



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday March 23, 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 March 9, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 9, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P.1 - 9
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3. DELEGATIONS

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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	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – ACC Committee Member Appointment Purpose: To consider the appointment of Ms. Tami Jones to the Village of Ashcroft Accessibility Advisory Committee.	P.14 - 17

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	M/S <i>THAT, Council appoint Ms. Tami Jones to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term of up to two (2) years.</i>	
6.2	<p>CAO Report – TNRD Invasive Pat Program</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with information on the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Invasive Plant Program and seek direction on whether the Village of Ashcroft wishes to participate in the service.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT, Council indicate its intent to participate in the TNRD Invasive Plant Program, with implementation anticipated in 2027, subject to amendment of the service establishment bylaw by the TNRD.</i></p> <p>ALTERNATE RESOLUTIONS: Option 2 – Do Not Participate <i>THAT, Council decline participation in the TNRD Invasive Plant Program at this time.</i></p> <p>Option 3 – Defer <i>THAT, Council direct staff to bring forward additional information prior to making a decision.</i></p>	P. 18 – 20
FOR INFORMATION		
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>CAO Report – GIA Follow up – B.O.S.S Enrichment Centre</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with the requested budget and financial information for the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre Backpack Giveaway Event and to confirm eligibility for Grant-in-Aid funding.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT, Council receive the budget and financial information for the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre Backpack Giveaway Event; AND THAT Council approve the \$500 Grant-in-Aid contribution as previously endorsed in principle.</i></p>	P. 49 - 52
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
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11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford – Verbal Report & Notice of Motion	

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	M/S <i>THAT, Council adjourn to a Closed Meeting under the provisions in the Community Charter Section 90.1 (c)labour relations or other employee relations (e)the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT



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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:

Public – 7
 Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday March 9, 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

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 23, 2026. M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 23, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-37
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Representatives from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), Jamie Viera , General Manager of Operations, and Kevin Skrepnik , Manager of Community and Emergency Services, attended the meeting via Teams to present information on the TNRD Invasive Plant Program and the option for the Village of Ashcroft to join the service. Coleen Hougen , TNRD Invasive Plant Program	
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	<p>Coordinator, sent her regrets due to a recent injury and was unable to attend.</p> <p>Jamie Viera provided an overview of the regional Invasive Plant Service and explained that the program was originally established to coordinate invasive plant management across the region, recognizing that invasive species do not respect jurisdictional boundaries and that municipalities often do not have dedicated invasive plant control programs. The service focuses on coordination, education, outreach, and operational management to support property owners in addressing invasive plants on private lands. Municipal participation in the program was previously proposed in 2020 and has been brought forward again for member municipalities to reconsider.</p> <p>Kevin Skrepnik outlined the services provided through the program, which primarily support private landowners who pay taxes into the service area. Programs include treatment funding for high-priority invasive plants, a 50% cost-share rebate for eligible invasive plant control, a sprayer loan-out program, private land consultations delivered in partnership with Purity Feeds, and biological control programs using insects to manage invasive species. Treatment funding can cover up to 100% of costs for priority species, while the rebate program supports moderate-priority invasive plants on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Kevin also provided information on invasive plant trends in the region and highlighted species of concern in Ashcroft, including Japanese knotweed, myrtle spurge, puncturevine (goathead), and tree of heaven. These species can damage infrastructure, pose risks to public safety, and displace native vegetation.</p> <p>Jamie Viera presented the financial overview of the service, noting that it is primarily funded through electoral area taxation, with municipalities contributing approximately \$43,000 collectively. Ashcroft’s estimated annual cost to participate would be approximately \$10,000, representing about 2.5% of the total service. If the Village were to opt into the service, the cost would be included as part of the TNRD tax requisition, meaning it would appear on the Village’s annual requisition from the TNRD rather than as a separate bill to the Village.</p>	
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	<p>If the Village wished to participate, Council would need to indicate its intent to opt into the service. The TNRD would then amend the service bylaw, with participation anticipated to begin in 2027.</p> <p>During the discussion, Council asked questions regarding pesticide licensing requirements, treatment of invasive plants on private property, potential alternatives to glyphosate for certain species, and the extent of invasive plant issues such as myrtle spurge in the community. TNRD staff noted that the program can assist with identification, treatment advice, and coordination with property owners where required.</p> <p>Council thanked the presenters for the information.</p>	
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Chris Schubert & Jessica Williams from Ashcroft Terminal (ATL) and Tyler Banick from CN Rail – ATL Operational Update</p> <p>Chris Schubert from Ashcroft Terminal (ATL) addressed Council and provided an operational update. Tyler Banick from Canadian National Railway (CN) sent his regrets and was unable to attend. Representatives from ATL and Highland Valley Copper (HVC) were also present to support the delegation.</p> <p>Mr. Schubert provided an overview of Ashcroft Terminal, describing the facility as a strategically located inland rail transload terminal that facilitates the movement of goods between trucks and rail. The terminal has direct access to both CN and CPKC mainlines and includes over 65,000 feet of internal track, approximately 730 railcar spots, and 320 acres of industrially zoned land, allowing goods to be staged outside the Lower Mainland and supporting supply chain resiliency and diversification.</p> <p>Mr. Schubert advised that ATL currently employs 99 staff, including 88 in Ashcroft and 11 in Vancouver, and highlighted the company’s strong safety culture, noting over 1,230 days without a lost-time injury, regular inspections by Transport Canada and Technical Safety BC, and ongoing employee training. Recent projects include an intermodal cross-dock facility completed in 2024, used by Canadian Tire to transload products for distribution across Western Canada, along with a multi-user fuel transloading and storage facility, an asphalt production and transload facility, and an export transload warehouse. Mr. Schubert also noted upcoming growth opportunities including a critical minerals hub supporting copper concentrate shipments and a laydown yard and storage facility under a multi-year agreement.</p>	

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	<p>The delegation also noted ongoing engagement with Bonaparte First Nation, continued discussions with federal and provincial representatives, and ATL’s community involvement through more than 20 initiatives annually, including free swim days, Skate with Santa, participation in the Santa Claus Parade—where ATL received first place in 2025—supporting Soups On, partnering with schools to provide rail safety education, and offering bursaries for graduating students pursuing careers in the trades.</p> <p>Mr. Schubert further advised that Hollis Road transload operations will be relocated to the ATL site, which is the direct result of negotiations between ATL, Highland Valley Copper, and CN Rail. As part of this transition, a new dome structure similar to the one currently located on Hollis Road will be constructed below the McAsphalt site, in close proximity to the CN track, to facilitate copper concentrate transloading operations. The relocation is expected to be operational by summer.</p> <p>Comments and Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council and the delegation discussed traffic and safety considerations along Evans Road, including maintaining cleanliness along the corridor and promoting safe driving. • Council also noted the importance of coordination between Village Public Works crews and ATL when municipal crews are working on Evans Road (such as mowing, snow clearing, or asphalt repairs) to improve awareness and enhance employee safety. • Council raised concerns regarding the tight turning movement from Highway 97C onto Evans Road, noting that relocation of Highland Valley Copper concentrate truck traffic to the ATL site will increase truck movements at this intersection. ATL advised they will raise this as a key issue during upcoming meetings with provincial MLAs and encouraged Council to do the same. • Council also asked about fuel truck traffic, and ATL advised that movements have gradually increased following the fuel facility expansion completed just over a year ago. <p>Council was also informed that a ribbon-cutting event is planned for July, and that community tours of the terminal will be reintroduced this summer. Council thanked the delegation for the update.</p>	
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	Mayor Roden thanked Mr. Schubert and the delegation for the presentation noting she is looking forward to the ribbon cutting and community tours.	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Facility Use and Donation Requests</p> <p>Purpose: To present four community support requests for Council consideration and approval, and to seek direction regarding potential future amendments to the Grant in Aid Policy.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT Council approves the following requests as amended:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Approve the waiver of Community Hall rental and insurance fees for the Ashcroft & District Community Resource Society for December 15–19, 2026, with an estimated in-kind value of \$425;</i> 2. <i>Approve the waiver of Community Hall rental and insurance fees for the Ashcroft & District Health Care Auxiliary for November 11–14, 2026, with an estimated in-kind value of \$360;</i> 3. <i>Approve a donation to the Desert Sands Community School Travel Club in the form of one family pool pass and one family public skate pass;</i> 4. <i>Approve the request from the Ashcroft & District Lions Club to host their annual Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Ashcroft Market on May 10, 2026, including permission to park their trailer in the Ashcroft Pool parking lot and access water and electrical services as required;</i> 	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-39</p>

	M/S Roden / Anstett Propose amendment <i>THAT, Councils donation to DSCS travel club be in the form of one pool pass and one family public skate pass.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-38
	M/S Roden / Tedford <i>THAT, Policy C-05-2024 be referred to the Policy Review Committee for review and that recommendations clarifying the inclusion of In-kind contributions and donation requests within the Village's support framework be brought forward to Council at a future meeting.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-40
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Memo – Public Meeting Notes	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Forestry is a Solution – Request for Official Endorsement M/S Roden / Tedford Move the recommendation: <i>THAT, Council endorse the "Forestry is a Solution" initiative as outlined in the February 26, 2026 correspondence from the BC Council of Forest Industries;</i> <i>AND THAT, Council acknowledge forestry as a foundational industry in rural British Columbia that supports local employment, economic stability, wildfire risk reduction through active forest management, and resilient communities;</i> <i>AND THAT, the Village of Ashcroft advise the BC Council of Forest Industries of its support and share information about the initiative through the Village's regular communication channels.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-41
7.2	Frank Caputo, MP – Seeking Ashcroft's Primary Funding Concerns at the Federal Level M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council direct staff to send a letter in response to MP Caputo's request identifying the Village of Ashcroft's primary funding priority as the twinning of the North Ashcroft reservoir, emphasizing the project's importance in supporting future community growth, ensuring adequate water storage for fire protection in North Ashcroft, and addressing the increasing wildfire risk facing the community.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-42

	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Council noted in this time of budget cuts and reduced grant opportunities it was important to forward one priority item rather ask for several.</p> <p>Twinning the north Ashcroft reservoir is a priority for development, fire suppression and ensuring adequate flow during potential wildfire risk.</p>	
7.3	<p>City of Prince George – Seeking Support in Signing PG’s Petition to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada. – Advocating for Stronger Public Safety Measures</p> <p>M/S Davenport / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council support the public safety petition initiated by the City of Prince George advocating for stronger public safety measures and authorize staff to share information about the petition through the Village of Ashcroft’s regular communication channels.</i></p> <p>Comment</p> <p>Not anticipated to have a significant impact within the local area</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-43</p>
7.4	<p>UBCM – Invitation to Renew Annual Membership</p> <p>M/S Clement / Tedford</p> <p><i>THAT, Council approves the renewal of the Village of Ashcroft’s membership with UBCM in the amount of \$1,426.32.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-44</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	SILGA – Member Fees Amendment – Constitution Resolution	
7.6	UBCM – LGPS-12342 Ashcroft 2025 Volunteer Fire Department Application Review	
7.7	<p>Peachland – Seeking Support for Late Resolution to SILGA</p> <p>SILGA Resolution deadline was February 20, 2026. Late resolutions may only be introduced if received by the Resolutions Committee Chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of an Annual Meeting. Only emergent resolutions of a regional nature received after the deadline will be considered for acceptance by the resolution committee. Submissions must include the rationale as to why the resolution would be considered emergent.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Tedford</p> <p><i>THAT, Council endorse the District of Peachland’s resolution at SILGA in Revelstoke.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Tedford asked about the cost differences and services provided at SILGA versus UBCM events, and clarification was provided on the different roles and offerings of each organization for local governments. 	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-45</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Clement asked CFO Bhalla whether the late resolution from the District of Peachland regarding the potential application of PST to consulting and professional services such as engineering could impact the Village financially. It was noted that if implemented by the Province, the change would increase costs for municipal projects, and supporting the resolution would be in the Village's interest. 	
7.8	Thomson Nicola Film Commission - Update	
7.9	BC 7-Day Streamflow Hazard Outlook	
7.10	BC Officially Ends Time Changes	
7.11	NDIT – Approval of Grant Writer Funding application	
7.12	City of Abbotsford – Request for Support – 2026 Proposed UBCM Resolution	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	Recommendations from Discussions held at the March 9, 2026 COTW Meeting M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, Council endorses the recommendation from the COTW meeting as presented with the exception of the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre request which is provisional pending receipt of the financials and budget information.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-46

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Attended the TNRD Board meeting last week Will be speaking with a reporter Thursday to discuss Ashcroft's rail history Ashcroft Art Show - April 18 19 WRAPS Play "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" - April 16 - 18	
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	Noted the passing of Wayne Wawrenuik former member of South Cariboo Sportsmen Association. Wayne was a driving force to rebuild the firing range after the Elephant Hill Wildfire	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement Lions 75 th Anniversary is on the 18 th of April	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford	

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 Monday March 9, 2026, at 7:39 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 9, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council

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PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Roden
 Councillor, Jonah Anstett (arrived 5:45)
 Councillor, Jessica Clement
 Councillor, Nadine Davenport
 Councillor, Cam Tedford

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

EXCUSED:

Public – 0
 Media – 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor, Nadine Davenport called the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council for Monday March 9, 2026 to order at 5:30 pm.

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2. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

3. MINUTES

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

4. DELEGATIONS

3.1	NONE	
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5. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1	NONE	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1	CAO REPORT – Grant In Aid – First Intake Purpose:	
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7.1	NONE	
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8. TERMINATION

Mayor Roden adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for Monday, March 9, 2026, at pm.

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Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

In order to appear before Council as a delegation, please take the time to complete this form. It will help you in providing Council and staff with an overview of your presentation and the key points you wish to bring to their attention. We ask that you keep your presentation to a MAXIMUM of ten (10) minutes so that there will be a reasonable amount of time for Council to address any questions that may arise. Delegations are scheduled on an as needed basis; however, senior staff will limit delegations to no more than two per meeting.

1. Name of Organization or Group (if applicable): _____
2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: _____

3. The topic of your presentation: _____

4. What are you seeking from Council as a result of your delegation's presentation? (i.e. funding, a letter of support, a change in a bylaw or policy, to provide information only):

5. If you or your group are seeking some form of financial assistance, please explain why you feel that the Village should be funding your request:

6. If seeking financial assistance please attach a budget for your project and expected sources of revenue.
7. If you require a power-point projector or other presentation tool, please advise staff in advance. Paper copies of your presentation should be brought as back up in case of system failure.
8. If you have additional printed materials that you would like Council to read as support for your presentation, please have 7 copies delivered to the office NO LATER THAN the Thursday morning prior to your date of presentation. This will ensure that all Council members receive your materials prior to the meeting and can be better informed as to the background of your presentation.
9. Date requested to make presentation: _____
Alternate date (if necessary): _____
10. You should not expect a decision from Council the same night as your presentation unless it is a time sensitive item.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare yourself and Council members for your presentation. This form and attachments can be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to admin@ashcroftbc.ca

REGULAR MEETING



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,

SUBJECT: Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council appoint Ms. Tami Jones to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term of up to two (2) years.

PURPOSE:

To consider the appointment of Ms. Tami Jones to the Village of Ashcroft Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniela Dyck', is written over a horizontal line.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Accessible British Columbia Act, the Village of Ashcroft established an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to support the development and ongoing implementation of the Village's Accessibility Plan.

The Committee's role is to provide advice to Council on identifying, removing, and preventing barriers for individuals interacting with the Village, as well as providing input on accessibility planning and public feedback mechanisms.

As outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference, membership is to reflect a range of experience and perspectives, with at least half of members being persons with disabilities or individuals who support persons with disabilities. Members are appointed by Council for a two-year term.

Ms. Tami Jones has submitted an application to serve on the Committee (attached).

DISCUSSION:

Staff have reviewed Ms. Jones' application and are satisfied that she meets the intent of the Committee's membership requirements.

REGULAR MEETING



Ms. Jones brings both relevant professional experience and meaningful lived experience that align well with the Committee's purpose. She is a nurse and manager of senior living facilities in Ashcroft, providing her with direct, day-to-day experience supporting seniors and individuals with mobility challenges. This background gives her a strong understanding of accessibility barriers within buildings, services, and community spaces.

In addition to her professional experience, Ms. Jones offers a valuable personal perspective. While her child is now a young adult, she has raised a child with mobility challenges who uses a wheelchair. This lived experience provides long-term insight into navigating accessibility barriers and advocating for inclusive environments, particularly from a caregiver and family perspective.

Ms. Jones has also demonstrated an ability to work collaboratively through her participation in board meetings, where she engages in respectful and productive discussions with others. This aligns with the Committee's role in providing thoughtful, practical advice to Council.

Her combined experience supports the Committee's objective of ensuring representation from individuals who both live with and support those experiencing accessibility challenge. Overall, Ms. Jones would be a strong addition to the Accessibility Advisory Committee and would contribute meaningful, practical insight to support the Committee's work.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This appointment supports Council's ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion, and the continued implementation of the Village's Accessibility Plan.



Village of Ashcroft

Accessibility Advisory Committee Application Form

Applicant Name

First Tami Last Jones

Address

1433 Riverside Drive

Ashcroft, BC City/Province Canada Country V0K 1A0 Postal Code

Phone 250 457-3348 Email jonesinx3@gmail.com

1. Describe how your lived experience, community involvement, education, or work might be helpful to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

I work with a Senior population so understand the struggles + disadvantages they face with aging. I also have a daughter that is physically challenged + uses a wheelchair.

2. Why are you interested in serving on this committee?

I am interested in this committee because everyone deserves equal access to services, spaces + opportunities, and I look forward being part of a group that is going to help make these changes.

3. What contribution do you believe you can make to this committee?

I believe that I will be able to help identify areas of concern and be part of the group to find solutions.

4. Do you have previous committee experience, or experience working with others to exchange views in a productive manner, respecting skills and abilities of colleagues?

As part of my job, I attend monthly Board meetings. These meetings are not just about reporting. Everyone brings different skills to the table and anything pertaining to the buildings, residents, staff are dealt with in a respectful + productive exchange of views.

5. Are you a person with a disability or disabilities, or are you part of an organization representing people with disabilities? *Note: At least half of the membership on the Accessibility Advisory Committee should include those who have a disability or who are part of an organization for people with disabilities.*

Yes

No

6. If you answered yes to Question 5, please explain your disability or disabilities, and/or explain the organization you represent and what your role is.

I represent the Thompson View Lodge Assisted Living as well as the Thompson View Manor Independent Living. I am a nurse and manager of these Senior occupied units. I also am a mom of a child with physical disabilities that uses a wheelchair.

Note: Personal Information you provide on this form is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will only be used for the purposes described. Questions about the collection and disclosure of your personal information may be referred to the Village of Ashcroft Office: 601 Bancroft Street, PO Box 129, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0, 250-453-9161, admin@ashcroftbc.ca.

REGULAR MEETING



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,

SUBJECT: TNRD Invasive Plant Program – Invitation to Participate

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council indicate its intent to participate in the TNRD Invasive Plant Program, with implementation anticipated in 2027, subject to amendment of the service establishment bylaw by the TNRD.

ALTERNATE RESOLUTIONS:

Option 2 – Do Not Participate

THAT, Council decline participation in the TNRD Invasive Plant Program at this time.

Option 3 – Defer

THAT, Council direct staff to bring forward additional information prior to making a decision.

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with information on the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Invasive Plant Program and seek direction on whether the Village of Ashcroft wishes to participate in the service.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

Representatives from the TNRD, including Jamie Viera, General Manager of Operations, and Kevin Skreplik, Manager of Community and Emergency Services, attended the March 9, 2026 Council meeting virtually to present information on the regional Invasive Plant Program and the option for the Village of Ashcroft to join the service. Coleen Hougen, TNRD Invasive Plant Program Coordinator, was unable to attend and sent regrets.

The program was established to coordinate invasive plant management across the region, recognizing that invasive species do not respect jurisdictional boundaries and that many municipalities do not have dedicated programs to address them. The service focuses on coordination, education, outreach, and operational support, particularly for private landowners.

REGULAR MEETING



The program was originally established in 1976 to address knapweed on private ranch lands. In 2020, member municipalities were invited to participate, and Clinton, Sun Peaks, Merritt, Clearwater, and Logan Lake opted into the service. The recent presentation reflects the TNRD Board’s encouragement for additional member municipalities to reconsider participation.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT:

Invasive plant management in British Columbia is supported through provincial legislation and is a shared responsibility across jurisdictions. Under the Weed Control Act, land occupiers are required to control designated noxious weeds on their property. This responsibility extends across provincial, regional, municipal, and private lands.

Municipalities are responsible for managing invasive plants on municipally owned or controlled lands, including roads, parks, and operational areas. While legislation establishes responsibility, effective management typically requires coordination, education, and access to resources, which is the gap the TNRD program is designed to help address.

DISCUSSION:

The TNRD Invasive Plant Program provides a coordinated, regional approach to invasive species management and is structured around three main areas:

1. Coordination, education, and outreach
2. Operational management
3. Private lands program (primary service delivery)

The program is primarily focused on supporting private landowners, which is often the most challenging area for municipalities to address directly. Participation is limited to residents within the service area, and treatment funding applies to private lands only .

Key services include:

- Treatment funding for high-priority invasive species (up to 100% coverage)
- A 50% cost-share rebate program for moderate-priority species
- Equipment loan-out program (sprayers and application tools)
- Private land consultations delivered in partnership with Purity Feeds
- Biological control programs using insects to manage invasive species

Local Context – Ashcroft

TNRD staff identified several invasive plant species present within Ashcroft, including Japanese knotweed, myrtle spurge, puncturevine (goathead), tree of heaven, and various knapweed species .

These species can:

- Damage infrastructure (e.g., impacts to roads, foundations, and utilities)
- Pose risks to public safety
- Displace native vegetation and impact local ecosystems

More broadly, invasive plants continue to be an increasing concern across the province, with approximately 175 invasive species established in British Columbia and significant associated economic impacts

REGULAR MEETING



FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The estimated annual cost for the Village of Ashcroft to participate in the service is approximately \$10,000, representing about 2.5% of the total program cost .

If the Village opts into the service, the cost would be included as part of the annual TNRD requisition.

It is important to note that the program does not directly fund invasive plant treatment on municipal lands. However, the program does:

- Support treatment on private property, which is often the primary source of spread
- Provide education and coordination that can benefit municipal operations
- Help reduce long-term impacts to municipal infrastructure and resources

COMMUNITY CONTEXT:

Participation in the TNRD Invasive Plant Program is not intended to introduce new regulations or enforcement measures. Rather, it is an opportunity to provide support to residents and improve coordination across the region.

The program is voluntary and education-focused, offering access to funding, tools, and expertise to assist property owners in managing invasive plants. Participation would allow the Village to take a proactive and cost-effective approach to an issue that is already present in the community, while aligning with existing provincial responsibilities.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Participation in the program aligns with Council's broader priorities related to:

- Environmental stewardship
- Community safety and risk management
- Asset protection and infrastructure resilience
- Regional collaboration

Taking a proactive approach may also help reduce future costs associated with managing invasive species.

From: [Susan Joyce](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Subject: REQUEST FOR INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENSE
Date: March 16, 2026 8:39:56 PM

To the CAOs of Ashcroft, Clinton, and Cache Creek,
My name is Susan Joyce, and I am the owner of Ollie's Prince Rupert Seafood. I am writing to you today to formally request that your councils consider a coordinated "Inter-Community" licensing approach for mobile vendors.

As a 25-year veteran of the BC forest industry (log scaler and lumber grader) and a resident of the Cariboo, I know that our small towns thrive on mutual support. Our current route includes specific stops that directly support your local businesses:

Clinton: My husband, Wayne, stops here primarily to support the Cariboo Lodge for breakfast. Because he is already a patron of the restaurant, residents have come to rely on him for fresh seafood, often meeting him right at the Lodge for their orders.

Ashcroft: While in town for 2–3 hours, Wayne visits Safety Mart Foods to stock up on groceries and meals for his next leg of the trip to Logan Lake.

The Challenge:

Paying three full annual business license fees for a combined total of only a few hours of business per month is a significant barrier.

Cache Creek: We have previously served Cache Creek, but had to pause due to these cumulative costs. If an Inter-Community licensing fee were established, we would immediately resume our regular stops in Cache Creek.

The Solution:

Many regions in BC use an Inter-Community Business License (ICBL). Since your communities already share an Inter-Community Bylaw Officer (Reggie Amyotte), a shared licensing system is a logical next step to support local food security and small business growth.

I would appreciate it if this letter could be added to your next Council Agenda. I believe that by working together, we can make it easier for small businesses to support your towns sustainably.

Sincerely,

Susan Joyce

Owner, Ollie's Prince Rupert Seafood

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Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft St.
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

March 5, 2026

Re: Request for B.O.S.S. Enrichment Center to Participate in Family Day

Dear Ashcroft Village Council,

On behalf of the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Center, I am writing to request the opportunity to join the Village of Ashcroft's Family Day BBQ Celebration 2026 and to distribute our backpacks and school supplies during the event.

Last year, B.O.S.S. independently hosted our first backpack giveaway, and despite not receiving Village support at that time, the event was a clear success. The turnout and community response demonstrated just how needed this program is for families in Ashcroft and the surrounding area. Many families expressed gratitude, and it became evident that this initiative fills an important gap as students prepare for the school year.

By partnering with the Village for Family Day this year, we believe we can create an even greater positive impact. Combining our efforts would:

- Increase attendance and engagement at Family Day
- Ensure more families are present to receive backpacks and school supplies
- Strengthen community unity by offering a shared, supportive experience

B.O.S.S. hosts a BBQ during our giveaway as well. To support a combined event, we are prepared to contribute a portion of our budget toward the Village's BBQ, we recognize that our presence will draw more people.

For our setup, we would require space for two 10x10 tents and tables to accommodate the backpacks and supplies. We will ensure our presence is fully organized and self-sufficient so that it does not create any burden for the Village.

We respectfully request the Village's support in allowing us to participate in Family Day. Working together would allow us to serve more families, strengthen community spirit, and ensure students begin the school year with confidence and the tools they need.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating and building on the success we achieved last year.

Warm regards,
B.O.S.S. Enrichment Center

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tova White".

Tova White, Executive Director

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From: Southern Interior Local Government Association <yoursilga@gmail.com>
Sent: March 11, 2026 8:00 AM
Subject: SILGA 2026 Conference Reminders

Good morning SILGA members,

Thank you for your continued support of our conference, be it through sending in Resolutions, attending educational sessions, or joining us for our annual AGM & Convention. We are so excited to host many of you in Revelstoke this year, which is why I wanted to reach out to remind everyone that Early Bird pricing will end Thursday, March 12 (yes, that is tomorrow!). Please capitalize on our reduced pricing - if you were on the fence about joining us, we would love for this to be the sign you needed. An updated program can be found [here](#) if you want to take another peek at what SILGA 2026 has to offer.

Some further administrative reminders:

If you have reserved hotels on SILGA's booking blocks that you will not be using, please cancel your reservations as soon as convenient. This way, sponsors and others who were not able to secure a space on our booking blocks will get a chance. This is especially important for the convenience of using our event shuttles.

SILGA would appreciate each local government's continued support of our event by bringing a gift basket to be raffled off during our event. These gift baskets are a fantastic way to showcase your community and often start interesting table discussions. We love seeing all the different local businesses represented in your creative baskets!

Please keep your eyes out for our 2026 Nominations Report and Resolutions Book, which will be circulated at the end of this month.

Thank you again for your support and SILGA looks forward to connecting with you in Revelstoke very soon!

Best,
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Strengthening BC's Economy and Readiness Through the BC Coastal Marine Strategy

British Columbia stands at a pivotal moment. Our coastal communities are on the frontlines of both economic pressures and environmental change. As the BC chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-BC), we work to safeguard the lands and waters that sustain us. Both CPAWS-BC and West Coast Environmental Law believe this is a timely opportunity to work together to strengthen resilience through the Coastal Marine Strategy – an approach that supports local economies while safeguarding the natural systems we all depend on.

The [BC Coastal Marine Strategy](#) is an overarching provincial framework with 116 concrete activities for managing coastal and nearshore marine areas within provincial jurisdiction. When fully implemented, the strategy can drive climate adaptation, grow BC's blue economy, enhance national defense, and advance Indigenous coastal management.

Protecting the coast is not just about the environment, it's smart economic policy.

Marine-based tourism and recreation alone generate over \$5 billion annually,¹ and the global ocean economy is projected to double between 2010 and 2030, outpacing broader global growth by 20%.² This represents a major opportunity for BC to expand its blue economy. Furthermore, these figures do not account for the vast amount of ecosystem services provided by marine and coastal areas. A 2012 report found the nearshore areas of BC's Lower Mainland provided \$22.6 billion in ecosystem services per year (this value translates to approximately \$30 billion as of 2024).³ This strategy will support a productive and biodiverse ocean, which is necessary for a thriving and sustainable blue economy.

¹ Big River Analytics Ltd. (2021). Economic Contribution Analysis: For the Economic Contribution of the Oceans Sector in Coastal BC. Unpublished and prepared privately for the governments of British Columbia and Canada.

² OECD, The Ocean Economy in 2030 (2016), p. 30, online: https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oe.cd/en/publications/reports/2016/04/the-ocean-economy-in-2030_g1g6439e/9789264251724-en.pdf

³ David Suzuki Foundation and Earth Economics: Nearshore Natural Capital Valuation (November 2012), p. 67, online: <https://david Suzuki.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/nearshore-natural-capital-valuation-aquatic-benefits-british-columbia-lower-mainland.pdf>

The Coastal Marine Strategy can also strengthen national defence. BC's coastline is home to critical defense and emergency response infrastructure, and integrated coastal planning under the Strategy aligns with both provincial and national defense priorities. When implemented, it will enhance readiness in the face of climate impacts and geopolitical risks.

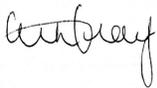
*"Many of us have seen first-hand the damage of degraded shorelines, pollution, abandoned vessels, declining salmon and contaminated shellfish. In a coastal province like ours, these impacts ripple inland, from Salmon Arm in the Okanagan all the way to the Rockies. Our coast also hosts critical national defense and emergency response infrastructure. So whether you are interested in the environment, the economy or national defense, a coordinated effort from the Province to protect our coast needs the force of law behind it." – **Councillor Mary Wagner**, the City of Langford*

Although the release of the Coastal Marine Strategy is a significant accomplishment for BC, a glaring functional gap remains, as the strategy does not have a legal framework to back it up. Legislation is key to strong, integrated coastal management. An accompanying legal framework would make the Coastal Marine Strategy durable and effective across government.

With your local government's support, BC can ensure the strategy drives lasting results for our economy, communities, and coastal ecosystems.

We welcome the opportunity to brief you on the opportunities within the Coastal Marine Strategy for your community.

Sincerely,



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Natalie Groulx
Acting Conservation Director, Ocean Program
CPAWS-BC
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BLUEPRINT FOR THE COAST

Motion:

WHEREAS in July 2024, following extensive consultation with First Nations and stakeholders, the Province of British Columbia released its first ever Coastal Marine Strategy, providing a 20-year vision of a “diverse, productive and resilient coastal marine environment that is valued in its own right and that supports the prosperity, health and well-being of coastal communities now and into the future”;

WHEREAS the Coastal Marine Strategy details nine important goals (diverse marine life; abundant wild Pacific Salmon; a clean coast; climate-ready communities; a sustainable coastal economy; vibrant coastal communities; trusting, respectful relationships; a robust tool kit; and integrated and balanced management), but does not have the force of law, and codifying the Strategy into law would support its success and longevity rather than leaving it dependent on the priorities of the government of the day:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to urge the Provincial Government to enshrine the BC Coastal Marine Strategy into law.



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

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March 18, 2026

Sent via Email

LETTER TO ALL BC MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Judicial Review Coalition Update — Provincial Housing Legislation (Bills 44, 47, 13, 15, and M216)

This letter provides an update further to the Town of View Royal's correspondence dated December 4, 2025 regarding a potential coordinated Judicial Review of recent provincial housing legislation .

Since issuing the initial invitation, the Town of View Royal, the District of West Vancouver, the District of Oak Bay, the Regional District of North Okanagan, and the Township of Spallumcheen have formally indicated their participation in the coalition. These early participants have recognized the shared concern regarding the cumulative impact of recent provincial housing legislation on local governance, planning authority, and accountability to residents. Dozens of other municipalities have attended information sessions, and others have reached out for further information and support. We continue to receive expressions of interest from councils across British Columbia.

This initiative is not occurring in isolation. Recent actions across the province reinforce the concerns raised in our initial letter. Metro Vancouver mayors sought meaningful engagement with the Province on housing legislation that materially affects municipal authority, planning responsibilities, and public accountability. While the Province acknowledged this request, its response confirmed an implementation-focused approach and did not address the broader governance and procedural concerns raised. This exchange underscores the absence of a forum to resolve these issues collaboratively and reinforces the need for legal clarity. Councils across British Columbia have similarly raised concerns regarding the pace and scale of legislative change, the removal of public hearings, the shift of land-use authority away from locally elected councils, and the implications for infrastructure planning, financial sustainability, and service delivery. Bill M216 and related legislation continue to raise questions regarding the balance between provincial objectives and municipal responsibilities, particularly where expectations are evolving without a clearly defined framework for delivery.

As noted previously, this process is not about opposing housing but about obtaining legal clarity. The coalition's first step will be to commission a shared legal opinion to assess the scope of provincial authority relative to municipalities, the implications of the legislative changes on

procedural fairness and democratic accountability, and the extent to which municipal powers have been altered or constrained. Municipalities that formally join the coalition will have full access to this legal opinion. The estimated budget for the legal opinion is \$150,000, to be shared among participating municipalities through a cost-sharing model to be confirmed.

Following completion of the legal opinion, a subsequent meeting will be convened with participating municipalities to review findings, discuss implications, and determine whether there is sufficient basis and collective support to proceed with a Judicial Review.

In the absence of clarity, municipalities are left managing uncertain planning frameworks, increasing infrastructure and financial pressures, and a growing disconnect between responsibility and authority. At present, a coordinated Judicial Review remains the only available mechanism to obtain a clear and authoritative interpretation of these issues.

Councils are asked to signal their intent to join the coalition no later than March 31, 2026. Municipalities indicating intent will receive a formal invitation and next-step materials in the first week of April, including a cost-sharing framework, a draft Memorandum of Understanding, and the scope for the legal opinion. A meeting of participating and interested municipalities will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 10, 2026, to review the approach, confirm participation, and discuss next steps. Participation at this stage does not commit a municipality to a Judicial Review but ensures access to the legal analysis required to make an informed decision.

This effort is grounded in a shared interest in ensuring clarity in the roles, responsibilities, and relationships between orders of government. We encourage your Council to consider joining this collaborative process.

For further information or to confirm participation, please contact me at Mayor Sid Tobias at mayortobias@viewroyal.ca.

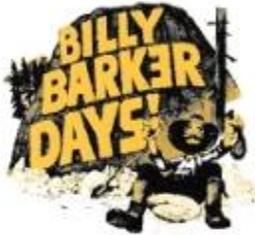
Sincerely,

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Mayor Sid Tobias
Town of View Royal

From: Cindy Fetzner <cindyfetzner@hotmail.com>
Sent: March 16, 2026 10:19 AM
To: Courtney Dash <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Fw: Billy Barker Days 50th Anniversary

Mayor Barbara Roden and Council



QUESNEL BILLY BARKER DAYS SOCIETY
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250-992-1234 250-992-5083 fax
office@billybarkerdays.ca

Dear Mayor

We are hosting our 50th anniversary with the Billy Barker Days parade on July 18, 2026 and would like to invite you to participate in the parade.

Billy Barker Days brings together residents, local organizations, and visitors to our community and participation from your community would be welcome and appreciated.

The parade begins at 10 am on Saturday morning and the route is well marked. We will provide additional details if you are available.

We would like to invite you to be introduced at the opening ceremonies following the parade.

Thank you for considering our invitation.

Parade director



School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
DESERT SANDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PO Box 669, 435 Ranch Road, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0
Phone: (250) 453-9144



Principal: Mrs. Kandi-Lee Crooks-Smith
Vice-Principal: Mr. Brent Close

March 4, 2026

The Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC
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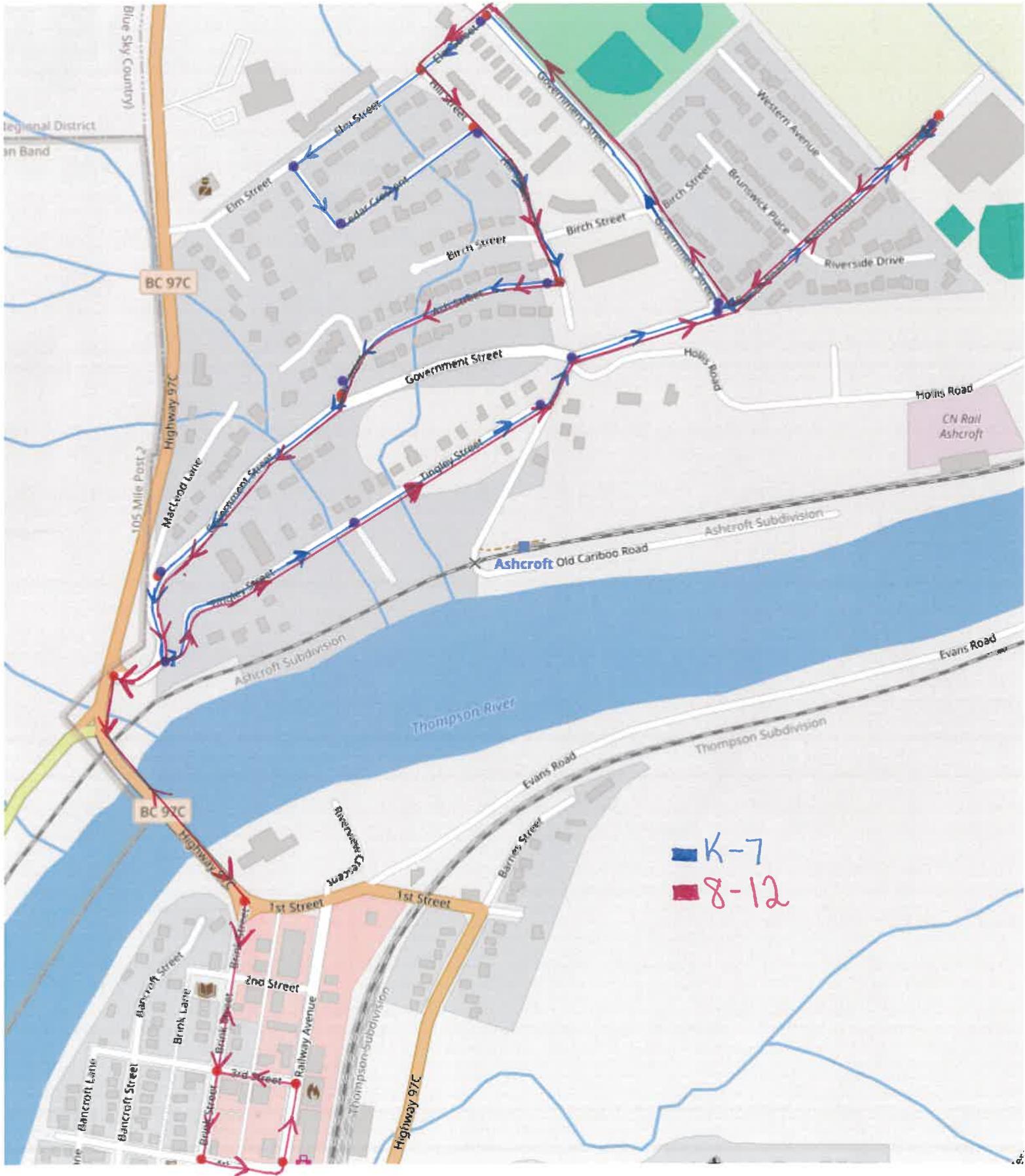
To whom it may concern,

I would like to communicate that Desert Sands Community School will be having a 5 km Movement is Medicine Run/Walk Marathon on April 9, 2026. We will be starting this run/walk at 10 am. The proposed route is attached. While we are not seeing a need for road closure for the event, it is necessary to make you aware that students will be on these streets in groups. We will have volunteers guiding the students along the paths and cross walks. We aim to have all students return to school by 11:00 am.

Please advise if you have any safety concerns or recommendations as we value the wisdom and experience of your team. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or the principal – Mrs. Kandi – Lee Crooks – Smith at 250-453-9144.

Thank you,

Michelle Haller Antoine
Indigenous Student Support Worker
Desert Sands Community School District No. 74 - Gold Trail



Daniela Dyck

From: UBCM <ubcm@ubcm.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2026 12:58 PM
To: Daniela Dyck
Subject: MacIsaac to retire; HCA webinar rescheduled; Treaty 101 webinar



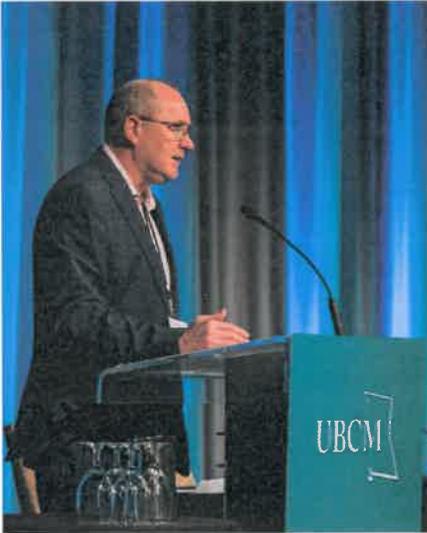
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RESCHEDULED: Heritage Conservation Act webinar

The webinar with Ministry of Forests staff to update UBCM members on proposed legislative changes to the *Heritage Conservation Act* (HCA) has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 2, 9:00 – 10:30 am. [Read more.](#)



UBCM Executive Director to retire this fall

Executive Director Gary Maclsaac has notified the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive Board of his intention to retire following the UBCM Convention in September.

Mr. Maclsaac has served as UBCM's Executive Director since 2007. During his tenure, he has worked with 18 presidents and successive Executive Boards, providing trusted leadership and counsel through a period of significant change and growth for local governments across British Columbia. [Read more.](#)

Webinar: Treaty 101 – Understanding Modern Treaties in BC

UBCM Members are invited to join an online session on April 9, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm, for an overview of modern treaties in BC. The presentation will outline the history of treaty negotiations, recent policy developments and the role of local governments. [Read more.](#)

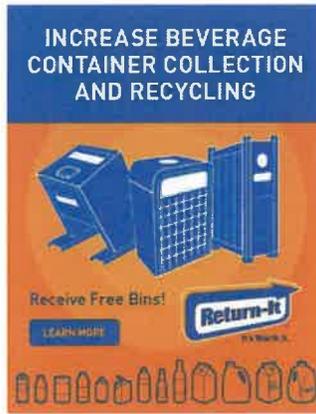
Seeking applications for the 2026 Community Excellence Awards

Has your local government worked on an exemplary program or project this year? Consider nominating it for UBCM's 2026 **Community Excellence Awards**. The application deadline is May 29, 2026. [Read more.](#)



ICYMI

- **Funding and Resources update:** March 2026
- **Webinar on Environmental Assessment Act changes:** March 24
- **Motor Vehicle Act working group:** join by March 24
- **Webinar update on Heritage Conservation Act:** April 2
- **Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit:** April 8-12, 2026



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From: [Jarred Anderson](#)
To: [Jeff Cruickshank](#); [Brody Mott](#)
Subject: Service Restoration Update: Savona, Ashcroft, and Cache Creek Outage (Fibre Cut)
Date: March 18, 2026 12:13:07 PM

Hello Mayors Ranta and Roden, Directors Grenier and Thorpe, and CAOs Couture, Dyck and Hildebrand,

My name is Jarred Anderson, TELUS' Local Government Relations Lead for BC. Also in this email are my colleagues, Jeff Cruickshank (General Manager - Customer Service Delivery - BC Interior) and Brody Mott (A/Manager, Customer Service Delivery - Thompson-Nicola Region).

An outage occurred this morning due to a fibre cut caused by aerial cable vandalism. The incident took place approximately 10.9 km east of Savona, in the direction of Kamloops. **All services have now been fully restored.**

Services Affected:

- **Savona:** Internet, Optik TV, Next Generation Home Phone (NGHP), and wireline voice services.
- **Ashcroft and Cache Creek:** Mascon TV and high-speed internet services.

Although six wireless sites were impacted, continuous coverage was maintained due to sufficient wireless overlap.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this caused. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,
Jarred

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Jarred Anderson (He/Him/His)
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Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – March 1st, 2026

The March 1, 2026 snow survey is now complete. Data from 90 manual snow courses and 116 automated snow weather stations around the province (collected by the Ministry of Environment and Parks' Snow Survey Program, BC Hydro and partners), and climate data from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the provincial Climate Related Monitoring Program have been used to form the basis of the following report.

Executive Summary

- As of March 1, 2026, the provincial mountain snowpack is slightly below normal, averaging 91% of normal (9% below normal), decreasing from 96% on February 1.
- Snowpack is much higher than last year (Mar 1, 2025), when the provincial average was 73% of normal (27% below normal).
- The Fraser River at Hope snow index is near normal at 95% (2025: 74%).
- Regions with normal to above normal snowpack levels have an increased hazard for spring snowmelt related flooding, especially if effects from La Niña conditions linger into spring.
- Areas with below normal snowpack show early concerns for drought conditions amplifying in the spring and summer.
- By March 1, typically about 80% of the annual B.C. mountain snowpack has accumulated.
- There are still four to eight weeks remaining in the snow accumulation season, and snowpack can change depending on upcoming weather patterns.

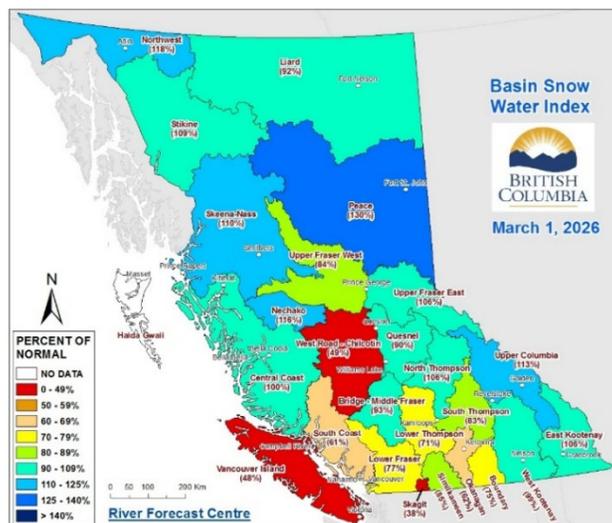


Figure 1. March 1, 2026 Basin Snow Water Index Map of British Columbia. Larger and colour-friendly versions available in full report.

Table 1. March 1st, 2026 Snow Basin Indices in B.C.

Basin	% of Normal	Basin	% of Normal	Basin	% of Normal
Upper Fraser East	106	North Thompson	106	South Coast	61
Upper Fraser West	84	South Thompson	83	Vancouver Island	48
Nechako	116	Fraser River	95	Central Coast	100
Middle Fraser	88	Upper Columbia	113	Skagit	38
Lower Thompson*	71	West Kootenay	99	Peace	130
Bridge*	93	East Kootenay	106	Skeena-Nass	110
Chilcotin*	49	Boundary	75	Liard	92
Quesnel*	90	Okanagan	62	Stikine	109
Lower Fraser	77	Similkameen	85	Northwest	118
		Nicola	65	Fraser @ Hope	95
British Columbia 91% of Normal					

Next scheduled snow bulletin release: April 9th or 10th, 2026



Department: Solid Waste & Recycling

March 2, 2026

Village of Ashcroft
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Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

RE: Municipal Yard Waste Clean-Up Event – 2026 Fee Waiver Offer

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is committed to FireSmart principles and aiding Municipalities in reducing fire risk through removing combustible yard waste around homes and properties.

Following a motion made at the May 2024 Board Meeting, it was determined that the TNRD will offer an annual fee waiver for Municipal Yard Waste Clean-Up Events once per year. Yard waste self-hauled by residents is free to drop off year-round, however commercial yard waste drop off costs \$40/tonne. Please be advised effective April 1, 2026 the price will increase to \$42/tonne pending Board approval. Waiving the commercial drop off fee once per year allows the municipality to collect yard waste from residential and commercial properties if they wish and drop it off free of charge.

Yard Waste is defined as organic materials originating from yard and garden management, maintenance or repair including but not limited to: grass, lawn and hedge clippings, flowers, weeds, pine needles, pinecones, leaves, shrubs, and shrub and tree branches (less than 8 inches in diameter), but does not include: tree stumps, branches greater than 8 inches in diameter, Noxious Weeds, Infested Vegetation, rocks, sand, soil, sod, or fruit or vegetable material.

If the Village of Ashcroft wishes to participate in this offer, please submit your requested date for a Community Yard Waste Clean-Up event taking place in 2026 so that the TNRD can plan accordingly to accommodate the material. This will be a regular annual offer the municipality may participate in. Requests can be submitted via email at recycleright@tnrd.ca or by phone at 250-377-2596.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

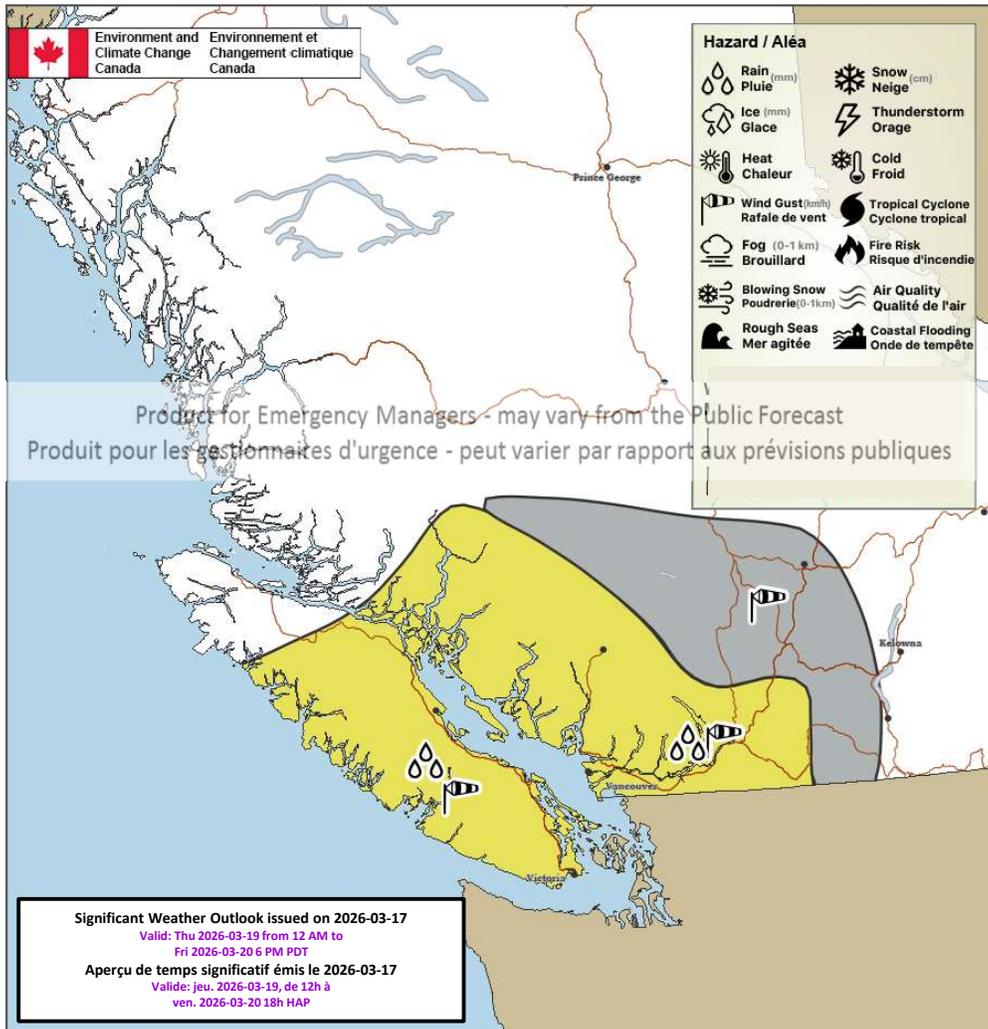
Adriana Mailloux
Manager of Solid Waste & Recycling

CC: TNRD FireSmart Program, firesmart@tnrd.ca



Heavy Rainfall: Continuation of Atmospheric River Event

Event Duration: Thu. Mar 19 to Fri. March 20th, 2026



		Risk			
Likelihood	High	Grey	Yellow	Orange	Red
	Moderate	Grey	Yellow	Orange	Orange
	Low	White	Grey with checkmark	Yellow with checkmark	Orange
	Very Low	White	White	Grey	Yellow
		Impact (Known Vulnerability & Exposure)			

Impacts

- Continued heavy rain on snow combined with mountain snow melt will lead to enhanced responses in river systems and increased potential for flooding
- Extensive water pooling on roads and wash-outs may occur
- Enhanced risks of landslides due to over saturation of landscapes
- Strong gusty winds may cause utility outages



Certainty

- **Weather Pattern: HIGH** - There is very good agreement that the atmospheric river pattern will continue, bringing another pulse of moderate to heavy rain Thursday to Friday.
- **Storm track: LOW-MODERATE** – The current track is headed towards southern parts of Vancouver Island and into the Lower Mainland.
- **Rainfall amounts: LOW-MODERATE** - There is a very consistent moderate to heavy rain signal, and we may end up seeing heavier amounts compared to what has already fallen for areas around the Lower Mainland.
- **Temperature & Freezing Levels: HIGH** - Models indicate that sustained warming will continue from the surface up to the mid to high elevations over southern B.C.
- **Winds: MODERATE** - A blast of gusty winds is expected as the precipitation tapers off on Friday.

Key Points

Forecasts issued Mar. 17th, 2026 3:00PM Additional Rainfall Estimates (Thu Mar. 19 to Fri Mar. 20)	West Vancouver Island, Coast Mountains	Inland Vancouver Island (Lake Cowichan to Gold River)	East Vancouver Island (Campbell River to Duncan)	Greater Victoria, Southern Gulf Islands	Sunshine Coast
	100-150+mm	40-90+mm	5-30mm	15-40mm	20-60mm
	Howe Sound, Sea to Sky	Metro Vancouver (City, Burnaby, Surrey, Langley)	Metro Vancouver (towards the mountains)	Fraser Valley (Abbotsford to Hope)	Whistler & Pemberton
	80-140+mm	30-70mm	60-120mm	60-120mm	30-60mm
	Manning-Skagit	Hwy 5 Coquihalla			
	30-60mm	20-50mm			

Rainfall:

- After another round of moderate to heavy rainfall on Tuesday, showers/rain will continue for Wednesday furthering saturating landscapes before the next potent heavy rainfall event
- **The heaviest rain is expected to fall over the South Coast and moderate rain will funnel into the Coquihalla, Manning-Skagit area. Other southern interior communities will likely see rain or showers.**
- **This upcoming event is a higher intensity rainfall event that is expected to occur during a shorter duration**
- Some areas may see little to no breaks in precipitation through the work week
- Very warm temperatures have settled in place from the initial weather impulses
- **Continued heavy rain on snow may cause extensive melting and run off into rivers especially during times of higher rainfall rates. Secondary impacts like wash outs and landslides may occur with over saturation**

Freezing levels:

- Maintaining at around 2000 to 2500+ metres

Winds:

- **Gusty southwesterly winds of 60-80+km/h are expected to materialize over the southwest BC on Friday as a cold front sweeps through (South Coast, Fraser Valley, Fraser Canyon, Nicola, Similkameen, South Thompson)**
- **River flooding is highly driven by precipitation upstream and in your immediate region, please monitor adjacent areas as well.**

Long Range Forecast – Southern B.C.

Sat Mar 21	Sun Mar 22	Mon Mar 23
Cooling Chance of Showers/flurries	Cooling Chance of Showers/flurries	Cooling Chance of Showers/flurries



Additional Information

- **Please monitor current weather forecasts and alerts:**

Weather Alerts: <https://weather.gc.ca/>

Local Forecasts: https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=BC

WeatherCAN App: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weather-general-tools-resources/weathercan.html>

Significant Weather Outlooks:

<https://hpfx.collab.science.gc.ca/~rum001/eccc/swo/>

More on Colour-coded Weather Alerts:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/severeweather/weather-alerts/colour-coded-alerts.html>

- **Please consult the following websites for further information:**

RFC Warning page: <http://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/index.htm>

B.C. Hydro Power Outages: www.bchydro.com/safety-outages/power-outages.html

Fortis B.C. Power Outages: <https://outages.fortisbc.com/Outages>

Drive B.C.: www.drivebc.ca

Next Update

- Please continue to monitor alerts and updates issued by ECCC and partners for the latest information.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74 BOARD BULLETIN

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board approved the Year-to-Date financial information to January 31, 2026. The year-to-date financial report provides the board with a clear overview of current revenues, expenses, and budget variances, helping to assess performance against annual goals and guide informed decision-making.

MONITORING REPORT

The Board approved the Monitoring Report which provides the Board with a comprehensive, year-to-date overview of progress toward strategic goals across student success, truth and reconciliation, team development, communication, and sustainability. The report highlights completed actions, ongoing initiatives, and key performance indicators for the 2025–2026 school year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

The Board approved the rationale and process for renaming School District No.74, noting that the current name, “Gold Trail,” is tied to the gold rush and its harmful impacts on Indigenous peoples. Renaming the district is intended to support reconciliation efforts. The approved process includes a community-engagement period from February to May 2026 to gather name suggestions, collect public feedback, and develop a final recommendation for Board approval. The Board also reviewed the detailed criteria for acceptable name submissions. Information and a link to the survey have been posted to the [District Website](#).

The District is seeking input on the current and future strategic plan. Please visit the following link for more information and to complete the survey. [Strategic Plan Survey](#).

APPROVED POLICIES

As part of its regular cycle, the following policies were reviewed and approved for circulation:

- **Policy 1.120** Superintendent of Schools Roles and Responsibilities
- **Policy 1.120** Appendix A Superintendent of School Performance Planning, Review and Support Criteria and Timelines
- **Policy 1.120** Appendix B Superintendent of School Performance Review Guide
- **Policy 3.10** Board Authority Authorized Courses
- **Policy 7.70** Prevention of Violence in the Workplace
- **Policy 7.90** Employee Conflict of Interest
- **Policy 9.40** Community Use of School Facilities, Sites & Equipment

STUDENT SUCCESS

Desert Sands Community School is grateful to community partners for partnering with them as they recognized BC Heritage Week and Family Literacy Day under the combined national theme, "Make Mealtime Family Learning Time - Stir the Pot". Community members read to elementary students on February 19th. Guests were invited to stay for lunch and join the afternoon interactive, meal-themed literacy sessions centred around meal planning and multicultural foods!



TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Cultural workers Jackie and Mikayla taught students at Cayoosh Elementary to make leather medicine pouches. Students learned that the pouches can hold sage, juniper and other special belongings. Students also learned to make a devil's club bead necklace or bracelet and that they were to give their first creation away to someone they care about. Students also learned about pictographs found in the St'at'imc territory and around the world and painted their own pictographs.



TEAM

Thank you to the Ashcroft and District Lions Club for providing free vision clinics at each of our schools! The group of volunteers are doing vision screening for students in grades three and six. We appreciate these community leaders giving their time and energy and for providing early vision screening for our students!



TAKE THE SURVEY!

The District is seeking your feedback on the Proposed Name Change and Strategic Planning Surveys.

[CLICK HERE](#)

SUSTAINABILITY



Staff from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District presented inquiry learning kits to the principal and vice-principal group and to students within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. The Inquiry kits are aligned with the current BC curriculum across several subjects. Learning ranges from managing garbage to limit human-bear conflict in primary grades to the science of composting and impacts of food waste in landfills. Secondary students learn about recycling and the benefits and challenges of implementing a circular economy. Similarly, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District has been helping local youth engage in sustainability actions and increase their awareness of climate change through their "Cool It! Program.

**Village of Pouce Coupe
NCLGA Resolution Submission
March 12th, 2026**

Resolution Title: Protection of Fee Simple Property Rights

Resolution:

WHEREAS fee simple title has long been the primary form of land ownership in British Columbia and provides landowners with certainty, stability, and the ability to securely own, use, and transfer property;

AND WHEREAS recent public policy considerations have raised questions and concerns about the future of fee simple title and the security of private property rights in the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and Union of British Columbia Municipalities demand that the Government of British Columbia affirm and uphold the security of fee simple title and the private property rights of landowners in British Columbia.

Background:

Recent public discussions and policy considerations related to land governance, Indigenous title, and land management have raised questions among some property owners regarding long-term impacts on fee simple ownership. While these discussions occur at the provincial and federal level, uncertainty around property rights can affect residents, businesses, and local governments.

This resolution seeks a clear affirmation from the Province of British Columbia that fee simple title and private property rights will continue to be recognized and protected. If changes to legislation are required to ensure that the rights of fee simple title holders are fully preserved and respected, we call on the government of British Columbia to make those legislative changes.



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VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

I, Duncan Malkinson, Corporate Officer for the Village of Pouce Coupe, hereby certify the following to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed by the Council of the Village of Pouce Coupe at its meeting held on March 11th, 2026.

Moved by: Wall / Woodill

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CARRIED

Dated this 12th day of March, 2026

Sincerely,

Duncan Malkinson,
Corporate Officer
Village of Pouce Coupe

**Village of Pouce Coupe
NCLGA Resolution Submission
March 12th, 2026**

Title: Transparency in Indigenous Negotiations

Resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada are engaged in important ongoing discussions and negotiations with First Nations regarding Indigenous title and land governance arrangements that may affect lands within the jurisdiction of municipalities and regional districts;

AND WHEREAS recent developments, including the recognition of Indigenous title in the Cowichan region have occurred with limited prior notice or consultation with affected local governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call upon the Province of British Columbia to establish a transparency framework for Indigenous title and related negotiations that includes timely information sharing and consultation with affected local governments.

Background:

Local governments are responsible for land use planning, infrastructure, and service delivery within their jurisdictions. Decisions related to governance or land can affect municipal and regional district planning, infrastructure, and long-term development.

Recent developments have shown that local governments are not always informed when negotiations or decisions may affect lands within their boundaries.

Improved transparency and information sharing between the Province, the Government of Canada, and local governments would help ensure that municipalities and regional districts are aware of potential implications and can plan accordingly.



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NEWS RELEASE

Board Approves Updates to Solid Waste Disposal Fees to Align with Current Costs

Kamloops, BC – March 17, 2026 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Board of Directors has approved changes to Solid Waste Facilities Bylaw 2681, increasing disposal fees to align with operational costs and reduce the amount required from property taxes to fund the Solid Waste and Recycling service.

Changes will come into effect as of April 1, 2026, and are as follows:

- Raising bagged garbage fees from \$1 to \$2 per bag;
- Increasing concrete disposal fees from \$30 per tonne to \$50/t; and
- Applying a 5% increase to all other disposal fees and standardizing minimum charges.

The change to bagged garbage rates is the first change since 2009 when this fee was implemented, and the \$2 minimum charge remains one of the lowest among comparable municipalities and regional districts in the southern interior.

The adjustment to the concrete disposal fee reflects actual costs associated with transportation and management of this bulky material.

Additionally, implementing a 5% increase on all other existing disposal fees ensures that TNRD disposal rates are in line with neighbouring jurisdictions, and helps maintain current levels of the Solid Waste and Recycling service without relying on additional funding through property taxes.

As a reminder, there are several ways that customers can significantly reduce costs when disposing of materials at TNRD solid waste sites:

- Most recyclable materials are free to dispose of at many sites, including household recycling, residential yard waste, scrap metal, appliances, car batteries, tires, propane tanks, and more. Find accepted materials by site by visiting: tnrd.ca/what-goes-where.
- Many types of organic waste can be disposed of in a backyard composter instead of being mixed with garbage. For more information, visit: tnrd.ca/compost.
- Sorting saves! Demolition, Renovation, and Construction (DRC) waste such as clean wood, asphalt shingles, and scrap metal is cheaper to dispose of when separated from other DRC waste. Learn more at: tnrd.ca/sorting-saves.
- Sell, donate, or reuse goods whenever possible. For information on regional thrift stores and re-use opportunities, visit: tnrd.ca/reuse.

To view Disposal Fees for all weight-based sites (Eco-Depots) and volume-based sites (Transfer Stations), visit: tnrd.ca/disposal-fees.

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REGULAR MEETING



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,
SUBJECT: **GIA Follow Up – BOSS Enrichment Center**

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council receive the budget and financial information for the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre Backpack Giveaway Event;

AND THAT Council approve the \$500 Grant-in-Aid contribution as previously endorsed in principle.

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with the requested budget and financial information for the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre Backpack Giveaway Event and to confirm eligibility for Grant-in-Aid funding.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved the following resolution:

“THAT, Council endorses the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting as presented, with the exception of the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre request, which is provisional pending receipt of the financials and budget information.”

The requested financial details have now been received and are attached for Council’s review.

DISCUSSION:

The B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre is organizing its annual Backpack Giveaway Event to support local students and families in need. In 2025, approximately 160 backpacks were distributed, and organizers are anticipating an increase to approximately 175 students for the 2026 school year.

Staff have also confirmed that Desert Sands Community School will not be providing backpacks this year, as they have in previous years through sponsorship. As a result, the B.O.S.S. program will play an enhanced role in ensuring students have access to necessary school supplies.

The submitted budget outlines the following:

- Estimated total program cost: \$6,625–\$7,250

REGULAR MEETING



- Per-student supply cost: \$34.00
- Total supplies cost: \$5,950 (including backpacks and school supplies)

Additional costs include modest expenses for refreshments, volunteer support, signage, and contingency. Funding sources identified by the organization include:

- Grant-in-Aid request: \$500
- Community fundraising and donations (including a 50/50 draw and private donors)

The organization has confirmed that the Village’s \$500 contribution will be directed specifically toward the purchase of backpacks.

Overall, the financial information demonstrates a well-supported community initiative with multiple funding streams and a clear plan for delivery.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The requested \$500 is consistent with Council’s Grant-in-Aid budget and past practice of supporting community-based social programs that provide direct benefit to residents.

B.O.S.S Enrichment Center

School Season 2026/2027

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway Budget

Total Students: 175 (estimated)

Per-Student Supply Cost: \$34.00

Total Supplies Cost: \$5950

*Backpacks \$3500

*Paper, Pencils, Markers, Binders, Erasers, glue, scissors, rulers, pens, highlighters \$2450

Additional Event Costs:

- Refreshments: \$150–\$300
- Volunteer shirts: \$200–\$350
- Printing/signage: \$100–\$200
- Contingency: \$225–\$450

Estimated Total Program Cost: \$6625-7250

REVENUE

Ashcroft Village Grant in Aid \$500

Second Time Around \$1000

50/50 draw \$2000

Fundraising \$1000

Anonymous Donor \$2500

Grant in Aid of \$500 will be used to purchase backpacks, the rest of our funding will come from private donors, 50/50 draws, raffle and fundraising

B.O.S.S. Enrichment Center 2026 Annual Budget

General Operating Cost \$4800

Annual Market Fees \$750-\$1000

Annual Supplies \$3500-\$5000

Annual Backpack Giveaway \$6500

TOTAL BUDGET \$15,550 - \$17,300

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2026

MARCH						
Date	Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Updates	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-hold for intake and partner
2026 MOTIONS						
	R-2026-21	Direction to staff to prepare a new consolidated bylaw that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Amalgamates Bylaw No. 816 and Bylaw No. 853 into one document; •Incorporates housekeeping updates; •Modernizes legislative references; •Includes enabling language for special voting opportunities; and Repeals the prior bylaws.	CAO	Prepare new bylaw, bring to council for adoption before end of July 6th deadline as per legislation		in-progress
09-Mar-26	R-2026-39	THAT Council approves the following requests as amended: 1. Approve the waiver of Community Hall rental and insurance fees for the Ashcroft & District Community Resource Society for December 15–19, 2026, with an estimated in-kind value of \$425; 2. Approve the waiver of Community Hall rental and insurance fees for the Ashcroft & District Health Care Auxiliary for November 11–14, 2026, with an estimated in-kind value of \$360; 3. Approve a donation to the Desert Sands Community School Travel Club in the form of one family pool pass and one family public skate pass; 4. Approve the request from the Ashcroft & District Lions Club to host their annual Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Ashcroft Market on May 10, 2026, including permission to park their trailer in the Ashcroft Pool parking lot and access water and electrical services as required;	CAO/AA	Forward approval letters		Complete
09-Mar-26	R-2026-40	THAT, Policy C-05-2024 be referred to the Policy Review Committee for review and that recommendations clarifying the inclusion of In-kind contributions and donation requests within the Village’s support framework be brought forward to Council at a future meeting.	CAO/EDT	Add to the Policy Review Committee discussion items list and schedule a meeting when there are enough agenda items		in-progress
09-Mar-26	R-2026-41	THAT, Council endorse the “Forestry is a Solution” initiative as outlined in the February 26, 2026 correspondence from the BC Council of Forest Industries; AND THAT, Council acknowledge forestry as a foundational industry in rural British Columbia that supports local employment, economic stability, wildfire risk reduction through active forest management, and resilient communities; AND THAT, the Village of Ashcroft advise the BC Council of Forest Industries of its support and share information about the initiative through the Village’s regular communication channels.	CAO/EDT	Send letter of Council’s support to COFI, Premier, Min of Forest, MLA Stamer and MLA Doerkson and share information on Village Social Media site.		Complete
09-Mar-26	R-2026-42	THAT, Council direct staff to send a letter in response to MP Caputo’s request identifying the Village of Ashcroft’s primary funding priority as the twinning of the North Ashcroft reservoir, emphasizing the project’s importance in supporting future community growth, ensuring adequate water storage for fire protection in North Ashcroft, and addressing the increasing wildfire risk facing the community.	CAO	Send letter to MP Caputo highlighting the N. Ashcroft reservoir twinning project as Ashcroft’s #1 priority		
09-Mar-26	R-2026-43	THAT, Council support the public safety petition initiated by the City of Prince George advocating for stronger public safety measures and authorize staff to share information about the petition through the Village of Ashcroft’s regular communication channels.	CAO/EDT	Share petition on Village Social Media site	Introduction drafted and sent to EDT to post - posted	
09-Mar-26	R-2026-44	THAT, Council approves the renewal of the Village of Ashcroft’s membership with UBCM in the amount of \$1,426.32.	CAO/ACC	Forward membership payment		Complete

09-Mar-26	R-2026-46	<p>THAT, Council endorses the recommendation from the COTW meeting as presented with the exception of the B.O.S.S. Enrichment Centre request which is provisional pending receipt of the financials and budget information. Council, approval of the Spring 2026 Grants in Aid are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ashcroft 4-H - \$500 •Twisted Desert Music Society - \$500 •Ashcroft and District Lions Club - \$500 (policy maximum of \$500) •Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - \$380 (policy maximum of 25%) 	CAO	<p>Send GiA approval letters and requisition cheques. Draft Council Report with the updated financial information for BOSS Enrichment Centre approval when financials are received.</p>	<p>Financial information received and report drafted for Mar. 23 meeting</p>	Complete
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COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: March 23, 2026

TO: Council

FROM: Councillor Clement

Deputy Mayor – November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024

Assigned Committees/WG:

Finance Committee

NDIT

School District No. 74

Governance, Public & Inter-Governmental
Engagement

Policy Review Committee

Health Care (HAWC)

Economic Development & Tourism

Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture
Amenities

Alternate:

Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)

LGLA Forum 2026

Thank you for allowing me to attend the LGLA Forum in Richmond. It was a lovely two days of learning and connecting with peers.

The first day started with a three-hour session about learning to tell stories effectively. Bill Baker led us through a series of exercises to help us hone our storytelling skills. The biggest takeaway for me was telling the right story at the right time. Having a collection of stories in your memory bank to draw on for different situations will help you use those stories effortlessly when needed.

Day 2 included sessions on:

Asset Management – We are so far ahead of a lot of communities with our asset management plan and implementation.

Legacy after disaster – a panel discussion with three communities that had gone through significant weather disasters and how they handled those disasters.

LGLA Curriculum – the LGLA is working on creating online course content to go along with their yearly in-person forums. They asked for input from those of us in attendance as to the most important topics to include in the training.

Governing Effectively in Year 4 – a panel discussion with three long-time local politicians who are not seeking re-election this year, about how to continue to govern knowing it's your last year. A few tips from them were: "Put it into policy as it's harder to change and takes more discussion to make that change", "what's broken is an understanding of how the system works, not the system itself", and "think about the greater good".

The day ended with Truth and Reconciliation in Practice – a discussion with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District about the work they did to create a guide about moving reconciliation beyond checklists and into meaningful practice.

The guide can be found here:

<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/media/file/truth-reconciliation-practice-guide-working-good-way-0>

Day 3 had us working further on our stories. Some good stories to have include: why you chose public office, what sustained me during the term, navigating a difficult decision, a turning point or meaningful accomplishment, collaboration, community impact or government action, and a lesson or insight to pass on.

The forum ended with a lively, candid panel aptly called "It seemed like a good idea at the time." 5 councillors/directors had 6 minutes each to tell us about something that seemed like a good idea at the time. The stories varied from posting social media videos of yourself doing crazy things like dressing up as an Easter Bunny and walking around downtown New West, to making a decision without community consultation and the ramifications of that.

Overall, it was an excellent two days of learning.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Clement

Councillor