



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
 Monday June 8, 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 Town Hall Meeting held Monday, May 25, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 25, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1 - 8

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	N/A	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report - Renewing the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City Relationship and Heritage Park Mural PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding discussions with representatives from Bifuka, Japan, discuss the future of the Heritage Park mural, and seek Council direction regarding opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship.	P. 9 - 17

	M/S <i>THAT, Council direct the Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Working Group to explore opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship, including options for a replacement Heritage Park mural, opportunities for cultural exchange and community engagement, and report back to Council with recommendations.</i>	
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9.1	N/A	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11.1	Mayor Roden – Verbal - TNRD Out-of-Town Meeting	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport – Verbal – Working Group Herbicide Discussions	
11.5	Councillor Tedford	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

12.1	M/S <i>THAT, Council adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations; (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements ...</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 (Zoom)
 Councillor, Nadine Davenport
 Councillor, Cam Tedford

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

EXCUSED:
 Public – 2
 Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday for May 25, 2026, to order at 6:00 PM.

“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Letter from Sandy Robertson – Action Correspondence
 M/S Anstett / Davenport
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday May 25, 2026 be adopted as amended.
 CARRIED – Unanimous - R-2026-79

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting held Monday, May 11, 2026 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting held Monday, May 11, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-80
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 11, 2026 M/S Davenport / Tedford <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 11, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-81



3. DELEGATIONS

<p>3.1</p>	<p>TNRD and KSAR Regional Search and Rescue AAP Presentation - Jamie Viera (TNRD Manager of Operations) & Paula Davis (unable to attend due to technical difficulties) Frank Pryce (VP OF KSAR attended in Paula's place)</p> <p>Mayor Roden welcomed the delegation and invited them to give their presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Vieira and Frank Pryce commenced with their presentation regarding the proposed Kamloops Search and Rescue Hall and the associated Alternative Approval Process (AAP). • The delegation noted that search and rescue services are volunteer-run non-profit organizations and that local governments are not legislatively required to fund SAR services; however, the TNRD has historically supported search and rescue operations. • The proposed project includes construction of a new shared facility to replace the existing volunteer hall, with approximately 75% of the building dedicated to Kamloops Search and Rescue operations, including offices, storage, and training space. The remaining 25% of the building will be utilized by the City of Kamloops for Kamloops Fire Rescue Hall #5. • The total project cost is approximately \$9.454 million, including approximately \$6.3 million associated with the TNRD/KSAR component and approximately \$2.363 million associated with the Kamloops Fire Rescue portion of the project. The City of Kamloops is also contributing the land for the facility. • The current KSAR lease arrangement has expired. KSAR is committed to contributing approximately \$1.4 million directly toward the TNRD portion of the project through fundraising efforts. • The delegation advised that the service would operate as a regional service, with costs shared among participating member municipalities based on taxation and assessed property values. The estimated annual cost to the average 	
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	<p>Ashcroft property owner is approximately \$4 based on 2026 assessed values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSAR currently has approximately 40 volunteers, has operated since 1970, responds to an average of 50–65 tasks annually, and provides service coverage across approximately 44,500 square kilometres as a regional hub for surrounding SAR teams. • The delegation advised that all SAR groups within the TNRD have provided letters of support for the proposal. • The Alternative Approval Process opened May 26, 2026, and will remain open for 30 days, with a closing date of June 26, 2026. If opposition forms are submitted by more than 10% of eligible electors, the borrowing and service establishment bylaws will not proceed without further approval processes. • Additional project information, including a public information booklet, is available on the TNRD website. 	
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Royal Canadian Legion – Gerry Sask, Vice President Mayor Roden welcomed Gerry Sask, Vice President of the Royal Canadian Legion, to the meeting and invited him to address Council regarding the Legion property tax exemption request.</p> <p>Mr. Sask advised that a fellow Legion member distributed a document outlining recent donations and contributions made by the Legion to local community groups, organizations, schools, and projects. Mr. Sask noted that the Legion is a non-profit organization that regularly gives back to the community and requested that Council consider a tax exemption or reduction for the Legion property.</p> <p>Discussion included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legion’s ongoing support of community organizations, local initiatives, veterans, and schools was acknowledged. • Discussion included assistance provided by the Legion to a veteran residing in assisted living who had no local family, transportation, or other supports following approximately 40 years of military service. • Clarification was requested regarding whether the Legion was seeking a full or partial property tax exemption. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the cenotaph portion of the property is already exempt from taxation. • The Chief Financial Officer was asked to provide information regarding the taxation amounts associated with the Legion property. Property taxes for the Legion building were noted to be approximately \$15,000 annually. • Discussion occurred comparing the Legion to other non-profit organizations, including the HUB, and the differing ways organizations contribute back to the community. • Discussion also occurred regarding the partial tax exemption currently provided for the skateboard park property and whether adjustments to that exemption could be considered as an alternative option. • Questions were raised regarding maintenance responsibilities, including sidewalk snow clearing, which is currently completed by the Village of Ashcroft. • The Chief Financial Officer provided information regarding municipal authority and criteria related to permissive tax exemptions and advised that partial exemptions are permitted under the applicable legislation and policy framework. 	
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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.

There was no public input received

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Draft Bylaw No. 886, 2026 Purpose: Adoption of Bylaw No. 886, 2026 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 886, 2026 be adopted as presented.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-82</p>
5.2	<p>Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 Purpose:</p>	



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	Adoption of Bylaw No. 887, 2026 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-84
	Amendment: M/S Roden / Tedford <i>THAT, the vibrating roller be removed from schedule "M" for Bylaw 887.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-83
5.3	Council Procedure Bylaw No. 888, 2026 Purpose: Adoption of Bylaw No. 888, 2026 M/S Anstett / Tedford <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Council Procedures Bylaw No. 888, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-85

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	Bylaw Enforcement Officer – 1 st Quarter Report – For Information	
6.3	Bylaw Enforcement Officer – LGCEA Conference – For Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question – Are dog complaints about the same dogs or varying? • Comment – Would like to see process for mitigation and compliance work in the report • Council wants more detailed process and compliance information reported back 	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	WRAPS – Plein Air – Donation Request Councillor Clement – recused herself due to a conflict as a member of the Plein Air Committee at 6:47pm returning to the meeting at 6:49pm. M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, the Village provide swag prizes up to 75 dollars for the Plein Air event.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-86
7.2	TNRD – Request for support throughout the AAP Process	

	M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft provide the support necessary to the TNRD throughout the AAP process.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-87
Late Item	Ferel Cat fundraiser M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT, the Village provide the remainder of the spring intake Grant in Aid (GIA) Funds to a maximum of \$150 for the BBQ fundraiser and provide GIA information for future requests.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-88
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Thompson River Watersheds Forest Landscape Plan – Public Open House Survey	
7.4	NDIT – Economic Capacity Building Funding Approval	
7.5	IHA – Heat and Wildfire Smoke Letter	
7.6	Abbotsford – Letter to Min of Finance re: Provincial Sales Tax Expansion	
7.7	Saanich – Re: BC Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – Funding Continuation Clarification requested – Is this LGCAP what used to be Gas Tax? The Village receives approximately \$50,000 per year. Recently received 3 years at once – LGCAP focus is carbon mitigation	
7.8	SD74 – Board Bulletin	
7.9	BC Hydro – Invitation to Meet at UBCM	
7.10	Saanich – Letter to Min of Housing – Request for Additional Funding	
7.11	Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin	
7.12	Site C Dam Received Official Name: The John Horgan Dam and Generating Station	
7.13	Enviro-Ex Contracting – Sackum Overhead Replacement Delays	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
8.2	YMCA – Child Care Resource and Referral – Teddy Bear Picnic – Follow up from May 11, 2026 M/S Tedford / Roden <i>THAT, the Village contribute free facility use, freeze pops and one family day pass to the YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral – Teddy Bear Picnic event.</i> Staff to advise coordinator that Mayor Roden is available to read a story arriving at the park sometime between 10:20 – 10:30 she will read – I am a Bunny	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-89

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	Para Transit Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2026 Approval to sign Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approve the Mayor and CAO to sign the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-90
10.2	Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Notes	

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Mayor Roden she will be attending the out of town annual TNRD Board Meeting this Wednesday and Thursday – Chase, Pritchard and area and then up to Sun Peaks for the meeting. Reminder of the scheduled BC Hydro Power outage May 31 Mayor Roden thanked staff for the proactive messaging reminding residents to use water sparingly during the outage and adhere to stage 4 restrictions.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett – Nothing to report	
11.3	Councillor Clement – Nothing to report	
11.4	Councillor Davenport – Nothing to report	
11.5	Councillor Tedford – Verbal SILGA - Part 2 Verbal Seniors Meeting Both verbal reports are attached and from part of these minutes Lorne Doerkson – and Seniors advocate Dan Leavitt –Hosting a session on Safety and Accessibility for Seniors Tuesday June 23 11:30 – 1:00 at the Ashcroft Community Hall	
	It was noted that there is concern regarding the Province’s increasing linkage between economic development and health advocacy, and whether local governments may be expected to take on a greater role in promoting healthcare initiatives as part of economic development efforts.	

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday May 25, 2026 at 7:44 PM

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, May 25, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

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

PART TWO: (Presented at May 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting)

Friday's focus moved on to more financial and economic discussions.

During breakfast - we had a presentation from the Outdoor Recreation Centre of BC and BC Snowmobile Federation.

Eight out of 10 people in BC, participate in outdoor sport, which equals \$4.8B to BC's Economy.

We had an emotional but direct presentation about our Library System and its place in our Communities, and it has grown in many directions. Librarians call themselves (in the SILGA area) - Social Workers with no training. They deal with homelessness, drug addiction, lack of funding and attempting to grow beyond 'books and paper' ... but also into Social Activity.

Later that day, I toured the Revelstoke Library. It was amazing to see the interaction of all age groups, and how forward-thinking they are.

Presentation by Doug Gilchrist (City Manager for Kelowna): He explained that Kelowna tries to view itself as 'Entrepreneurs in Bureaucrats Clothing'. It was a great discussion on not being afraid of private Municipal partnership. IE: Community Forests / AI Data Centres.

In their case, a program between Tennis Canada and Kelowna - to 'half and half' on a Park Development Program. They also use Heritage Buildings (owned and or purchased by the City) to develop a lease-based program with the private sector.

Friday's Keynote was Gitane DeSilva. She is the niece of one of our Ashcroft residents. I could have listened to her all day. She is a Canadian Diplomat who sat at the CUSMA negotiations table with Trump's Republicans, during his first term.

Some quick facts from her were:

- We still do \$2.5B of cross-border trade, per day
- 90% of energy exports still go south of the border
- Canada still only trades about 15% with China, however, in the last 4 years China has become the #1 trading partner for 90% of the world's countries.

The take-away was "what was once a strength, may have become a weakness"

Friday afternoon was a short presentation by Randeem Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. She fielded a lot of concerns about funding for mitigation work, like the Merritt Dikes. She also said that the Province will be lessening monitoring of Sewage Treatment Plant discharge - but it was difficult to understand whether that was solid waste or water returned to the ground.

The UBCM President Corey Ramsey spoke primarily about Bill M216 - which is the proposal to remove local control over monitoring Development Applications and timelines.

We had a Forestry Panel Presentation which was interesting. The biggest take-away for me was: that Community Forests are generally much larger than Wood Lots. There are approximately 800 in BC ... and that the Community Forest Conference will be held June 3rd-5th.

Saturday morning, I was in a Workshop, where I did a participation exercise led by a lady named Aylice Laird, from Amplify Inc. The Exercise was regarding communication, engagement and reputation building ... and how those 3 things impact your ability to collaborate, hire and attract people, permanently to your community ... etc. I was fortunate to sit across from the CAO of Salmon Arm, for our one-on-one discussion.

Late morning Saturday, was a joint presentation by Josie Osbourne (Minister of Health) and Brittney Anderson (Minister of State for Local Government and Rural Communities)
Primarily - the take-away from that, was that the Recruitment Drive to American Medical Staff that wanted to work in BC, in the SILGA area alone - had brought in 40 new Nurses, 20 Physicians and 23 other Medical Staff.

As Jonah noted, Saturday focused much around former MLA George ABBOTT - and his friend / legal mentor Don Lidstone and his presentation regarding his book 'Unceded', and a brief synopsis of the history of the development of the Reservation System within our Province, by comparison to others. And the legalities of the Cowichan Tribe's decision, recently on Vancouver Island.
Primarily - a clarification of Aboriginal Title VS Fee-simple land ownership and discussion about the huge change that those decisions will make in the upcoming decades, after the Appeal of Provincial Supreme Court Judgement is concluded.

The last little take-away was the Trade Show. Focus of many of the Trade Show Presenters was that there was a need for housing, to support Contracted Tradespersons and Workers. Even to the point of ENBRIDGE, not only recruiting workers with a hand-out ... but more importantly, a call for accommodation help with rooms, homes and even RV spaces.

Thank you!

Verbal Report - for the General Meeting of the Ashcroft / Cache Creek Seniors Association

Meeting was held May 21st, 2026. Approximately 14 people in attendance.

Basically - the following items were discussed:

- The Strawberry Tea will now be held June 13th, 2026
- There was discussion about proceeding with the Bursary for Desert Sands School, and qualifying recipient. I'm not sure where that finished.
- There was discussion regarding the 'lease' of the Seniors Association area. They acknowledged that they could not lease anywhere else in town, for the current cost. And - that renewal is upon them.
- There was a presentation by Daniel and Marina, to participate at 'no charge' in a program for the Seniors Members. The program would be to create a glass mosaic, focused around the theme of 'memories around family passed'. They brought an example of how it would look. I am not sure how the conversation ended, because there was much discussion about timing, placement and facilitating the project.
- It was announced that the Men's Support Group was not being attended, and would finish at the end of June 2026.
- Another item was that half of the Members seem to think that the A/C works fine ... and 1/2 don't think it does. I was asked (at my own prompting) to speak to Administration about the possibility of correctly installing the A/C unit supplied by the Association. I have subsequently met with DPW Bennewith. And the conversation continues.
- There was discussion about accessibility to the building. President Marsh sits on the Accessibility Committee in the Village. He announced that there would be Study forthcoming, in conjunction with the Rick Hansen Foundation, to look at many issues within the Village.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Cam Tedford

May 25, 2026

+ notice of MLA Doerkson
and Seniors advocate Levitt coming

REGULAR MEETING



TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2026

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,

SUBJECT: Renewing the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City Relationship and Heritage Park Mural

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council direct the Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Working Group to explore opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship, including options for a replacement Heritage Park mural, opportunities for cultural exchange and community engagement, and report back to Council with recommendations.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding discussions with representatives from Bifuka, Japan, discuss the future of the Heritage Park mural, and seek Council direction regarding opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniela Dyck'.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

The Village of Ashcroft and the Town of Bifuka, Japan have maintained a Sister City relationship for more than 25 years. Over that time, the relationship has included visits between elected officials and community members, cultural exchanges, student exchange opportunities, and ongoing communication between the two communities.

Concerns regarding the condition of the Heritage Park mural were raised with Council in 2024 by community members, including Mrs. Hiroko Kanamaru. In response, Council directed staff to assess the condition of the mural and engage with representatives from Bifuka regarding its future.

Local artist Jo Petty completed an assessment of the mural and concluded that while repairs could be undertaken, they would provide only a temporary solution and would not address the long-term deterioration of the artwork. Since that time, the mural has continued to deteriorate and replacement has emerged as the preferred long-term option.

Discussions with representatives from Bifuka confirmed that the community is unable to provide an artist to undertake a replacement mural. However, Bifuka has expressed support for a replacement project and

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provided photographs and reference materials that may inspire a future mural designed and created by local artists in Ashcroft.

The discussions also highlighted an opportunity to strengthen communication and engagement between the two communities and explore ways to revitalize the longstanding Sister City relationship.

DISCUSSION

The existing mural in Heritage Park has served as a lasting symbol of the friendship between Ashcroft and Bifuka. Designed by the late Mr. Nagaki, the mural was gifted to the Village and remains an important cultural feature within Heritage Park.

While the condition of the mural prompted this discussion, staff believe the larger opportunity before Council is the renewal and strengthening of the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship.

The recent interest expressed by Mrs. Kanamaru and the support expressed by Mayor Kusano demonstrate a shared desire to strengthen communication and engagement between the two communities. Ashcroft's strong Japanese and Chinese heritage remains an important part of the community's history and identity, and the Sister City relationship provides a meaningful opportunity to recognize and celebrate those cultural connections.

Staff believe the replacement of the Heritage Park mural should be viewed as one component of a broader initiative to renew and strengthen the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship.

The Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Working Group is well positioned to explore opportunities and develop recommendations for Council's consideration, including:

- Options for a replacement mural or commemorative feature;
- Opportunities to strengthen communication and engagement with Bifuka;
- Cultural, educational, and community exchange opportunities;
- Funding opportunities, sponsorships, and partnerships;
- Engagement of local artists and interested community members; and
- Identification of community champions to help support the relationship moving forward.

Bifuka has advised that it is unable to send artists to participate in a future mural project. Should Council choose to proceed, the project would therefore rely primarily on local artists and community volunteers, potentially drawing inspiration from photographs and reference materials provided by Bifuka.

CONCLUSION

The Heritage Park mural has served as a lasting symbol of the friendship between Ashcroft and Bifuka for more than two decades. While replacement of the mural has emerged as the preferred long-term option, discussions with Bifuka have highlighted an opportunity to strengthen and renew the broader Sister City relationship.

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Directing the Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Working Group to explore these opportunities will allow community members to develop recommendations regarding a replacement mural and future initiatives that celebrate Ashcroft's cultural heritage and strengthen ties with Bifuka.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with receiving this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications associated with this report.

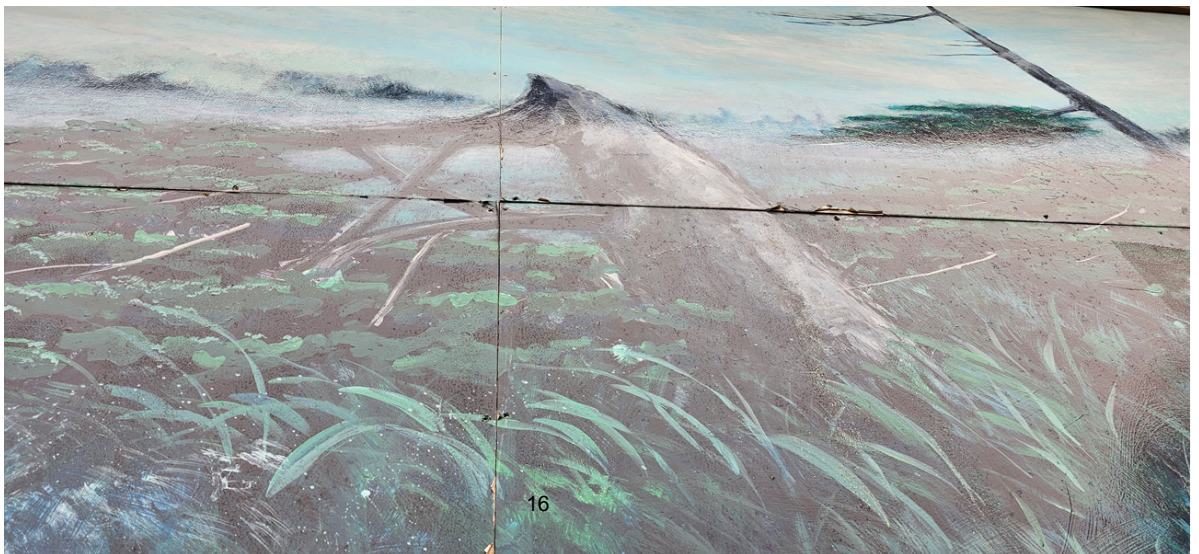
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This initiative aligns with Council's Strategic Plan goal of Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Amenities and supports Council's commitment to historical preservation, cultural enrichment, community engagement, and enhancing quality of life for residents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Current photographs of the Heritage Park mural.
2. Correspondence from Mayor Takaharu Kusano
3. Concept images provided by Bifuka.





2024年12月6日

アシュクラフト村
村長 バーバラ ロデン 様

日ごとに寒さが深まってまいりましたが、いかがお過ごしでしょうか。

ご報告が遅くなり申し訳ございませんでしたが、ご相談いただいております壁画の件について、ご連絡いたします。

ご承知かと思いますが、壁画を描かれました長岐さんは既に亡くなっており、同行していた方々も高齢になっておりますので、残念ながら壁画を描ける画家が町内にはおりません。

町内のデザイナーなどにも相談してみましたが、大きな壁画は描くことができないと言われております。

小さなサイズの絵を探しておりますが、壁画になりそうな絵が見つからず苦勞しております。

写真でよければお送りすることができますが、アシュクラフト村のアーティストの方に写真を見ながら壁画を描いていただくことは可能でしょうか。

何枚か写真を同封いたしますので、ご検討をよろしく願いいたします。

今後も友好都市としての交流と絆が益々深まることを願っております。

美深町長 草野孝治

December 6, 2024

Village of Ashcroft

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden

It's getting colder every day, but how are you all doing?

We apologize for the late reply, but we would like to inform you about the mural you have been discussing.

As you may know, Mr. Nagaki, who painted the mural, has already passed away, and the people who accompanied him are also elderly, so unfortunately there is no painter in the town who can paint a mural.

I have consulted with designers in the town, but they have said that they cannot paint a large mural.

I am looking for a small-sized painting, but I am having trouble finding one that can be used as a mural.

If you don't mind, I can send you a photo, but would it be possible for an artist from Ashcroft Village to paint the mural while looking at the photo?

I am enclosing some photos, so please consider them.

We hope that our exchanges and bonds as friendly cities will continue to deepen in the future.

Mayor of Bifuka, Takaharu Kusano



(松山湿原 (まつやましつげん))



(函岳 (はこだけ))



(天塩川 (てしおがわ))

REGULAR MEETING



TO: Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** June 8, 2026
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,
SUBJECT: **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 Delegation – Permissive Tax Exemption Request**

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding a request received from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 for a permissive tax exemption and to outline the legislative and administrative considerations associated with such requests.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND

Representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 appeared as a delegation at a recent Regular Council Meeting and requested that Council consider providing a permissive tax exemption for the Legion Hall property. During the delegation, the Legion highlighted its ongoing support of veterans, local organizations, schools, community initiatives, and charitable causes. Council also heard examples of direct support provided to veterans and residents in need. Council acknowledged the important role the Legion plays within the community and the contributions it continues to make to veterans and residents of Ashcroft.

Subsequent to the delegation presentation, CFO Bhalla confirmed that the total 2026 property taxes levied on the Legion properties, excluding the skateboard park parcel, amount to \$8,113.21. The Legion Hall property accounts for the majority of these taxes, totalling \$6,466.50.

DISCUSSION

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Section 224 of the Community Charter authorizes municipalities to provide permissive tax exemptions to eligible organizations through a bylaw adopted by Council.

Permissive tax exemptions are discretionary. While an organization may meet the eligibility requirements established by the Community Charter, Council is under no obligation to grant an exemption. The Village's

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current Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871 was adopted on October 15, 2024 and establishes permissive tax exemptions for the period 2025 through 2029 inclusive. Any addition of properties or organizations not currently included within the bylaw would require Council to amend the existing bylaw and comply with the applicable public notice requirements prescribed by the Community Charter.

CURRENT STATUS

The Royal Canadian Legion's request was received after adoption of the Village's current Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, which establishes exemptions for the period 2025 through 2029 inclusive. In order for a property to be included in a permissive tax exemption for a given taxation year, an application must be received and considered by Council, any required amendment to the permissive tax exemption bylaw must be adopted, and the bylaw must be forwarded to the Province by October 31 of the preceding year. As the Legion Hall property was not included in Bylaw No. 871 and no bylaw amendment was considered or adopted prior to the October 31 deadline, the request cannot be accommodated for the 2026 taxation year.

Should the Legion wish to pursue a permissive tax exemption for future taxation years, a formal written request may be submitted for Council's consideration. Council may then determine whether it wishes to consider an amendment to Bylaw No. 871.

EXISTING MUNICIPAL SUPPORT

Council may wish to note that the Village currently provides several forms of support to the Royal Canadian Legion:

- The Village's Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw currently exempts the Legion's cenotaph property from municipal taxation.
- The Village pays the municipal taxes and frontage charges associated with the skateboard park property in accordance with the existing lease agreement. Council should note that the current lease agreement is scheduled for renewal in the near future.
- The Village provides sidewalk snow clearing services adjacent to the Legion and cenotaph properties fronting Brink Street and 3rd Street.

These measures represent direct and indirect support currently provided by the Village.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Based on the information presented by the Legion, the organization may be eligible for consideration under the permissive tax exemption provisions of the Community Charter as a non-profit organization providing community benefit. However, permissive tax exemptions remain entirely within Council's discretion.

Council may also wish to consider that the Legion Hall property is utilized for a variety of purposes, including veterans' services, community events, fundraising activities, and licensed lounge operations. While revenues generated from these activities support Legion operations and community programs, municipalities vary in how they evaluate properties that contain revenue-generating components when considering permissive tax exemptions.

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Should the Legion wish to pursue a permissive tax exemption for future taxation years, a formal written request may be submitted for Council's consideration. At that time, Council may determine whether it wishes to consider an amendment to Bylaw No. 871.

CONCLUSION

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #77 has requested that Council consider a permissive tax exemption for the Legion Hall property. As the Legion Hall property is not included within the Village's current Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, which was adopted for the period 2025 through 2029 inclusive, the request cannot be accommodated for the 2026 taxation year.

The Village currently provides support to the Legion through a permissive tax exemption for the cenotaph property, payment of municipal taxes and frontage charges associated with the skateboard park property, and sidewalk snow clearing services adjacent to Legion-owned properties.

Should the Legion wish to pursue a permissive tax exemption for future taxation years, a formal written request may be submitted for Council's consideration. Council may then determine whether it wishes to consider an amendment to Bylaw No. 871 under the provisions of the Community Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for 2026.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Village's current Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw establishes exemptions for the period 2025 through 2029 inclusive. Any addition of properties or organizations would require amendment of Bylaw No. 871 and completion of the applicable legislative requirements.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report supports Council's commitment to responsible financial management, transparency, and ensuring equitable treatment of taxpayers while recognizing the contributions of community organizations.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the completion of Phase One of the Village's Water Meter Program and outline the next steps for the remaining phases of implementation.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved for Submission to Council:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Ashcroft initiated the Water Meter Program to modernize water system management, improve consumption tracking, support long-term infrastructure planning, and promote water conservation. Neptune Technology Group was retained to complete the installation of residential water meters and associated communication equipment.

The first phase of the project focused on the installation of indoor water meters for residential accounts within the Small Meter Program.

DISCUSSION:

Phase One Completion

The first phase of the Water Meter Program has now been substantially completed. Final production resulted in the successful installation of approximately 500 indoor water meters, representing approximately 75% completion of all accounts within the Small Meter Program.

As of project completion:

- 500 residential meter installations have been completed.
- Approximately 125 accounts remain outstanding.
- Additional homeowner outreach efforts, including direct contact and door-knocking campaigns, reduced the number of soft refusals from approximately 65 properties to 42 properties.
- The remaining outstanding accounts consist primarily of utility tasks, scheduling challenges, and homeowners who have not yet provided access for installation.

The significant reduction in outstanding accounts demonstrates the effectiveness of continued homeowner engagement throughout the project.

Technical Performance

Overall technical performance of the installation program exceeded expectations.

Key outcomes include:

- Approximately 77% of installed meters required transmitter wire runs to establish communication between the meter and transmitter.
- Final communication testing confirmed a 100% successful data transmission rate for installed equipment.
- No outstanding concerns related to backwater meter installations were identified.
- Access to the Neptune Connect platform will remain available through at least July 2027, providing continued support for monitoring and program administration.

The successful communication testing provides confidence that the installed system will reliably support future water consumption monitoring and reporting.

Safety and Quality Performance

The project was completed with an exceptional safety and quality record.

Project statistics include:

- Zero reported safety incidents.
- Zero property damage claims.
- Zero lost-time injuries.
- No significant homeowner complaints received during the installation phase.

Village staff and the contractor received generally positive feedback from participating homeowners regarding the installation process, communication efforts, and professionalism of installation crews.

Next Steps

With the residential indoor meter installation phase substantially complete, the project will now transition into the next stages of implementation:

1. Large Meter Program
 - Installation and commissioning of meters for larger commercial, industrial, and institutional services.
2. Pit Meter Program
 - Installation of pit meters at properties where indoor installations are not feasible or where property owners have not provided access for indoor meter installation as required by Village bylaws.

During both upcoming phases, Village staff in collaboration with Neptune Group have retained and trained a local plumber to complete the remaining residential indoor meter installations wherever possible. Homeowners with outstanding accounts will continue to be contacted and encouraged to schedule installations before alternative metering solutions are required.

CONCLUSION:

Phase One of the Water Meter Program has been successfully completed, achieving approximately 75% completion of the Small Meter Program and resulting in 500 installed residential water meters. The project

has been completed with excellent safety and quality outcomes, no significant homeowner concerns, and a fully functional communication network.

The Village will now proceed with the Large Meter Program and Pit Meter Program while continuing efforts to complete the remaining residential installations. Staff will provide Council with further updates as the project progresses.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

The Water Meter Program supports Council's strategic objectives related to sustainable infrastructure management, responsible asset planning, water conservation, and long-term financial sustainability.

Financial Implications

The project continues to proceed within the approved program framework. Completion of the remaining phases will ensure the Village realizes the full operational and water management benefits anticipated through implementation of the Water Meter Program.



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Yoginder Bhalla, CFO
SUBJECT: Verbal Report -Financial Update

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2026

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report and future reports is 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.

DISCUSSION:

In the interest of transparency and to allow Council the opportunity for questions and dialogue during meetings, topics for verbal reports will be included on the agenda using this report template.

Verbal Report Items:

- YTD financials
- Statutory Reports
- Economic Outlook
- Investment thesis

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2026
FROM: Gwen Dost, FireSmart Coordinator
SUBJECT: EOC Stakeholders Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

For Information

Purpose:

This purpose of this report is to brief council on an EOC stakeholder meeting held May 28th, 2026

Prepared by:

Gwen Dost,
FireSmart Coordinator

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

On May 28th at the Ashcroft Fire Hall, Daniela and I hosted an Emergency Operations Stakeholders meeting with 18 representatives from BCWS, RCMP, Interior Health, Dawson, BC Fortis, TNRD, SD74, Village of Cache Creek, as well as Josh White and Brian Bennewith. Unfortunately, CN, CPKC, BCEHS, ESS, BC Hydro, AIB, and Cook’s Ferry were unable to attend. The objective of the meeting was to better understand each organization’s available resources, response capabilities, and potential role during an emergency affecting the Village and surrounding area.

It was a productive few hours of discussion about who does what in the event of an emergency that requires EOC activation, with focus on wildfire. We spent time on evacuations, and what supports are in place in case an evacuation needs to happen. Mike Knouff, the TNRD Emergency Program Coordinator, was a great source of information as he has been involved heavily in EOC operations.

Vanessa Purves, a BCWS Senior Wildfire Officer gave a great presentation on the 2026 seasonal outlook from their weather forecaster which gave insight into what goes into determining drought levels and fire ratings.

I came away from this meeting with a better understanding of who to contact and what the protocols are when contacting organizations through the EOC. We created an updated list of contact information of the present organizations for future correspondence, and I will reach out to those who were unable to attend for their updated information. Meetings like this build my understanding of the EOC training that I have had over the past year with the Village, and I feel ready to support the Village in the event of an emergency – but hope it’s not necessary!

From: [MARKEWICZ DANIELLE](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Cc: [YAMAMOTO KAZUKI](#)
Subject: Read Japan Project 2026: Call for Applications [Ashcroft]
Date: June 3, 2026 2:57:48 PM
Attachments: [READ JAPAN PROJECT 2026 Call for Applications.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Daniela Dyck,

This is Danielle Markewicz with the Culture and Public Relations section of the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver. I hope this email finds you well!

I received your contact information from my colleague, Machi Saito, who visited you last year in October and introduced the READ JAPAN PROJECT, which provides Japan-related English-language books each year to select institutions on an application basis. The applications for this year's project are now open, so I wanted to inquire if you are interested in applying. I was unsure who to direct this information to, so if you could direct me to the most appropriate person, that would be greatly appreciated.

The READ JAPAN PROJECT promotes understanding of Japan by donating Japan-related books in English to institutions and libraries. Since its inception in 2008, the project has donated books to over 1,600 institutions worldwide. It is currently administered by the Tokyo Foundation, with financial support from The Nippon Foundation. The aim of the project is not only to support the work of Japan specialists—such as researchers, opinion leaders, and intellectuals—but also to foster understanding among nonspecialists. By doing so, we seek to contribute to cross-cultural exchange from a long-term perspective.

There are 354 titles available in total, including titles on (1) Politics and International Relations, (2) Economy and Business, (3) Society and Culture, (4) History, (5) Literature and the Arts, (6) Manga, and (7) Japanese language (including textbooks for learning Japanese). For a list of titles available for this project, please see the website here: <https://readjapan.org/synopsis/>

In order to start the application process, it's necessary to secure a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment (i.e. the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver), so if you are interested in applying, please reply to this email indicating your interest.

Applications for this year are now open and the deadline to secure a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment is June 24th (Vancouver time)/June 25th (Japan time), with the final application deadline being July 1st (Vancouver time)/July 2nd (Japan time). Please see the attached document for more details about the program and the application process.

Please let me know if you are interested in applying for this opportunity or if you have any questions!

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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READ JAPAN PROJECT 2026: Call for Applications

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This project provides books annually on an application basis. Applications may only be submitted by institutions recommended by a Japanese diplomatic establishment; therefore, all interested institutions should first secure a recommendation. Only online applications are accepted. Please read Section 5 (Application) carefully before submitting your application.

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1. Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Be a research-related institution (e.g., university, think tank) or a library (university or public library). Individuals are not eligible.
- Obtain a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment (embassy, consulate, or permanent mission) before applying.
(There is no need to secure a letter, as the recommendation will be directly submitted by a diplomatic establishment to the project secretariat.)
- Agree to cover customs fees, VAT, and other related charges incurred in the destination country.
(The project covers the costs of selected books and international shipping. However, if a diplomatic establishment receives the books first, the institution must cover the cost of domestic shipping from the diplomatic establishment to the institution.)
- Confirm the availability of a commercial shipping method from Japan to the destination country or region.

Additional Considerations: (Not mandatory but valued in the screening process)

1. The institution or library has — or is expected to have — a significant number of users interested in Japan-related topics.
2. Users of the institution or library have sufficient English proficiency to understand university-level academic content, as most books are written for scholarly purposes.

Notes:

- Institutions that have previously received books from this project are eligible to apply but only for books that they have not already received (each institution may only receive 1 copy per title). Priority will be given to first-time applicants.
- Custom fees, VAT, and other related charges incurred in the destination country must be borne by the applicant.

2. Book Titles and Categories

This project features a total of 354 books, selected by a committee of Japanese and non-Japanese scholars, journalists, and other specialists. The titles fall under the following seven categories: (1) Politics and International Relations, (2) Economy and Business, (3) Society and Culture, (4) History, (5) Literature and the Arts, (6) Manga, and (7) Japanese language (incl. textbooks for learning Japanese).

To view the full list of books, please visit our website: <https://readjapan.org/synopsis/>

3. Number of Books

The selection of books to be sent to a successful applicant is decided on a request-basis. However, as we aim to send book donations to many institutions, **each institution is limited to selecting 180 titles per application.** If an institution wishes to request more than 180 titles, the secretariat encourages them to apply again in the subsequent year.

To make the selection process easier, the project has prepared pre-selected book lists across seven genres. These books were chosen based on their availability for RJP2025 and their popularity. (The pre-selected book lists can be viewed upon accessing the online application form.)

While every effort will be made to provide books in accordance with the requests submitted, **the exact number donated may need to be adjusted by the secretariat based on the total number of successful applicants and the project budget.** Please be aware that some titles chosen by applicants may not be available when the project secretariat places the order, as they may be 'out of print'

according to the publisher. Hardcover editions may be replaced by paperback editions.

Note: In addition to the books selected through the application, the project plans to provide each successful applicant with a set of books (eight titles in total) related to the activities of the Nippon Foundation, the financial sponsor of this project. The number of copies provided will depend on availability at the time of shipment. These titles will be automatically included and will not count toward the 180-title limit that each institution may apply for.

4. Schedule (Subject to change)

Period	Details
April – June 25, 2026	Applicants consult with the Japanese diplomatic establishment to obtain a recommendation.
Early–Mid May – July 2, 2026	Online application period. The opening of the application will be announced on the News page of our website: https://readjapan.org/news/
July 2, 2026 (24:00 UTC)	Application deadline.
Late August – Early September 2026	Notification of screening results.
October 2026 – January 2027	Communication with successful applicants regarding shipping details.
From February 2027	Shipment dispatched from Japan.

Notes:

- In order to receive a link to an online application form, applicants should first obtain a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment. The project secretariat encourages applicants to ask a Japanese diplomatic establishment to send a recommendation to the secretariat no later than seven days before the application deadline.
- The book shipment is expected to be sent in February 2027. Shipment may be delayed, however, if the information provided (shipping address, etc.) is either incomplete or inaccurate.
- If the book shipment needs to be halted due to reasons in the destination country (e.g., not transportable from Japan), and, despite every effort made by the project secretariat to dispatch the books, if more than 6 months have passed since the initial scheduled shipping date, book donations may be automatically cancelled.
- Recipient institutions must be responsive to messages and announcements from the project secretariat. **Persistent failures to reply to the secretariat may result in the cancellation of the book donation.**

5. Application

Applicants who have obtained a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment in their country or region will be contacted directly by the secretariat (outsourcing contractor: Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, or JPIC, readjapanproject2026@jp-pic.or.jp) and provided with application details, including a link to the online application. (Only online applications will be accepted; applications sent by email will not be reviewed.)

5-1. Online Application

Upon accessing the link provided by the project secretariat, there are three steps to follow.

Step 1 Book Selection

- Choose up to 180 titles from the list of 354 available titles (3 Methods):
 - Select books individually (pick specific titles one by one from the full list),
 - Choose one or more pre-selected book lists
 - Use both methods
- Review pre-selected books by genre to see if they meet your needs. The genres and the number of titles in each list are as follows:
 - Politics / International Relations – 30
 - Economics / Business – 20
 - Society / Culture – 40
 - History – 30
 - Literature / Arts – 30
 - Manga – 10
 - Japanese Language – 20

(The pre-selected book lists can be viewed upon accessing the online application form.)

Step 2 Book Request Form Submission

- Book Request Form (Excel) is available for download on the linked page.
- Applicants may either choose from the pre-selected book lists by genre or manually select books from the full list. Please type '1' in the right-hand column next to the titles your institution wishes to receive.
- Save the completed file and upload it when submitting the Application Form.

Step 3 Application Form Submission

5-2. Application Form

Applicants are NOT able to temporarily save any information and subsequently resume data entry, so please have all the required information ready before starting the online application process.

Please note that once the application is submitted, you will NOT, in principle, be able to make any changes.

The following is a list of information applicants will need to answer.

5-2-1. Basic Information

(1) Official name of the applying institution. If the institution is either a university or a part of a university, write the name of the university ONLY. If the applying institution is unattached to a university (public library, research institution, cultural center, etc.), write the name of the organization.

***Please specify the name that should appear on official letters and the framed certificate that will be sent together with donated books.**

(2) Department, etc., of the applying institution in charge of book application (leave blank if same as (1) above).

Sample entries for (1) and (2)

(1) Official name of applying institution	(2) Department, etc., in charge of book application
Read Japan University	Read Japan Project Library
University of Nippon	Department of Japanese Studies
Tokyo Public Library	(blank)

- (3) Courtesy title (Mr., Ms., Mx., Dr., Prof., Prof. Dr.) and full name of contact person
- (4) Job title (Example: Librarian, Program Officer, Coordinator, etc.)
- (5) Regularly used email
- (6) Additional email which is different from (5) above
*Required in case we cannot reach the contact person at the above regularly used email address.
- (7) Phone number including country code
- (8) Official website, if any
- (9) Official Facebook account, official X account, official Instagram account, and other official social media account, if any
- (10) Name of Japanese diplomatic establishment where applicant received a recommendation
- (11) Courtesy title (Mr., Ms., Mx., Dr., Prof., Prof. Dr.) and full name of above diplomatic establishment's primary contact person
- (12) Email address of diplomatic establishment's primary contact person
*Please do not mention the email address of "the Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture (JPIC)" which is NOT a Japanese diplomatic establishment.
- (13) Reason for applying (max. 200 words)

5-2-2. Documents to be Uploaded

- (14) Completed **Book Request Form**
*Download the template from the application page (the URL and password will be provided by the project secretariat upon receipt of a recommendation by a Japanese diplomatic establishment).
*An applicant may either choose from the pre-selected book lists by genre or manually select titles from the full list. Please type '1' in the right-hand column next to the books your institution wishes to receive. Please note that each applicant is limited to a maximum request of 180 titles.
- (15) Signed **Consent Form for Custom Fees etc.** incurred in the destination country
*Applicants must duly sign the form before submitting.
- (16) Signed **GDPR Consent Form**, if applicable.
*Applicants from GDPR countries must duly sign the form before submitting.
- (17) Select the destination of the book shipment – Applicant institution or Diplomatic establishment
Signed **Japanese diplomatic establishment's Consent Form** is necessary if books are to be shipped to the establishment from which the applicant received a recommendation.
*A Japanese diplomatic establishment's consent must be obtained by the applicant before submitting this application form.

5-2-3. Shipping Information

***Address to be printed on the shipping label**

- (18) Preferred shipping method
*The project secretariat cannot guarantee that parcels will be shipped via the applicant's preferred method, as it may be unavailable at the time of shipping.
- (19) Name of addressee (individual and/or office name)
*Skip from (19) to (25) if you select "Diplomatic establishment" in above (17)
- (20) Street address ***PO boxes not accepted**
- (21) City
- (22) Province/state
- (23) Postal code
- (24) Country

- (25) Phone number including country code
- (26) Check yes or no: "Have you received books from the READ JAPAN PROJECT before?"
*Confirm by viewing the list of past recipients (<https://readjapan.org/recipients/>).
- (27) If you answered yes to the above question, what year(s) did you receive books?
- (28) For future reference, specify any Japan-related books desired by the applying institution that are not included in the 354 books available under this project, if any.
- (29) Are there times of the year when your institution cannot receive book deliveries? If so, please indicate the usual period (specific dates are appreciated).
* Although the dispatch schedule for RJP2026 is not yet fixed, books are generally shipped between February and March.
- (30) Check the statement: "As the institutional applicant, I declare that the information provided above is correct."

6. Screening and Notification

Applications will be screened based on eligibility by the secretariat. Applicants will be notified of the results at the time indicated in Section 4. (Schedule). Applicants are responsible for providing the information requested within the timeframe set by the secretariat.

7. Post-Donation Requirements

Recipients are expected to cooperate and respond to the secretariat's communication and requests. Requests include sharing photos of book donation ceremonies to be published on READ JAPAN PROJECT's social media and website as well as participating in surveys and other follow-up activities. Recipients are also encouraged to share project-related activities on their own social media pages and websites.

8. FAQ

Q1. We've received books through the project before. Can we apply again?

Yes. Institutions that have previously received Japan-related books from this project are eligible to apply but, in principle, only for books that they have not already received (one copy per title). Priority will be given to first-time applicants.

Q2. Can non-profit and non-governmental organizations apply?

Eligibility will depend on the applicant's mission and reasons for applying. You will need to receive a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment (embassy, consulate, or permanent mission) in your country or region, so please contact them first.

Q3. What is GDPR? And does my institution need to submit the GDPR Consent Form?

The GDPR is an EU regulation on data protection and privacy in the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA). Whether you need to submit the form or not depends on which country you will apply from. For details, please refer to the following links.

EU Countries

https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/countries_en

EEA Countries (Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein)

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European Economic Area \(EEA\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:European_Economic_Area_(EEA))

Countries recognized as offering an adequate level of data protection

Q4. How much will successful applicants need to pay in tax-related fees?

Custom fees, VAT, and other related charges incurred in the destination country are unable to be estimated by the secretariat prior to the arrival of book parcels at customs. Factors affecting costs include the titles and number of books selected, shipping method, and the custom policy at the destination country. If an applicant would like to know these costs, they should contact their country’s authority for inquiry about such fees.

Q5. What is the size and weight of the boxes in which the books will be shipped?

The boxes are expected to come in three sizes: small (27.5cm×38cm×13.8cm), medium (26.5cm×35cm×22.5), and large (35.5cm×50cm×24.5cm). Most boxes will contain fewer than 30 books.

Q6. What is the total cost of the books and shipping?

For reference, the table below shows sample book shipment details for the READ JAPAN PROJECT 2024, including approximate total book prices and shipping costs.

Please note that the figures provided are estimates only and may vary depending on factors such as currency exchange rates. The figures are provided for reference only and do not represent the actual costs for the READ JAPAN PROJECT 2026.

*The table lists recipient countries by region and the mode of transportation for each shipment, as shipping costs vary by transport method.

Region /country	No. of books shipped	Shipping method	Shipping costs covered by the project	Total price of books covered by the project *Excl. customs- related fees	Weight (kg)	No .of boxes
Africa						
Namibia	131	DHL	US\$2,060	US\$7,104	81	5
Nigeria	183	DHL	US\$2,584	US\$10,949	110	6
Tunisia	38	International mail (air)	US\$458	US\$1,209	24	2
Asia						
Indonesia	72	EMS	US\$388	US\$4,401	44	3
Indonesia	180	DHL	US\$693	US\$10,863	109	6
Indonesia	123	International mail (cargo ship)	US\$311	US\$6,822	77	5
Philippines	173	International mail (cargo ship)	US\$432	US\$9,458	112	6
Philippines	124	DHL	US\$546	US\$8,583	80	5
Philippines	175	International mail (air)	US\$810	US\$10,942	90	5
Philippines	95	FedEx	US\$822	US\$6,371	54	3

Region /country	No. of books shipped	Shipping method	Shipping costs covered by the project	Total price of books covered by the project *Excl. customs-related fees	Weight (kg)	No. of boxes
Europe						
Bosnia and Herzegovina	179	DHL	US\$2,811	US\$11,390	109	6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	159	International mail (cargo ship)	US\$461	US\$9,011	103	5
Serbia	124	International mail (cargo ship)	US\$376	US\$6,004	82	5
Serbia	137	International mail (air)	US\$1,292	US\$7,010	89	5
Spain	139	International mail (air)	US\$1,413	US\$7,919	97	6
Spain	177	DHL	US\$1,497	US\$11,960	114	7
Spain	182	EMS	US\$1,930	US\$9,957	119	7
Latin America and the Caribbean						
Belize	182	DHL	US\$2,584	US\$12,380	110	6
Brazil	131	International mail (air)	US\$1,436	US\$9,687	82	5
Chile	103	DHL	US\$2,272	US\$5,879	72	4
Costa Rica	106	DHL	US\$2,060	US\$4,767	68	4
Mexico	166	International mail (air)	US\$1,478	US\$11,684	101	6
Mexico	181	DHL	US\$1,407	US\$10,577	113	6
Middle East						
Iraq	153	FedEx	US\$2,677	US\$10,247	100	6
Turkey	182	International mail (air)	US\$1,568	US\$12,644	110	6
Turkey	181	DHL	US\$1,497	US\$12,161	108	6
North America						
Canada	14	International mail (cargo ship)	US\$59	US\$1,042	11	1
Oceania						
Tonga	176	DHL	US\$2,584	US\$11,660	107	6

Q7. Does the project offer any Japan-related books written in other languages?

The books available for donation are primarily in English. However, there are a number of books on Japanese-language learning that are primarily in Japanese.

Q8. My previous application was rejected. Can I apply again?

Yes. Please read the Call for Applications carefully and submit all necessary information. Before submitting your application, you will also need to receive a recommendation from a Japanese diplomatic establishment (embassy, consulate, or permanent mission) in your country or region.

Q9. My university has two libraries in different locations, and one previously received books through this project. Can the other library apply?

Yes. Even if one of the libraries of the same university received books through this project before, the other can apply as a new applicant.

Q10. Can a Japanese university or library with many non-Japanese students/users apply?

The intended beneficiaries of this project are the institutions of foreign countries and regions. We do not accept applications from Japanese universities or libraries.

9. Organizational Information

The Nippon Foundation

The Nippon Foundation is a public interest incorporated foundation primarily engaged in supporting maritime and shipping-related activities, public and welfare services, and international cooperation, using a portion of the proceeds from motorboat racing, a legally licensed “public sport.” www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en.

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Inquiries should be directed to: READ JAPAN PROJECT secretariat.

Email: readjapanproject@tkfd.or.jp

Website: <https://readjapan.org/>

The project secretariat ONLY accepts project-related inquiries via email.



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June 01, 2026

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Project – Asphalt Surfacing - HWY 1/97 Venables Valley Rd. to JCT., HWY 99 Intermittent (78.8 Lane KM)

Key-West Asphalt (332) Ltd has been awarded the above mentioned project and intends to begin construction activities as below

Schedule – June 08, 2026 to August 05, 2026

Location – HWY 1/97 Venables Valley Rd. to JCT HWY 99

Hours – 07:00 AM – 07:00 PM

The above mentioned location will have Single Lane Alternating Traffic (SLAT), during the work hours. The closure may be either northbound or southbound, depending on operations.

Driveway access will be maintained as much as possible. Short traffic delays are expected; therefore, residents and travelers near the above mentioned location are advised to allow extra time when leaving their property due to temporary obstructions.

We will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to businesses and residents. However, due to the nature of this work, some disruption is unavoidable, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time.

If you require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Ajmer Dhatt

Superintendent

Cell: 604-764-6085

Email: adhatt@keywestasphalt.com

From: [EMCR CTL Admin EMCR:EX](#)
Cc: [Morrison, Andrew EMCR:EX](#); [Peters, Maximilian EMCR:EX](#); [Ryu, Trish EMCR:EX](#); [Kammerer, Jenifer EMCR:EX](#); [Pratt, Trevor EMCR:EX](#); [Robertson, Brent EMCR:EX](#)
Subject: BC HARS: 2026 link for distribution
Date: June 2, 2026 12:15:14 PM

Sent on behalf of EMCR,

The latest version of the BC Heat Alert and Response System is now available here: [BC HARS 2026](#). The BC HARS was developed to support planning and response efforts related to the public health impacts of significant heat events in BC. The alerting system helps individuals and communities to prepare for heat and protect themselves during a heat wave, and alerts decision-makers to take preventive actions to protect public health.

New for 2026: The BC HARS has updated the warning levels and activation guidelines for heat events to align with the new colour-coded weather alerting system used by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The BC HARS now has three warning levels—yellow, orange, and red—based on the anticipated impacts and likelihood of the weather forecasted by ECCC. This update follows federal changes across alerts for all weather hazards. The BC HARS: 2026 has mapped the province into four threshold zones with specific ranges of daytime and overnight temperatures that would trigger warnings for each zone. It also details the new activation guidelines, and which forecast regions are contained in each threshold zone.

To complement the BC HARS, the BCCDC has developed the BC HARS Lookup Tool; it can be found at: https://reporting.bccdc.ca/BC_HARS_lookup/. The Lookup Tool allows response partners to check the BC HARS zone and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) forecast region for any location in the province. It also provides summary information about historic summer (May—September, 2010—2024) temperatures in that region, based on ECCC observations.

Any questions on this can be directed to Heat.Response@gov.bc.ca

Best regards,

Lara Quigley

(She/her)

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If there is an emergency impacting the provincial health system, please contact our 24/7 Duty Officer at 250-686-6061 or hlth.dutyofficer@gov.bc.ca

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I respectfully acknowledge the unceded territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt and WS? NEC peoples'.

Sent by,

Gillian Dalgleish | She/Her

Regional Office Administrative Assistant

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Acknowledging that we are conducting our operations on the unceded traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.

From: [Terri Hadwin](#)
To: cao@cachecreek.ca; [Joni Heinrich](#); [CAO Lytton](#); cao@loganlake.ca; [Byron McCorkell](#); [Daniela Dyck](#); [Deanna Campbell](#); [Chief Administrative Officer](#); [Chief Administrative Officer](#); ddrexler@barriere.ca; [rick.green](#)
Subject: FW: Film Commission updates May 2026
Date: May 26, 2026 2:34:52 PM

Hello CAO's,

This information below has just been shared with the Board. All of this is public information. Feel free to share in your communications.



Terri Hadwin (she/her)

Thompson-Nicola Film Commissioner

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From: Terri Hadwin
Sent: May 26, 2026 2:30 PM
To: All TNRD Board <alltnrdboard@tnrd.ca>
Cc: Scott Hildebrand <shildebrand@tnrd.ca>; Colton Davies <cdavies@tnrd.ca>; Katie Brooks <kbrooks@tnrd.ca>
Subject: Film Commission updates May 2026

Here is a brief update on some of the recent Film Commission activities:

- The TNFC has been extremely busy with record numbers of enquiries in 2026. New projects will be filming in June and several have been scouting or filming in the last two months.
- A production filming near Merritt in June is seeking background performers. If you know of someone that might be interested, have them fill out this form with the casting agency: [Merritt/Princeton Background Performer Application](#)
- Terri represented the Thompson-Nicola at Creative Industries Week in Victoria and at the BCEDA summit in Penticton.
- [Ryan from Kamloops](#), local podcaster is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Telus Storyhive. Ryan will receive ten thousand dollars to fund his podcast, which he will use to highlight local non-profits.

- Many locally-shot films and homegrown talent were nominated for Canadian Screen Awards. The awards will be handed out in Toronto on May 27
 - The Thirteenth Wife: Escaping Polygamy — Best TV Movie, Best Lead Performer, TV Movie. Filmed in Ashcroft.
 - Not Your Butter Chicken — Priyanka Desai, Best Direction, Lifestyle or Information. Filmed in Kamloops.
 - Incandescence — Rob Stewart Award for Best Science or Nature Documentary Program or Series. Filmed in Monte Lake.
 - Hudson Williams — Best Lead Performer, Drama Series for Heated Rivalry. Grew up in Kamloops.
- See the TNRD on Film:
 - Underdog Inc – partially filmed in Barriere, is available to watch on [AMI](#)
 - Hoop Nations – partially filmed in Kamloops, is available to watch on [APTN](#)
 - A recent [North Face](#) commercial highlighted some picturesque TNRD locations.
 - [EMERGENCE: Women in the Storm](#), from award-winning filmmakers Nova Ami and Velcrow Ripper, goes beyond the headlines to explore how women are navigating climate-based emergencies. Available to stream for free on the Knowledge Network. Filmed in Lytton.
 - [Episode 1 of Coldwater Stories](#), a web series documenting the Coldwater Corridor River Recovery, is now available to watch on YouTube! Produced by local filmmaker Vesta Giles of Vanderso Productions, this first chapter reflects on the events of November 2021, while showcasing the resilience, regeneration, and determination that continues to shape Merritt’s recovery journey.

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



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June 1, 2026

RE: Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project – Update and Invitation to Phase 3 Regional Local Government Engagement Sessions (Spring 2026)

I am pleased to provide an update on the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (the Project) and invite local governments to participate in further engagement on proposed changes to the [Heritage Conservation Act \(HCA\)](#).

The Project aims to modernize the 30-year-old HCA to streamline permitting, rebuild faster after wildfires or floods, protect heritage more effectively, and ensure First Nations have a meaningful role in decision making regarding their heritage.

The work to modernize the HCA has been an ongoing process, spanning multiple years. Proposed changes to the HCA reflect feedback received through engagement with First Nations, local governments and industry throughout the project. We're listening and adapting proposed changes to the HCA to ensure changes brought forward result in updated legislation that works better for all people in British Columbia. We would like to thank those local governments who have participated and provided valuable input to date.

We have heard a desire for additional opportunities for local governments to learn more about the legislative proposals, provide input, and discuss implementation considerations. As a result, regional in-person engagement sessions dedicated to local governments are planned for June 2026. Each session will have an option for virtual participation.

Feedback from these sessions will help inform BC government decision-making and, pending Cabinet direction, the drafting of legislation, regulations, and guidance to support successful implementation.

Please sign up for a session by emailing us at EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca and indicating which session(s) you are registering for, and whether you intend to participate in-person or virtually. To support venue bookings, please respond as soon as possible and no later than the date(s) identified in the table below. Further details, such as confirmed venues, and links for virtual session participants will be sent to registrants.

Region	Date & Time	Location & Venue	Respond by:
Vancouver Island and Coast	June 11, 2026 12:30-3:30 pm	Nanaimo Venue TBC	June 8, 2026
Lower Mainland	June 12, 2026 9:30-12:30 pm	Vancouver/Surrey Venue TBC	June 8, 2026
Central and Northern BC	June 19, 2026 9:00-12:00 pm	Prince George Venue TBC	June 15, 2026
South and Central BC	June 22, 2026 1:00-4:00 pm	Kamloops Venue TBC	June 15, 2026

Closing Comments

We look forward hearing from you in the upcoming sessions.

If you have any questions regarding the project and/or upcoming engagement, please send an email to EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Jillian Rousselle
Assistant Deputy Minister
Tenures and Economics Division
Ministry of Forests

FIFA World Cup 2026™ is the largest tournament in soccer history, taking place from June 11th to July 19th in 16 cities across Canada, Mexico, and the United States, including seven matches hosted in Vancouver. British Columbia will step onto the world stage, and the excitement is building in every corner of our province.

Whether you plan to travel to Vancouver for a match, or if you will participate in local festivities in your home community, you are invited to join in the celebration.

Key Dates

- **June 11 – *Opening Match*** in Mexico City, Mexico
- **July 19 – *Final Match*** in New York, U.S.

Vancouver Matches

- **June 13** – Australia vs. Türkiye
- **June 18** – Canada vs. Qatar
- **June 21** – New Zealand vs. Egypt
- **June 24** – Switzerland vs. Canada
- **June 26** – New Zealand vs. Belgium
- **July 2** – Round of 32 Match
- **July 7** – Round of 16 Match

Local Community Events

The Province is providing over \$1.7 million to support 33 communities throughout B.C. to host local events that celebrate the unifying power of sport. This funding supports soccer-themed events and watch parties that foster community pride and cultural expression, benefit local businesses, and help attract visitors to regions during the tournament.

Canada Celebrates will bring the benefits of hosting to communities throughout Canada with family-friendly, all-ages events. Tumbler Ridge will host festivities on June 15, as a chance for the community to connect with watch parties, entertainment, and soccer-themed interactive experiences. Other communities in B.C. on the Canada Celebrates tour include Cranbrook, Nelson, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Revelstoke.

Explore how to celebrate as a community, activate public spaces, and create memorable experiences for residents and visitors using the **Community Activation Playbook**: <https://vancouverfwc26.ca/community-hub/community-activation>.

Learn about community-led celebrations happening around the province: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026TACS0020-000332>.

Explore World Cup inspired events happening across Vancouver and the region here: <https://www.destinationvancouver.com/world-cup-events>.

FIFA Fan Festival™

FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver is the city's official destination to watch the tournament and over the course of 28 days more than 70 matches will be broadcast live on screens and the grounds will feature entertainment from Canadian and global artists. A free event accessible to all and set within the historic PNE Grounds at Hastings Park, the festival will feature football activations, elevated food and beverage offerings, and experiences from partners. Premium seating can be purchased in the Amphitheatre.

Learn about the festival at <https://www.vancouverfwc26.ca/fifa-fan-festival>.

Science World and the FIFA Museum

Science World will host Soccer and Technology from the FIFA Museum, presented in partnership with the Province, which takes fans behind the scenes of the game, showing how innovation has shaped its continuing evolution. Making its North American debut, the new exhibition runs from May 15 until September 7 and is part of a summer of celebration of science and sport. Science World has been unveiled as The Beautiful Dome, a massive, 360-degree, 40-metre-diameter recreation of the Adidas Trionda, the official match ball.

BC Business House

BC Business House at the Vancouver Convention Centre will host business-related events, meetings, and functions during the World Cup. You are warmly invited to attend investment and trade events, including sector showcases. BC Business House is presented by the Province, Invest in Canada, and Invest Vancouver.

Register today at www.britishcolumbia.ca/bcbusinesshouse.

Know Before You Go and Emergency Management

To ensure your travel is safe and as worry-free as possible, learn more about official emergency channels, emergency services, medical advice, and helpful local supports available. Find a variety of helpful resources for fans planning to visit Vancouver and where to find essential emergency information here:

<https://www.vancouverfwc26.ca/know-before-you-go/need-to-know>.

- The City of Vancouver issues public safety alerts for urgent and severe emergencies. Get emergency alerts delivered straight to your phone, download the [Alertable App](#).
- Stay informed on important safety instructions and active emergencies in Vancouver at [Vancouver.ca/Alerts](https://vancouver.ca/alerts).
- Follow @EmergencyInfoBC or visit [EmergencyInfoBC.ca](https://emergencyinfobc.ca).
- If you need an immediate response from police, fire, or ambulance, call 9-1-1. [Learn more about when to call 9-1-1](#).
- Follow @VancouverPD to stay updated on police emergencies in Vancouver.
- Follow @rcmpgrcpolice for information on police emergencies in jurisdictions outside Vancouver like the YVR airport.
- For non-emergency services, information about Vancouver, or to report issues in Vancouver, call 3-1-1 or download the [Van311 app](#). Get details on parks and recreation, cycling and e-scooters, or report noise, graffiti, and more.
- Check for up-to-date road closures, conditions, weather data, and webcams with 24/7 transportation updates on [DriveBC.ca](https://drivebc.ca).
- Monitor [wildfire information](#) and the status of [prohibitions and restrictions](#) on [BCWildfire.ca](https://bcwildfire.ca) or follow @bcgowildfireinfo.

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Sent: June 4, 2026 1:15 PM
To: Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <mayor@ashcroftbc.ca>
Cc: Jacqui Schneider <Jacqui.Schneider@teck.com>
Subject: HVC Notification of Copper Concentrate Transport Award

Dear Mayor Roden,

I'd like to take the opportunity to inform you that Teck HVC Operations has awarded a new contract to transport copper concentrate. Following a rigorous Request for Proposals (RFP) process that assessed both technical and commercial capability, the contract was awarded to Arrow Transport who is also the current service provider.

This decision supports local and Indigenous business participation, helping advance self-determination, skills development, and long-term economic opportunities in the region. Working with a strong local partner also helps to strengthen the regional economy.

HVC remains committed to ensuring that all service providers, including those operating transportation services within and through local municipalities, adhere to the highest standards of safety and responsibility. Should you have any concerns regarding the operation of HVC's service providers within your village please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

- Anna

Upcoming Out of Office: June 5-14

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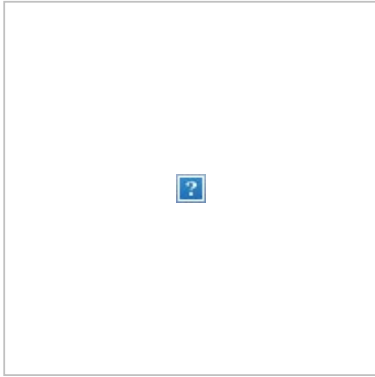
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From: [UBCM](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Subject: Memo from UBCM President on Heritage Conservation Act
Date: June 4, 2026 3:35:51 PM

Please distribute accordingly. View the document [here](#).



June 4, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council; Chair and Board; Chief and Council; CAOs

FROM: Councillor Cori Ramsay
President, Union of BC Municipalities

RE: **Next phase of Provincial outreach for *Heritage Conservation Act***

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to you to provide an update from the Union of B.C. Municipalities on the next phase of the Province's outreach on the *Heritage Conservation Act* (HCA).

Background

The approach adopted by the Province to renewing the antiquated HCA has been a matter of considerable concern and action for UBCM since last August. UBCM has maintained from the very start of this process that it is important for the Province to renew the HCA, improve archaeological conservation, and work with First Nations leaders as it develops potential changes to the existing legislation.

We have also said that the Province's decision to work exclusively with First Nations leaders when determining solutions to amend the legislation left local governments outside of the most critical step of the policy process. The resulting proposals did not appropriately balance the full range of interests held by the various stakeholders and demonstrated gaps that would have benefited from the inclusion local government expertise. While the Province has addressed some of the concerns that have been identified, these have been piecemeal.

Earlier this spring the Province shared a technical policy paper and asked for feedback within a 30-day window. UBCM, local governments, business organizations and others responded to this opportunity, providing detailed input. However, the fact that the province had a three-column briefing document that outlined proposed changes to legislation just days after the close of the input period indicated that the Province did not take sufficient time to consider and integrate the feedback provided. To ensure UBCM's ability to speak publicly about the proposed changes and to affirm the need for a more transparent, collaborative approach to renewing the HCA, UBCM declined to sign a non-disclosure agreement to review the Province's briefing document.

What We are Asking For

UBCM has communicated to the Minister that the best option to restore trust in the process and to avoid unintended consequences from the ultimate legislation is to bring together a technical working group of First Nations, local government and business representatives. This should have been the approach from the start, and it is not too late to do the right thing now.

We have also asked that before passing a sweeping overhaul to the current legislation, the Province pilot implementation in a few communities to refine the key concepts for the legislation. This option has been dismissed by the Province out of hand as being impossible, but UBCM continues to believe that there is precedent and a means for doing so. We maintain that this would be a wise course of action for all parties and will strengthen the support for the final legislation.

What Will Happen Next

The Province has not taken up UBCM's request for a working group of technical experts to continue policy work to support better legislation. Instead, it will be hosting a set of regional information sessions to present its intentions for legislation this fall. It is our understanding that notifications of these meetings have been sent to our members directly, and that there is a solid level of sign-ups so far. We encourage our members to attend these sessions.

UBCM will attend these meetings virtually to monitor feedback from our members, and we have requested the opportunity to provide an opening comment.

We remain engaged in the overall process for the transformation of the HCA and will do so in a manner that does not sacrifice the principle of effectively representing the interests of our members. It is our view that signing a non-disclosure agreement would impair our ability to communicate with our members, First Nations leaders, and the public, and that it would be unwise to sign at this critical juncture.

Next Steps for UBCM

We expect the latest outreach from the Province to be concluded in June, and that the Province intends to introduce legislation this fall.

UBCM has dedicated considerable resources to this file, and that will not change. Since last August: we featured the HCA at the 2025 Convention; led a consultation process with our members resulting in a thorough submission; provided a second submission to the Province's technical paper this spring; met with the Minister on several occasions and exchanged correspondence; and engaged with staff at the Ministry of Forests.

We will continue to engage with the Province to seek a better course of action consistent with our proposals for a technical working group and pilot program for key elements of the legislation and potential regulation. If you have any questions or comments about the process to renew HCA legislation, please contact our [office](#).

Sincerely,

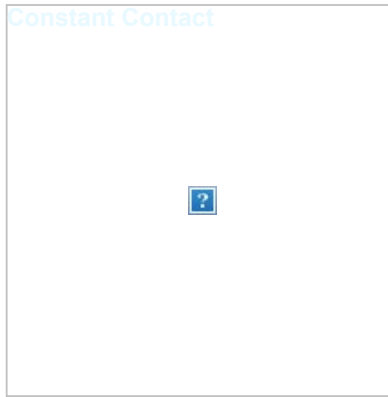


Councillor Cori Ramsay
President, Union of BC Municipalities

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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2026

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Date	Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
2026 MOTIONS						
2026-05-11	R-2026-74	THAT, the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 884, 2026 be adopted as presented.	CAO	Prepare Bylaw for Signatures		Complete
2026-05-11	R-2026-75	THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 885, 2026 be adopted as presented	CAO	Prepare Bylaw for Signatures		Complete
2026-05-11	R-2026-76	THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to "Village of Ashcroft Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 886, 2026.	CAO	Prepare Bylaw for adoption		Complete
2026-05-11	R-2026-77	THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 as amended.	CAO	Update bylaw with amendments and prepare for adoption		Complete
2026-05-11	R-2026-78	THAT Council give first, second, and third readings to "Village of Ashcroft Council Procedure Bylaw No. 888, 2026 as amended	CAO	Update bylaw with amendments and prepare for adoption		Complete
2026-05-11	Dir. to Staff	YMCA - Child Care Resource & Referral - Council is requesting further details as this event conflicts with AIB's Indigenous Day Celebration	CAO/AA	Request further information and bring item back to council for consideration		Complete
2026-05-11	Dir. to Staff	Dawson Road Maint. Bridge Repair - 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.	CAO/AA	Forward council concerns to Dawson Road Maintenance		Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-82	THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 886, 2026 be adopted as presented.	CAO/AA	Finalize Bylaw - signatures - file		Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-83	THAT, the vibrating roller be removed from schedule "M" for Bylaw 887.	CAO/AA	Update Schedule M		Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-84	THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 be adopted as amended.	CAO/AA	Finalize Bylaw - signatures - file		Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-85	THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Council Procedures Bylaw No. 888, 2026, be adopted as presented.	CAO/AA	Finalize Bylaw - signatures - file		Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-86	THAT, the Village provide swag prizes up to 75 dollars for the Plein Air event.	EDT			Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-87	THAT, the Village of Ashcroft provide the support necessary to the TNRD throughout the AAP process.	CAO	CAO to be main point of contact - info at front counter - article in newsletter		Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-88	THAT, the Village provide the remainder of the spring intake Grant in Aid (GIA) Funds to a maximum of \$150 for the BBQ fundraiser and provide GIA information for future requests.	CAO/AC			Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-89	THAT, the Village contribute free facility use, freeze pops and one family day pass to the YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral – Teddy Bear Picnic event. Further direction: Staff to advise coordinator that Mayor Roden is available to read a story arriving at the park sometime between 10:20 – 10:30 she will read – I am a Bunny	CAO/AA			Complete
2026-05-25	R-2026-90	THAT, Council approve the Mayor and CAO to sign the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement as presented.	CAO	Agreement prepared for signatures		Complete

2026-05-25	Released from Closed	<p>THAT Council authorize the sale of Lot "B", as created through the subdivision of 406 Brink Street, to the Randall Stangland (owner) of the adjacent Journal property for \$30,000; AND THAT staff be directed to complete the required statutory notice process under the Community Charter and include a condition in the purchase agreement requiring consolidation of Lot "B" with the adjacent Journal property following completion of the sale.</p>	CAO	<p>Letter advsing purchase price and process was forwarded to Mr. Stangland - counter offer received for Council consideration.</p>		In Progress
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Community Planning and the Natural Built Environment Working Group - Meeting Notes

Monday May 25, 2026, at 9:30 am

Members Present: Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
CAO, Daniela Dyck
DPW, Brian Bennewith
EDT, Margaret Moreira (Recording Secretary)

1. **Call to Order**

The Community Planning & the Natural Built Environment Working Group Meeting of the was called to order at 9:05 am.

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held August 22, 2024 were previously distributed and adopted by Council.

3. **Discussion**

a. **Minutes from previous meeting**

The Working Group reviewed the minutes from the August 22, 2024 meeting and noted that previous discussions regarding vegetation management, herbicide use, boulevard maintenance, public education, and development of a FAQ document aligned with Council's Strategic Plan objectives and remain relevant to the current discussion.

b. **CAO Report**

The Working Group reviewed the CAO's report regarding vegetation management options and discussed the following:

- It was noted that the Village currently applies herbicide approximately three times annually (spring, summer, and fall) throughout the community to reduce wildfire risk, maintain pedestrian and traffic safety, support drainage function and infrastructure protection, and maintain overall community appearance and cleanliness.
- Members discussed Ashcroft's dry desert climate and the importance of vegetation management from a FireSmart perspective. It was noted that vegetation that is cut or sprayed should be removed where practical as dead vegetation can contribute to fuel loading and wildfire risk.
- The Working Group acknowledged that Council unanimously approved participation in the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Invasive Plant Management Program, which also utilizes herbicides as a vegetation management tool. Members discussed the importance of maintaining a consistent approach to weed and invasive plant management throughout the community.

- Public notification and transparency were discussed. Staff advised that the Village endeavors to notify residents of herbicide applications and follows applicable requirements for posting signage during and after treatment activities.
- The Working Group discussed concerns raised by some residents regarding herbicide use, including notification practices, impacts to pollinators, pets, gardens, wildlife and public safety. Members agreed that transparent communication and public education are important regardless of the vegetation management method selected.
- Alternative vegetation management methods were reviewed, including steam and thermal applications. Staff noted that the Village trialed steam treatment approximately ten years ago and found it to be ineffective at that time. However, members acknowledged that technology may have advanced and agreed that emerging alternatives should continue to be researched.
- Members discussed the operational realities associated with alternative treatment methods, including increased labour requirements, equipment costs, treatment frequency and staffing capacity. The Working Group recognized the importance of balancing environmental considerations with operational and financial realities.
- Public engagement was identified as a priority. Members agreed that residents should have an opportunity to provide feedback regarding vegetation management practices and community expectations before significant changes are considered.
- The Working Group discussed the existing No Spray List and noted that residents may request that herbicide not be applied adjacent to their property. However, those residents are responsible for maintaining adjoining boulevards and laneways in accordance with the Good Neighbour Bylaw.

c. FAQ Infographic

The Working Group reviewed the draft Glyphosate and Herbicide Use FAQ infographic. Discussion included opportunities to improve transparency and public awareness by incorporating additional information regarding:

- the No Spray List program;
- resident responsibilities under the Good Neighbour Bylaw;
- notification and signage practices;
- alternative vegetation management methods under review; and
- opportunities for public feedback and engagement.

Members supported revising the infographic prior to broader public distribution.

d. Strategic Plan excerpt

The Working Group reviewed Goal 5 – Community Planning and the Natural Built Environment and noted that reviewing herbicide application processes and risks to the public is identified as a Strategic Plan action item. Members agreed that the current review aligns with Council's direction and supports ongoing evaluation of vegetation management practices.

4. Next Steps

The Working Group identified the following next steps:

- Include an article in an upcoming Village newsletter outlining current vegetation management practices and advising residents that the Village is researching alternative options.
- Continue herbicide application for the 2026 season while alternative approaches are evaluated.
- Continue researching emerging vegetation management technologies and alternative treatment methods.
- Update the FAQ infographic to include information regarding the No Spray List, Good Neighbour Bylaw requirements, and public notification practices.
- Consider hosting a future public information meeting to present viable alternatives, associated costs, operational impacts, and community considerations and gather public feedback prior to making recommendations to Council.

5. Date for Next Meeting

To be determined by working group

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

The foregoing is the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.



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