for-courage)  
or scan the QR code



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# A RIDE

## FUELED BY PURPOSE

Next summer, two friends from B.C. will embark on a 1,000-kilometre cycling journey from Quesnel to New Westminster — all to support **Honour House Society and Honour Ranch**.

Over 10 days, they'll climb mountain passes, battle wind and weather, and pedal through some of the province's most beautiful terrain — each kilometre a tribute to the first responders, military members, and veterans who serve our communities with courage and sacrifice.

**Cycling for Courage** is more than a fundraiser. It's a mission to raise awareness and rally support for the vital services provided by Honour House Society and Honour Ranch.

## ABOUT THE RIDE

In June and July of 2026, **Amarjit "Archie" Sull** and **Rob Gardner** will cycle from Quesnel to New Westminster, stopping at key communities along the way — Williams Lake, Kamloops, Ashcroft, Whistler, and more — before completing their journey at Honour House.

Their 10-day ride will raise funds and awareness for the Honour House Society, which provides a *"home away from home"* for Canadian Forces members, veterans, emergency services personnel, and their families while they receive medical care or treatment in Metro Vancouver. The initiative will also support Honour Ranch in Ashcroft, a place dedicated to mental health and wellness for those same heroes.

All donations collected through Cycling for Courage go **directly to Honour House Society** via the official donation portal.



## THE ROUTE

From Prince George to Honour House, the journey will span 10 unforgettable days. Each leg tells a story — of resilience, community, and the will to keep moving forward.

DATE	ROUTE	DISTANCE
Sat, 6/6	Prince George (Inland) → Quesnel (Inland)	115 km
Sun, 6/7	Quesnel → Williams Lake (Inland)	125 km
Sat, 6/27	Williams Lake (Inland) → 100 Mile	88 km
Sun, 6/28	100 Mile → Cache Creek	112 km
Mon, 6/29	Cache Creek → Kamloops (Inland)	83 km
Tue, 6/30	Kamloops (Inland) → Ashcroft (Honour Ranch)	109 km
Wed, 7/1	Ashcroft (Honour Ranch) → Lillooet	117 km
Thu, 7/2	Lillooet → Whistler	134 km
Fri, 7/3	Whistler → Vancouver	125 km
Sat, 7/4	Vancouver → New Westminster (Honour House)	22 km

*The estimated schedule shown here is subject to change.*

## JOIN THE RIDE

Cycling for Courage isn't just for Rob and Archie — it's open to anyone ready to take on the challenge for a cause that matters.

Competent cyclists can register by committing to raise at least **\$500 in donations** for Honour House Society. Inland employees have already stepped forward, and registration will open to the public soon.

**If interested, please email:**  
cyclingforcourage@gmail.com

# THE CAUSE: HONOUR HOUSE & HONOUR RANCH

**Honour House** in New Westminster offers free accommodation and support to Canadian Forces members, veterans, emergency services personnel, and their families while they receive medical care or treatment in Metro Vancouver. It's a safe, welcoming place where they can focus on healing without the burden of travel costs.

**Honour Ranch**, located near Ashcroft, is a peaceful retreat that provides mental health and wellness support programs for first responders, military members, and veterans — a place to restore balance and resilience.

Together, these two facilities represent compassion in action — supporting those who have given so much to their communities.



# Recognizing excellence in British Columbia

## Nominate someone for B.C.'s top honours

### News Release

#### Victoria

Thursday, January 8, 2026 9:30 AM

### Media Contacts

#### Order of British Columbia

Honours and Awards Secretariat

Media Relations

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#### Medal of Good Citizenship

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Media Relations

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### Summary

- *The Order of British Columbia celebrates outstanding achievement, excellence or distinction benefiting the people of British Columbia and beyond*
- *The Medal of Good Citizenship recognizes selfless, voluntary service in one's community*
- *Nominations will be open for these honours until April 7, 2026*



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To celebrate service excellence, the Province invites the public to nominate outstanding individuals for the Province's two highest honours: the Order of British Columbia and the Medal of Good Citizenship.

### **The Order of British Columbia**

- The Order of British Columbia represents the highest form of recognition the Province can extend to its people.
- The order recognizes outstanding achievement, excellence or distinction by a former or current B.C. resident whose contributions benefit the province and elsewhere.

"This is a chance to celebrate excellence at every level – provincial, national and international – by lifting up the British Columbians whose work inspires us, strengthens our communities and reflects the rich diversity of our province," said Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Chancellor of the Order of British Columbia. "By bringing forward a nomination for the Order of British Columbia, we shine a light on the remarkable stories and accomplishments that build a proud and strong province."

### **The Medal of Good Citizenship**

- The Medal of Good Citizenship honours individuals whose selfless volunteerism, generosity and contributions have a positive effect on their community.
- Youth nominations are also accepted (aged 15 to 25), as well as posthumous nominations.

"We all know people whose quiet generosity and everyday acts of compassion make our communities stronger," said Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, and chair of the Medal of Good Citizenship selection committee. "These individuals are truly deserving of our appreciation. I encourage everyone to nominate a remarkable person

in their community so we can honour those whose kindness, service and dedication uplift the places we call home.”

Nominations for both honours must reach the Honours and Awards Secretariat by April 7, 2026, to be considered in 2026. An independent selection committee reviews all nominations and recommends candidates.

### **Quick Facts:**

- Established in 1989, the Order of B.C. is the Province’s highest honour.
- A total of 530 people have been appointed to the Order of B.C. since its inception.
- As of 2025, it has been a decade of the B.C. Medal of Good Citizenship, during which 193 people, two communities and one group have been honoured for their outstanding contributions.

### **Learn More:**

- To submit a nomination for the Order of British Columbia, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/honours-and-awards/order-of-bc/submitting-nomination>
- To submit a nomination for the Medal of Good Citizenship, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/honours-and-awards/medal-good-citizenship/submitting-nomination>

A backgrounder follows.

### **Backgrounders**

What past recipients are saying

Graham Clarke, 2025 Order of British Columbia recipient –

"This is a touchstone of achievement that gives you something to strive for. It's an example. It's a symbol. There were others that deserved this who maybe will get it next time."

**Joyce Wilby, 2025 Medal of Good Citizenship recipient –**

"This medal recognizes that community work is so important. I feel quite honoured to receive the medal and when I saw the rest of the recipients, I realized there's many people out there doing good."

**Victoria Clarke, 2025 Medal of Good Citizenship recipient –**

"It's amazing to receive this kind of recognition. I feel inspired by this honour. It's a reminder that in making a contribution to your community, you will always get so much more back."

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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2026					
JANUARY					
Motion No. ▾	Motion ▾	Staff Responsi ▾	Comments ▾	Time line ▾	Status ▾
	<b>2025 MOTIONS</b>				
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
	<b>2026 MOTIONS</b>				
R-2026-03	THAT Council gives first and second reading to the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026;	CAO	Forward to Legal for review - bring back to Council when legal review is received.	Forwarded to Fulton January 15, 2026	On-going
R-2026-04	THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026;	CAO	Hold until Legal review is received for Water Reg. Bylaw		On-going
R-2026-05	THAT, Council gives first and second reading to the Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026.	CAO	Hold until Legal review is received for Water Reg. Bylaw		On-going
R-2026-07	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.	CAO	Register for conference		Complete
R-2026-08	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.	CAO	Shred documents		Complete
R-2026-09	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.	CAO/EDTC	Seek and apply for funding to offset the cost of the project - NDIT, Tire Stewardship, Kal Tire, Sponsorships etc.	NDIT Application is submitted	On-going
R-2026-10	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.	CAO/EDTC	CAO - Certify Resolution EDTC - Submit application		Complete
R-2026-2011	THAT, Council waive the ice rental fee for January 31, 2026, for the Guns and Hoses fundraising game	CAO	Send letter advising Council approval		Complete