



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council meetings were held on July 10 and 27. Council approved, endorsed, and directed the following:
- ⇒ Council approved the purchase of a NEW Larabie Garbage Collection Truck from Rollins Machinery in the amount of \$453,965 plus applicable taxes.
 - ⇒ Council received the Draft 2025 Annual Report for information and made it available for public inspection in accordance with Section 98 of the Community Charter.
 - ⇒ Council gave first reading to *Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 889, 2026* and proceeded with the referral and technical review process.
 - ⇒ Council gave first reading to *Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026* and proceeded with the referral and technical review process.
 - ⇒ Council adopted the 2025 Annual Report as presented. The report is available at the Village office and on the Village website for review.
 - ⇒ Council considered a Permissive Tax Exemption request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113—directing staff to request further information prior to making a decision.
 - ⇒ Council approved a resolution in support of the HUB’s Grant application to NDIT.
 - ⇒ Council authorized the VOA to participate in a joint procurement process with the Villages of Cache Creek and Clinton for the engagement of a debt collection agency to recover unpaid bylaw fines.
 - ⇒ Council declared the week of September 21-27, 2026 Rail Safety Week in Ashcroft.

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Cam Tedford

AUGUST

Regular Meeting

Aug. 24 — 6:00 pm

Nomination Pkgs.

Available beginning

Aug 4, 2026

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!

ASHCROFT RECEIVES \$4.8 MILLION for NORTH ASHCROFT RESERVOIR

The Village of Ashcroft is pleased to announce it has secured **\$4.814 million** in federal funding through the Government of Canada's Strategic Priorities Fund to twin the North Ashcroft Reservoir and construct a new Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Station. The project is funded at **100% of eligible costs**, making it one of the largest infrastructure grants ever awarded to the Village.

The project will increase water storage capacity in North Ashcroft, improve fire suppression capabilities, strengthen the reliability of the Village's water system, and provide the infrastructure needed to support future residential and commercial growth. It also builds on Council's ongoing investment in essential water infrastructure, including the community-wide water meter program and previous upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant.

This significant investment is the result of several years of planning and collaboration between Council, Village staff, and Urban Systems. Together these efforts are helping ensure Ashcroft has a safe, reliable, and sustainable water system to serve our community for generations to come.

Thinking About Running for Council?

Have you ever considered serving your community as a member of Ashcroft Council? If you're interested in local government and making a difference in your community, now is the time to start thinking about running for office.

The next local government election will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**, with the **nomination period opening September 1, 2026**.

Nomination packages will be available beginning **August 4, 2026**, and can be picked up at the Village Office or downloaded from the Village's Elections page on our website.

Your community—Your voice—Your opportunity to make a difference!



ASHCROFT TOGETHER COMMUNITY BBQ! - AUG 22

11:00 am—2:00 Pm at the Ashcroft Pool Park

This year's **Ashcroft Together** community celebration is all about recognizing the incredible volunteers who make Ashcroft such a wonderful place to live. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and community spirit as we celebrate the people and organizations that help our community thrive.

Enjoy:

- ◇ Free burgers and hot dogs
- ◇ Bouncy castles
- ◇ Free public swim
- ◇ Meet local volunteer organizations and service clubs
- ◇ **Free Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway**, hosted by the **BOSS Enrichment Centre**

Be sure to stop by the community organization booths to learn about the valuable services they provide and thank the volunteers who make a difference every day. The Village of Ashcroft welcomes local service clubs, charities, non-profit organizations, and community groups to participate by hosting an information table and showcasing the important work they do. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Prepared Today. Ready for Tomorrow.

The past several wildfire seasons have reinforced that emergency preparedness is essential. As we continue to see the impact of wildfires across our region, the Village of Ashcroft remains committed to protecting residents, supporting first responders, and ensuring we are ready when emergencies occur.

Over the past year, the Village has invested significantly in emergency planning, training, and response capabilities. Staff and community partners have participated in Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) training, workshops, planning sessions, and tabletop exercises to strengthen our emergency response. While first responders manage incidents on the ground, the EOC provides the coordination, communication, and logistical support needed to keep emergency operations running effectively. The Village has also implemented a modern emergency management system to improve coordination, resource management, and decision-making during emergencies.

Preparedness also means protecting essential services. All critical Village infrastructure is now equipped with backup power systems, helping ensure water, sewer, and other essential municipal services remain operational during power outages and emergency events.

Most recently, Village staff, Council, Public Works, Ashcroft Fire Rescue, Yellowhead Community Services, and regional emergency management partners completed the final phase of the Village's Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan, strengthening evacuation procedures, confirming roles and responsibilities, and reinforcing the partnerships that help keep Ashcroft safe.



FireSmart™ Starts at Home – Now Is the Time to Prepare

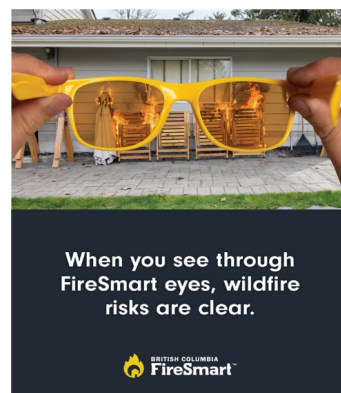
As we continue to see the devastating impacts of wildfires in neighbouring communities and across the Interior, now is the time to do everything we can to protect our homes, our neighbourhoods, and our community.

The Village's Public Works Department has been busy reducing wildfire risk around critical infrastructure by clearing vegetation and removing combustible materials. This important work helps protect essential services, but wildfire preparedness is everyone's responsibility.

Take a few minutes to look around your property through **FireSmart** eyes. One of the most effective ways to reduce wildfire risk is by keeping the area immediately around your home free of combustible materials. Store patio furniture, cushions, and umbrellas indoors when they're not in use, and keep the **1.5-metre non-combustible zone** around your home clear of firewood, cedar shrubs, overgrown grasses, weeds, and other flammable materials that could ignite from wind-blown embers.

Wildfire doesn't recognize property lines. Working together with your neighbours to remove cedar hedges, reduce combustible vegetation, and maintain defensible space between homes can significantly reduce the potential for fire to spread from one property to the next.

Every FireSmart action—whether on public land, around critical infrastructure, or on your own property—helps strengthen our community's resilience. Together, we can make Ashcroft a safer, more FireSmart community.



The Village of Ashcroft is using **Voyent Alert!** emergency alert service to deliver emergency alerts, public notifications, and service updates directly to residents. It is important to make sure your alert system is functioning, especially if you have recently purchased a new phone or have moved your landline.

- Free and easy to use
 - Receive emergency alert, public and service notices
 - Register anonymously and unsubscribe anytime
- Sign up either on the mobile app or register online to receive notifications via email, text, or phone call
Download the app or register online:



MESA PARK PLAYGROUND IS OPEN!

The wait is over—Mesa Park Playground is officially open and ready for fun! **Grand Opening Celebration Coming Soon!**

This exciting new addition to the Mesa subdivision has already been a hit with residents, and we're thrilled to see families enjoying the space. Even more is on the way! Picnic tables, benches, and beautiful new trees are currently being installed, creating the perfect shady spot to relax and unwind.

Grab the kids, pack a picnic, and head over to enjoy this little oasis in the desert! It's the perfect place to make memories together!

