



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday May 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm

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 -
 Media - 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday for May 11, 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday April 27, 2026 M/S Anstett Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, April 27, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-72
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday April 27, 2026 M/S Davenport / Tedford <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday April 27, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-73

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

<p>5.1</p>	<p>Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 884, 2026 PURPOSE: Adoption of the 2026 – 2030 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 884, 2026: M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT, the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 884, 2026 be adopted as presented.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-74</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Tax Rate Bylaw No. 885, 2026 PURPOSE: Adoption of the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 885, 2026 M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 885, 2026 be adopted as presented</i> <i>Council thanked CFO Bhalla for keeping the tax increase to 3.5%</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-75</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>CAO Report – Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Draft Bylaw No. 886, 2026 Purpose: To present a consolidated and updated bylaw governing procedures for local government elections and other voting, including assent voting. M/S <i>THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to “Village of Ashcroft Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 886, 2026.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-76</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>CAO Report – Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 for Council’s consideration. The proposed bylaw consolidates the current Fees and Charges Bylaw and its amendments into a single updated document and incorporates modest fee adjustments for selected recreation and facility uses. M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 as amended.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Correct Pool Youth Punch Card fee typo \$36.000 to \$36.00</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-77</p>



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5.5	<p>CAO Report – Council Procedure Bylaw No. 888, 2026</p> <p>Purpose: To present a consolidated Council Procedure Bylaw that combines Bylaw No. 834, 2020 and its subsequent amendments into one complete, updated bylaw, and incorporates procedural changes approved by Council enabling questions from the public after a delegation presentation. M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to “Village of Ashcroft Council Procedure Bylaw No. 888, 2026 as amended.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Amend item (11) under Delegations, Petitions and Correspondence as follows: Following a presentation by a delegation, and prior to the delegation being dismissed, the presiding member may at their discretion, provide members of the public in attendance, including those participating electronically, with an opportunity to ask questions of the delegation.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-78</p>
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Verbal</p> <p>Purpose: To provide information to the Council that may not come up during regular meetings or Committee of the Whole. Topics will include operational updates, or other areas of interest to the village.</p>	
6.2	<p>CFO Report – Water Meter Project Update</p> <p>Purpose: To update council on the status of the Water Meter Project. CFO Bhalla noted that the CPW and himself were going door to door to speak with homeowners that have not scheduled the meter installations. To date 75 non-responses. If installation is refused other measures will be considered including installation of pit meters at property owners’ expense. Clarification requested re: utility task</p>	
6.3	<p>FSC Report – Wildfire Resiliency Summit 2026</p> <p>Purpose: To provide Council with a report highlighting themes and takeaways from the Wildfire Resiliency Summit.</p>	



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	Comment - Nice to see Gwen at the Farmers Market representing FireSmart™	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	YMCA – Child Care Resource and Referral – Request for support or participation. Council is requesting further details as this event conflicts with AIB’s Indigenous Day Celebration	
<i>FOR INFORMATION</i>		
7.2	AIB – Invitation to Join Indigenous Day Celebrations	
7.3	LGPS – 11666 2025 EOC Payment Notification	
7.4	Thompson Regional Hospital District – Cardiac Care Study	
7.5	Min. of Housing and Municipal Affairs – Preparing for Water Scarcity and Potential Drought Conditions	

8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
8.2	Dawson Road Maintenance - Caroline Slade – Follow up from April 27, 2026 Council Meeting Discussion: Council noted that the delay in repairing the railing on the bridge is a safety hazard and would like to see a temporary fix to reduce risk to the public – Staff to forward concerns to Dawson.	
8.3	TNRD – Council Presentation – Regional Search and Rescue AAP Follow up from Aril 27, 2026 Council Meeting	

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Verbal	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SILGA Mayor Roden noted that she thought Revelstoke did an excellent job of hosting SILGA – very good conference, commenting on sessions she had the privilege of facilitating and take-aways. She noted that all communities really do face the same challenges but on a different economy of scale noting the 11-million-dollar park in Kelowna comparing it to our Mesa Park project. Mayor Roden also noted the Provinces key messaging seemed to be that there isn't any money to be accessed at this time and communities need to be self reliant. Other items noted was the Arts centre which seems to be a cross between the Salmon Arm Hive and Ashcroft HUB – a must see Attended the Regional District Chair and CAO Forum in Victoria Also attended TNRD meetings with Ministers in Victoria on a separate trip Mayor Roden noted that when she attend conferences or meetings as the TNRD Chair, she always represents Ashcroft and raises awareness at every opportunity. 	
11.2	<p>Councillor Anstett – Verbal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SILGA – Councillor Anstett noted that this was his first time spending time in Revelstoke and thought it was a beautiful town. Keynotes and session were excellent noting he especially enjoyed George Abbotts session where he discussed his book Unceded Attended the resolutions session. Highly recommends watching the BC is Burning video. Excellent networking opportunity 	
11.3	<p>Councillor Clement - N/A</p>	
11.4	<p>Councillor Davenport – Councillor Davenport addressed Council regarding concerns related to the ongoing use of herbicides and requested that the matter be revisited for further discussion. It was noted that recent herbicide applications prompted feedback from residents and that the issue had last been discussed in late 2024. The following items were raised for Council's consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that a Community Planning and Natural Built Environment working group meeting be scheduled to discuss current herbicide use practices and potential alternatives. Requested that staff prepare a report outlining current use, possible alternatives, phased reduction options, operational 	

	<p>considerations, and recommendations for future Council consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted an interest in exploring environmental alternatives and continuing broader discussions on the issue moving forward. • Requested consideration of a change to the working group Council representative assignment in order to participate in the discussions. • Mayor Roden indicated a willingness to allow the working group representative change for the upcoming discussions agreeing to let Councillor Davenport attend in her place. 	
11.5	<p>Councillor Tedford – Verbal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SILGA – Councillor Tedford noted this was his first conference since being elected and is grateful for the opportunity to represent Ashcroft along with his fellow council members. • Councillor Tedford noted he has divided his report into two sections with the first two days of the conference being presented today and the remainder at the next council meeting. <p>Councillor Tedford’s SILGA Report – Part 1 is attached to and forms part of these minutes.</p>	

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 May 11, 2026 at 6:47 PM

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 11, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

TEDFORD Verbal Report - SILGA Conference, April 29-May 2, 2026 - Revelstoke, BC

PART ONE: (Presented at May 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting)

Wednesday afternoon was a 2 part seminar, moderated by Mayor Roden and contributed to by written submission from our CAO Dyck. Women in Politics is a big part of our future. That afternoon's panel was fantastic.

Interesting statistic: Only 37% of Councillors are women, only 22% are Mayors and only 16% of communities have parity.

Thursday morning - interesting presentation by Dr. Deane Taylor, who is the CEO of the Jimmy Pattison Centre for Health initiative. They use a philanthropic fund of \$5M, and have grown that fund to facilitate 'Idea Holders'. An example is: TNRD Area I Director Tricia Thorpe, who is working in the early stages of a feasibility study funded by them, in conjunction with BCIT and NVIT to look at cross-training and input for local communities' response teams, post the last decade's fire and flood losses.

That seminar was followed by a presentation by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. Sideline takeaway from that session, was the huge development around Logan Lake and Ashcroft, regarding the TECK Mine Expansion, also the 60 acre Solar Program with 39,000 panels to be installed. Also - a wind farm, 14km NW of Logan Lake, half-way to Ashcroft, is in the works - selling Hydro back into the grind for 30 years. However, it was noted by Logan Lake Mayor Robin Smith, that approval for these types of development, often without local Government notice - and that can be frustrating.

Still on the theme of climate, was our key-note speaker on Thursday - with the topic of Water Security. Zita Boltelho, of the Fraser Basin Council, noted that water resilience cannot rely on luck, and that we have to plan now for our children's future security. An interesting side-note was that industrial water rates in British Columbia, are the lowest in the country. Quebec charges 15 X more for industrial water, than BC ... which puts \$75M back annually, into things like the dike replacement that did not happen in Merritt (not done) / ongoing need for water for First Nations / and what we call 'ditching and shouldering'.

There were 33 Resolutions voted on, to be presented that this Fall's UBCM.
