



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday February 23, 2026, at 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Cam Tedford

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

EXCUSED: Councillor, Jonah Anstett

Public –
Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday February 23, 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

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 9, 2026 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 9, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-28
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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.
No comments or questions were received



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5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>Adoption of – the Village of Ashcroft Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026; and Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Tedford</p> <p>1. Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026; <i>THAT, Council approves adoption of the Water Regulations Bylaw No. 881, 2026 as presented.</i></p> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport</p> <p>2. Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026 (Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fees); <i>THAT, Council approves adoption of the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2026 as presented.</i></p> <p>M/S Tedford / Clement</p> <p>3. Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026 (Water Regulations). <i>THAT, Council approves adoption of the Notice of Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 883, 2026 as presented.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-29</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-30</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-31</p>
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report - BC Drag It Challenge – Organizers are requesting approval of this event and the use of Railway Ave. between 2nd Street to 7th Street and the area by the Blue Truck. Council directed staff to seek clarification and report back.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To seek Council approval for a temporary road closure on Railway Avenue to accommodate the BC Drag It Challenge event on June 21, 2026.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT, Council approve the temporary closure of Railway Avenue between 4th Street and 7th Street on June 21, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the BC Drag It Challenge event, subject to proof of insurance, indemnification of the Village, and coordination with staff regarding road closure barricades and emergency access.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-32</p>
6.2	CFO Report – Council Annual Renumeration Report	

	<p><u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of this report is to meet regulatory requirements of s.168 of the Community Charter.</p> <p>M/S Tedford / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the Community Charter Section 168 Council Remuneration Report as presented.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-33
FOR INFORMATION		
6.	N/A	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>BC Epilepsy Society – Purple Lights Campaign – Request to illuminate Fire Hall 1 in purple on March 26, 2026 M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Ashcroft illuminate the Old Fire Hall in purple in honour of epilepsy awareness month on March 26, 2026.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-34
7.2	<p>Ashcroft-Cache Creek Lions – 75 Year Anniversary – Request recognition of this milestone Mayor Roden read a brief statement and asked that it be included in the February Newsletter and will form part of these minutes (attached)</p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Interior Health – February Healthy Communities Newsletter	
7.4	<p>River Forecast Center – Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulleting Mayor Roden elaborated on the current snow pack being at 86% in the Lower Thompson region.</p>	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	<p>Accessibility Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference Amendments and Appointments</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u></p>	
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	<p>The purpose of this report is to request Council support for proposed updates to the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and to confirm committee membership moving forward.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT Council approve the recommended changes to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Terms of Reference; and THAT Council appoint Julie Ells and Marvene Layte to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two-year term.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-35</p>
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden Mayor Roden noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday house fire destroyed Peter and Marina Konikow home at Venables valley, Peter is Ashcroft’s Museum curator –a go fund me page is established to help with current needs. • FireSmart – additional \$15M allocated for 75 new communities – application process is more competitive than in the past. The \$15M is in addition to the remaining \$25M. • SILGA Convention – Mayor Roden has been asked to moderate a panel on women in leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Space for women to have a safe space to ask questions and have discussion ○ Men welcome • The Mayor was asked where she found the information in regard to the additional 75 new communities having the secured \$15M in funding – in the BC Budget information released by the province. • Town Hall – tomorrow at the Community Hall a meeting to present updates and seek community feedback re: Water Meter – OCP and Zoning – 30 KM zone throughout the community 	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
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



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12.1	<i>M/S Roden / Clement</i> <i>THAT, Council moves to a closed meeting under the provision in the Community Charter Section 90.1 (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-36
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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 February 23, 2026, at 6:46 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 23, 2026.

 Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

 Barbara Roden,
 Mayor

Recognition of the Ashcroft – Cache Creek Lions Club – 75 Years of Community Service

A small article appeared in the Ashcroft Journal's issue of March 1, 1951. The headline was "Ashcroft forms Lyons [sic] club," and it read "At a meeting of interested citizens at the home of Mr. H.H. Gallagher, it was decided to form a Lyons Club in Ashcroft. This was done, so now we have a new organization called Ashcroft and District Lyons Club. Mr. Ray Freeman, special representative of the Lyons of Vancouver, was in town Wednesday night and organized the club. It devotes its time to services to the community and especially to the children."

From that humble mention sprung a mighty organization which has, for the past 75 years, been one of the backbones of our region. "Where there's a need, there's a Lion" is the club's guiding motto, and members of the Ashcroft and District Lions Club take that motto to heart.

Whenever and wherever there is a need in the Ashcroft-Cache Creek region, the Lions Club is there, whether it's serving up pancake breakfasts and burger lunches to appreciative crowds or rolling up their sleeves and pitching in to provide support and assistance after a disaster. They organize the annual Skip's Run, provide assistance at other events, and provide bursaries for graduating students at Desert sands Community School.

Lions Club members are tireless, selfless, and dedicated, and local volunteers from the club have enriched our communities for three-quarters of a century. On behalf of the Village of Ashcroft I would like to recognize the Ashcroft and District Lions Club for their 75 years of service, and thank all their many volunteers for giving of themselves and their time so freely and generously to help make our communities the strong, thriving places that we are proud to call home. *Addition to item 7.2 of the Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday February 23, 2026.*