

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council meetings were held on June 8 & 22. Council approved, endorsed, and directed the following:

- ⇒ Council directed the Enhancing Parks, Arts & Culture WG 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.
- ⇒ Council directed staff to forward the information received from the Japanese Consulate to the Ashcroft Library
- ⇒ Council directed staff to send a letter to the Legion inviting them to submit a permissive tax exemption application for 2027 in response to the Legions delegation presentation.
- ⇒ Council endorsed the sale of a portion of 406 Brink St. identified as Lot B to the owner of the Journal building for \$27,000.
- ⇒ Council endorsed a special consideration Grant in Aid for \$500 to support the Cache Creek Chaos Girls U15 Softball team to attend Provincials in Port Alberni.
- ⇒ Council supported a Notice of Motion brought forward by Mayor Roden to direct staff to research developing a Heritage Register for Ashcroft.

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Cam Tedford

JULY

Regular Meeting

July 27 — 6:00 pm

NEW VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

To better serve our community, the Village Office is now open **Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with no closure during the lunch hour.**

As part of a trial flexible work schedule, staff will remain available throughout the day, making it easier for residents to access Village services when it's most convenient.

We're always looking for ways to improve our service. Please let us know what you think—we'd love to hear your feedback!

2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Local municipal elections are October 17th if local government and politics are of interest to you – consider running and have your say as you represent the residents of Ashcroft, Nomination period opens September 1st, 2026

2026 PROPERTY TAXES DUE JULY 15, 2026!

Property taxes are due July 15th the office will be open over the lunch hour beginning July 2 so that staff is available to assist residents throughout the 8:00 am – 4:00 pm work day.

***REMINDER** to all eligible residents be sure to apply for the **HOME OWNERS GRANT—On-Line—By Phone—or at Service BC**

MESA PARK PLAYGROUND

Thank special thank you to Associated Electrical Services Ltd. for championing the basketball resurfacing at Mesa Park making this a true community project. Not only did they make a donation, they took the initiative and reached out to other local businesses seeking donations to make the basketball court resurfacing come to fruition. Contributors to the project: Associated Electrical Services Ltd., Urban Systems, Ashcroft Terminal, and the Village.

The playground officially opens on July 2!

While the playground will be ready to enjoy, the grassy area beside it will remain fenced off for about one month to allow the new sod to grow and for crews to complete the installation of benches and picnic tables. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in respecting the fencing and staying out of the restricted area until the work is complete. Of note—the sod needs extra water to establish so the irrigation will run every 6 hours for 15 minutes.



WATER METER UPDATE

The indoor water meter installation crew has completed its current phase of work. Installation of pit meters and large commercial meters will begin in early July.

As pit meter work gets underway, please watch for construction zones and use extra caution around crews. Thank you for your patience as we complete this important infrastructure project.

We are working to bring the indoor installation crew back for an additional two weeks to complete as many remaining installations as possible. Any outstanding installations will then be completed by a local contractor.

Have You Noticed?
DOWNTOWN
Getting Brighter?

The Village of Ashcroft would like to thank
Desert Hills Ranch
for their **generous donation of flowers** for the Village planters located throughout the community.

Their contribution, along with the efforts of local businesses that plant and maintain their own flower displays, helps create a **vibrant and welcoming** atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for helping
Ashcroft
VILLAGE OF
Ashcroft
HEART OF THE TRUE DESERT

Ashcroft Bloom!
HEART OF THE TRUE DESERT

POWERED BY COMMUNITY PRIDE

THANK YOU DESERT HILLS!

A heartfelt thank you to Desert Hills for their generous donation of flowers for the Village's downtown planters. Their contribution has added beautiful colour to our streets and helped create a welcoming atmosphere throughout the community.

We also extend our appreciation to the many local businesses that have planted and maintained their own flower displays. Together, these efforts showcase the pride and community spirit that make Ashcroft such a vibrant place to live and visit.

DESERT SANDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Village of Ashcroft extends its sincere congratulations to the graduating class of Desert Sands Community School. Graduation is a significant milestone that reflects years of hard work, perseverance, and achievement. We are proud of all our graduates and wish them every success as they embark on the next chapter of their educational, career, and personal journeys.

We would also like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Village of Ashcroft Bursaries, Madison Hiltz and Jillian Fredrickson. These bursaries recognize students who have demonstrated dedication, commitment, and a desire to pursue their future goals through continued education and training.

On behalf of Mayor and Council, we commend all graduates for their accomplishments and look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make in their communities and beyond. Best wishes to the Class of 2026 as you pursue your dreams and embrace the opportunities ahead.



FireSmart™

Combustibles don't always look like the obvious culprits. Plastic patio furniture and toys (or even paddleboards) stored next to the house also pose a risk during wildfire season.

Spend a few minutes moving combustibles at least 10 meters away from your home. It's a small step that could make a big difference.

Cedar hedges look nice, but did you know they're highly flammable? Due to their high natural resin and oil content, these hedges could put your home at risk during wildfire season.

Consider swapping cedar and other flammable vegetation for fire-resistant plants such as poplars, hawthorn, or maple.

For more FireSmart tips, visit <https://firesmartbc.ca/prepare/>



When you see through
FireSmart eyes, wildfire
risks are clear.



DID YOU KNOW?

Let's keep Ashcroft safe, beautiful and FireSmart!



PLANTING NEW CEDAR HEDGES?

Under the Village of Ashcroft's Good Neighbour Bylaw 879, Sec. 3.7, **new cedar hedges are not permitted** within Village limits.

ALREADY HAVE A CEDAR HEDGE?

That's okay—but it must be maintained to reduce wildfire risk.

KEEP YOUR HEDGE FIRESMART BY:

- ✓ Trimming regularly to reduce hedge density and remove dead or brown foliage.
- ✓ Keeping the hedge less dense to reduce fire spread.
- ✓ Maintaining at least 30 cm (12") of clearance from the ground.
- ✓ Removing fallen needles, branches and trimmings.

DID YOU KNOW?

A dry cedar hedge can ignite in seconds and allow fire to spread rapidly from one property to another.

Regular maintenance significantly reduces this risk.



WHY IT MATTERS

Cedar hedges ignite easily and can quickly carry fire to homes and neighbouring properties.

- Your home
- Your neighbours
- Emergency responders
- Our community



WELL ROOTED. WELL ROUNDED. WELCOMING.

LEARN MORE

Visit the Village of Ashcroft website for information about the Good Neighbour Bylaw and FireSmart landscaping.

www.ashcroftbc.ca



CALLING ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUBS, NON-PROFITS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS!

Showcase Your Group • Connect with Residents • Grow Your Membership

The Village of Ashcroft invites local service clubs, community organizations, charities, and volunteer groups to be part of our annual **Ashcroft Together Community BBQ!**

FREE BOOTH SPACE!

- ◇ Share what your organization does
- ◇ Promote volunteer opportunities
- ◇ Recruit new members
- ◇ Raise awareness of community programs & services

Location: Ashcroft Pool Park

REGISTER FREE TODAY!

Call the Village Office at:

250-453-9161

Connect with families, seniors, youth, and residents from across Ashcroft!

Whether you're a service club, volunteer organization, recreation group, cultural organization, support service, charity, community association, or special-interest club, we'd love to have you join us. This is a great opportunity to showcase what your organization offers, recruit new members and volunteers, share upcoming programs and events, and build meaningful connections within our community. Together, we can celebrate the many groups that help make Ashcroft such a welcoming, active, and vibrant place to live.

