

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Tuesday September 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 Regular Council Meeting held Monday, August 24, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, August 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1 - 6
2.2	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday August 24, 2026 M/S <i>THAT, the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for Monday August 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 7 - 9

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	OCP & Zoning have been sent for Referral – pending for next agenda	
5.2	Bylaw No. 891, 2026 - Permissive Tax Exemption PURPOSE: To introduce Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026, which will repeal and replace Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 and incorporate Council's direction to grant a permissive tax exemption to the Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113. M/S	P. 10 - 15

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	<i>THAT, Council give First Reading to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026; AND THAT, staff be authorized to proceed with the required public notice.</i>	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – UBCM Minister & MACC Staff Meetings PURPOSE: To advise Council of confirmed meetings with Provincial Ministers and Ministry staff associated with the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and to provide an overview of the topics the Village will be advancing.	P. 16 - 27
6.3	DPW Bennewith – Verbal Report Water Meter Project Update	P. 28

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	City of Prince George – Support for Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant PURPOSE Prince George City Council is seeking support from municipalities across British Columbia for the resolution and would appreciate your Council's consideration of providing a letter of support. M/S THAT Council provide a letter in support of the City of Prince George's resolution at UBCM for the Province to reconsider ending the Northern and Rural BC Homeowner Grant ; and further that MLA Doerkson be copied on the letter.	P. 29 - 31
7.2	LGPS-12872-Ashcroft-2026-Winter-Spring-FireSmart-FCFS-Approval Agreement - Application-based PURPOSE: Seeking Council approval to sign the Agreement M/S THAT, Council approves the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the LGPS-12872 Ashcroft 2026 Winter/Spring FireSmart FCFS Approval Agreement.	P. 32 - 37
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Ashcroft RCMP – September 2026 Traffic Campaign	P. 38 - 40

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7.4	Fortis BC – UBCM 2026 Update	P. 41 – 42
7.5	S. Troy Anderson - Exploding Wildfires and the Urgent Need to Stop Chemical-Induced Weather Experiments	P. 43 – 46
7.6	TNRL – Writer in Residence 2026	P. 47
7.7	SILGA – Fwd. Certified Resolution City of Kamloops – Fuel Prices	P. 48 – 49
7.8	TNFC – News Release Locally Filmed ‘Lunar Sway’ Returns to Kamloops	P. 50 – 51
7.9	UBCM – Official Opposition Caucus Letter	P. 52 – 53

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	P. 54 – 55
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	Transit Meeting Minutes – Aug. 20, 2026	P. 56 – 59
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

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

CAO, Daniela Dyck
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: CFO, Yoginder Bhalla

Public – 2
Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday August 24, 2026 to order at
"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 Regular Council Meeting held Monday, July 27, 2026 M/S Roden / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 27, 2026, be adopted as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-111

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**

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5.1	OCP & Zoning have been sent for Referral It was noted that the ALR and TNRD will have responses after September 3, 2026.	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Development of Heritage Register PURPOSE: To report back to Council on the feasibility and requirements of establishing a Community Heritage Register for the Village of Ashcroft, using the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and Village of Clinton heritage registers as examples. M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council receive the Development and Feasibility of a Community Heritage Register report for information; AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the development of a Village of Ashcroft Community Heritage Register pursuant to Section 598 of the Local Government Act, incorporating the existing Historical Plaque Program where appropriate and utilizing Ashcroft Museum staff to undertake historical research and prepare Statements of Significance as seasonal staffing and resources permit.</i> Discussion: Mayor Roden thanked staff for the report and noted she thought the Clinton example would suit Ashcroft's proposed Heritage Register very well.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-112
FOR INFORMATION		

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft Hub – Terry Fox Run – Request for free use of Heritage Park M/S Tedford / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft HUB Society request for free facility use at Heritage Park on September 20, 2026 for the Terry Fox Run.</i> It was noted that August 25 th is the last day to order this years T-shirt	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-113

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	<i>1. Grant the permissive tax exemption, with the resulting reduction in municipal tax revenue offset through reductions to Council's discretionary budget allocations;</i> CFO Report – Royal Canadian Legion Request for Permissive Tax Exemption PURPOSE: To provide sufficient information for council to decide on the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113's request for a permissive tax exemption and determine how to offset the reduction in municipal taxation revenue. M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council grant the Permissive Tax Exemption to The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 as requested with funding source to be determined by separate motion.</i> Motion to determine funding source M/S Roden / Tedford <i>THAT, Council fund the Permissive Tax Exemption for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 via 1. a reduction of the Ashcroft HUB's Conditional Grant in Aid by \$3000; and 2. An estimate tax increase of 0.25% for the 2027 tax year.</i> Councillor Clement recused herself siting a conflict of interest at 6:31 pm returning at 6:33 pm. Discussion: It was noted that the .25% tax increase is approximately \$3.00 per year per residence.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-117 CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-118
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Ashcroft Terminal – Attended a meet and greet with the new CEO of Ashcroft Terminal, Martin Spini, along with CAO Dyck and Patty Kinvig. Discussion included access to Evans	
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	Road from Highway 97C and concerns regarding increased transport truck traffic. It was noted that CAO Dyck would locate previous studies and background information to provide a starting point for further discussions regarding potential solutions. • Attended the Highland Valley Copper TECK – 40 Year Anniversary Celebrations in Logan Lake. The event was attended by many former TECK employees. Mayor Roden referenced a 1976 news headline that estimated the life expectancy of the mining operation, now Highland Valley Copper, to approximately 2000, noting that the mine's expected life has since been extended to 2040. • Next TNRD Board meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2026 • Community BBQ – Mayor Roden noted that the Community BBQ was a great success and thanked staff, volunteers and participating service groups for their contributions. Special thanks were extended to the BOSS Enrichment Centre, which distributed backpacks to students from Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Clinton, with hopes of expanding the program throughout the School District No. 74 region next year. Mayor Roden also noted that the event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents to gather, visit and enjoy the day together. • Clinton Resiliency Centre – Mayor Roden visited the Clinton Resiliency Centre during the Horsting's Farm Market distribution of 150 boxes of fresh produce and grocery items to returning evacuees. Mayor Roden noted the tremendous community support demonstrated by Horsting's Farm Market and the many suppliers who contributed to the initiative.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING



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13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday August 24, 2026, at 6:38 PM.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, August 24, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street

Monday August 24, 2026,

Moved to COTW during Regular Meeting

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

CAO, Daniela Dyck,
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: CFO, Yoginder Bhalla

Public – 2
Media – 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Nadine Davenport assumed the chair and conducted the COTW portion of the Regular Meeting for August 24, 2026.

2. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

3. MINUTES

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1	NONE	
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5. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1	NONE	
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6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 – Request for Permissive Tax Exemption (PTE) Deputy Mayor Davenport invited discussion regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 request for a Permissive Tax Exemption.	
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Moved to COTW during Regular Meeting

	• Mayor Roden suggested that Council consider the matter through two separate motions: first, whether to approve or deny the Legion's PTE request; and second, if approved, how the resulting reduction in property tax revenue would be funded. • Mayor Roden suggested the revenue loss could be offset by reducing the Ashcroft HUB Grant-in-Aid from \$5,000 to \$2,000, with the remaining amount funded through an approximately 0.25% property tax increase in 2027. It was noted that this would represent an estimated increase of approximately \$3 per household annually. • Councillor Tedford advised that he had considered a similar approach after informally canvassing 25 taxpayers regarding the Legion's PTE request. He reported that 16 supported granting the exemption, five favoured requiring the organization to operate without an exemption, and four supported eliminating all permissive tax exemptions. • Councillor Tedford proposed an alternative funding approach consisting of a 50% reduction to conditional and unconditional Grants-in-Aid and bursary funding, together with an approximately 0.1% property tax increase in 2027. He noted that, based on his calculations, this approach would also leave funding available for Council's discretion. • Mayor Roden did not support reducing Grant-in-Aid or bursary funding, noting increased education costs and the reliance of community service organizations on these funding opportunities. • Councillor Clement clarified that the Ashcroft HUB's Grant-in-Aid is \$5,000 and that the additional \$550 provided to the organization is specifically designated for Canada Day. • Councillor Tedford spoke in support of the Legion's historical and ongoing contributions to the community. He noted that previous increases to Grant-in-Aid and bursary funding presented an opportunity to reconsider those funding levels and redirect a portion toward other community services. • Mayor Roden noted that Grant-in-Aid and bursary funding had previously been increased in recognition of rising costs. • Councillor Tedford noted that the Spring 2026 Grant-in-Aid intake was not fully subscribed, which allowed Council to consider additional funding requests, including support for the feral cat spay program. He indicated that this contributed to his consideration of reducing the overall Grant-in-Aid allocation.	
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Moved to COTW during Regular Meeting

	• Councillor Clement noted that the Spring 2026 intake was an anomaly and that the Grant-in-Aid program is generally fully subscribed and, at times, oversubscribed. • Councillor Tedford reiterated that his proposed 0.1% tax increase would provide additional funding that could remain available for allocation at Council's discretion. • Mayor Roden noted that Grant-in-Aid funding levels are reviewed regularly and may be adjusted as circumstances change. • It was noted that the previously postponed motion remained before Council and would need to be disposed of before a new motion could be considered. • Councillor Tedford indicated support for Mayor Roden's proposed approach, noting that both options presented potential means of addressing the property tax revenue loss associated with the exemption. • Councillor Davenport indicated that she did not support reducing bursary funding. There was no further discussion. Motion to Rise and Return to the Regular Council Meeting M/S Clement / Roden <i>THAT, the Committee of the Whole rise and resume the Regular Meeting of Council for August 24, 2026.</i> CARRIED	
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1. CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

7.1	NONE	
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2. TERMINATION

The COTW meeting was adjourned and Council resumed the Regular Meeting for August 24, 2026 at approximately 6:25 pm.

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the Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council
held Monday, August 24, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Nadine Davenport,
Deputy Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** September 8, 2026
FROM: Yoginder Bhalla, CFO & Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026 – Royal Canadian Legion
Ashcroft Branch No. 113

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council give First Reading to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026; AND THAT, staff be authorized to proceed with the required public notice.

PURPOSE:

To introduce Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026, which will repeal and replace Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 and incorporate Council's direction to grant a permissive tax exemption to the Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved for Submission to Council:



Yoginder Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

At the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting, Council considered the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 113's request for a permissive tax exemption and passed the following resolution:

"THAT, Council grant the Permissive Tax Exemption to The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 as requested with funding source to be determined by separate motion."

The Village's existing Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 provides exemptions for the 2025–2029 taxation years. Rather than amending Bylaw No. 871 to add the additional Legion properties, staff recommend repealing Bylaw No. 871 and replacing it with an updated Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026.

This approach provides one consolidated bylaw containing all current permissive tax exemptions and avoids the need to reference both the original bylaw and an amending bylaw when determining the properties that are exempt. Bylaw No. 891 carries forward the existing exemptions and incorporates the additional Legion properties approved by Council. Bylaw No. 871 currently establishes the exemptions through Schedule "A" and provides for a five-year exemption period.

The new bylaw also corrects the Royal Canadian Legion branch number. Bylaw No. 871 incorrectly identifies the organization as Royal Canadian Legion #77; the correct organization is Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113.

LEGION PROPERTIES:

Bylaw No. 891 incorporates the Legion properties in accordance with Council's resolution.

The Legion Building and associated property at 302 Brink Street, Folio 00156.000, consists of two legal parcels. Both parcels are included in the exemption.

The Legion property at 306 Brink Street, Folio 00152.000, consists of six separate legal parcels. Five of these parcels are included in the exemption.

The sixth parcel, PID 012-621-145, Lot 9A, Block 17, District Lot 423, KDYD, Plan 189, is leased to the Village for use as the public skateboard park. This parcel is not included in the permissive tax exemption. The existing lease arrangement will continue, under which the Village is responsible for the taxes and frontage charges attributable to the skateboard park property.

The existing permissive tax exemption for the Legion Cenotaph property is also carried forward into Bylaw No. 891.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

Permissive tax exemptions are authorized under Section 224 of the Community Charter. Prior to adoption, the Village is required to provide public notice of the proposed exemptions.

Attached to this report are Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026 and the required Public Notice of Proposed Permissive Tax Exemptions.

Following first reading, the public notice will be published in the Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal and posted on the Village of Ashcroft website.

Staff anticipate the following adoption schedule:

Introduction and First Reading - September 8, 2026

Second and Third Readings - September 28, 2026

Adoption - October 13, 2026

Adopted bylaw forwarded to BC Assessment - By October 31, 2026

This schedule will allow the Village to complete the statutory notice requirements and meet the legislated October 31 deadline for the exemptions to take effect for the 2027 taxation year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications associated with granting the additional Legion permissive tax exemptions were presented to Council as part of its August 24, 2026 consideration of the Legion's request.

The public notice identifies the estimated municipal taxes that would otherwise be imposed on the exempt properties for 2027, 2028 and 2029, as required by the Community Charter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026
2. Public Notice – Proposed Permissive Tax Exemptions (**CFO Bhalla will bring an updated Public Notice to the meeting with the estimated tax values to be exempted**)

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 891

WHEREAS Section 224 of the Community Charter allows Council to exempt from municipal property taxes certain parcels within the Village based on specified use;

AND WHEREAS the exemption can be for a period not longer than 10 years;

THEREFORE the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft hereby enacts as follows:

1. The parcels listed on Schedule “A” attached are exempt from municipal property taxes on the total assessed value of land and improvements;
2. That the period of exemption is for the years 2027 to 2029 inclusive, unless the designated use of a parcel changes to a non-exemption function;
3. Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 is hereby repealed;
4. This bylaw may be cited as “Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	DAY OF	SEPTMEBER	,2026.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	DAY OF	SEPTEMBER	,2026.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	DAY OF	SEPTEMBER	,2026.
ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	OCTOBER	,2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. 891 as adopted by Council.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 891

SCHEDULE "A"

Registered Owner and/or Commonly Known As	Legal Description
Ashcroft & District Curling Club	Lot B, Plan 21058, DL 423
Fraser Basin Property Society (St. Alban's Anglican Church)	Lot 1, Block 10, Plan 189, DL 423
Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops	Lot 7, Block 11, Plan 189, DL 423
The Ashcroft HUB Society	Lot B District Lot 378 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 12182 and Lot 54 District Lot 378 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 12400
Trust of the Congregation of Sage Hills Evangelical Free Church	Lot A, Plan KAP51944, DL 423
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 (Cenotaph Site)	Lot 6, Block 19, Plan 189, DL 423
Interior Health Authority (Ashcroft & District Hospital)	Lot 56 Plan 12400, DL 378 and Lot 1 KAP81072, DL 378 and pt of Lot 56 (B15126), DL378
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 302 Brink Street – Folio 00156.000 PID 012-630-594	Lot 11 Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189 EXCEPT THE EASTERLY 30 FEET THEREOF MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY BY THE FULL WIDTH OF SAID LOT
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 302 Brink Street – Folio 00156.000 PID 012-630-608	Lot 12 Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189 EXCEPT THE EASTERLY 30 FEET THEREOF MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY BY THE FULL WIDTH OF SAID LOT
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 306 Brink Street – Folio 00152.000 PID 012-621-161	Lot 10A Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 306 Brink Street – Folio 00152.000 PID 012-621-170	Lot 10B Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 306 Brink Street – Folio 00152.000 PID 012-621-137	Parcel A on Plan B5900 of Lot 8 Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 306 Brink Street – Folio 00152.000 PID 012-621-129	Lot 8 Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189 EXCEPT: (1) THE WESTERLY 60 FEET THEREOF MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDARIES OF SAID LOT (2) PARCEL A (PLAN B5900)
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 306 Brink Street – Folio 00152.000 PID 012-621-111	Lot 7 Block 17 District Lot 423 Kamloops Division Yale District Plan 189 EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 60 FEET THEREOF MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDARIES OF SAID LOT

VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW

BYLAW NO. 891, 2026

Pursuant to section 227 of the Community Charter, notice is hereby given that Council of the Village of Ashcroft intends to consider Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026. The proposed bylaw would repeal and replace Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 and provide exemptions for the 2027, 2028 and 2029 taxation years.

The proposed bylaw would continue the existing exemptions and add exemptions for Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 properties at 302 and 306 Brink Street. At 306 Brink Street, five legal parcels would be exempt. The separate parcel used as the Village skateboard park (PID 012-621-145, Lot 9A) is not proposed for exemption and would remain subject to the existing lease arrangement.

Estimated municipal taxes that would be imposed if the properties were not exempt are as follows:

Property	Property Identification	2027	2028	2029
Ashcroft & District Curling Club	Lot B, Plan 21058, DL 423	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Fraser Basin Property Society (St. Alban's Anglican Church)	Lot 1, Block 10, Plan 189, DL 423	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops	Lot 7, Block 11, Plan 189, DL 423	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
The Ashcroft HUB Society	Lot B, Plan 12182 and Lot 54, Plan 12400, DL 378	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Sage Hills Evangelical Free Church	Lot A, Plan KAP51944, DL 423	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 – Cenotaph	Lot 6, Block 19, Plan 189, DL 423	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interior Health Authority – Ashcroft & District Hospital	Lot 56, Plan 12400; Lot 1, KAP81072; and pt. Lot 56 (B15126), DL 378	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 – 302 Brink St., Folio 00156.000	PIDs 012-630-594 and 012-630-608 (Lots 11 and 12, Block 17, Plan 189, each except the easterly 30 feet as legally described)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Royal Canadian Legion Ashcroft Branch No. 113 – 306 Brink St., Folio 00152.000	PIDs 012-621-161, 012-621-170, 012-621-137, 012-621-129 and 012-621-111 (five legal parcels; skateboard park PID 012-621-145 excluded)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Term of exemption: Three years – 2027 through 2029 inclusive.

Council consideration: Regular Meeting of Council, **September 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM**, in the Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street, Ashcroft, BC.

For further information, please contact the Village of Ashcroft at 250-453-9161 or at the Village Office, 601 Bancroft Street, Ashcroft, BC, during regular office hours.

Yoginder Bhalla
Chief Financial Officer
Village of Ashcroft

REGULAR MEETING



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO,
SUBJECT: 2026 UBCM – Confirmed Provincial Meetings

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of confirmed meetings with Provincial Ministers and Ministry staff associated with the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and to provide an overview of the topics the Village will be advancing.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGRUOND

With Council direction, the Village submitted several meeting requests for the 2026 UBCM Convention to discuss matters of importance to Ashcroft and rural communities. Three Minister meetings have been confirmed, along with a virtual pre-convention meeting with Ministry of Citizens' Services staff.

In addition, the Village of Clinton submitted a joint meeting request on behalf of Clinton, Cache Creek and Ashcroft to discuss a regional water conservation pilot project. This meeting has also been confirmed.

CONFIRMED VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT MEETINGS

Ministry of Citizens' Services – Ministry Staff Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Discussion Topic: Highway Safety and Cellular Connectivity in Rural Transportation Corridors

Highway 1 and Highway 97 between Cache Creek and Kamloops contain numerous cellular dead zones and areas of intermittent service despite serving as major transportation corridors. Limited cellular service can delay the reporting of collisions and hazards and impede communications during emergency events.

REGULAR MEETING



Request:

The Village will advocate for improved cellular connectivity along these corridors as an important public safety and emergency response measure.

Ministry of Forests – Minister Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – 8:40 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre – East Building, Level 2, Room 19

Discussion Topic: Long-Term FireSmart Funding for High-Risk Rural Communities

Ashcroft is located within a high-risk Wildland Urban Interface area and has made significant progress since launching its FireSmart program in 2025. The Village has incorporated FireSmart principles into municipal bylaws and planning initiatives, expanded public education and built strong community awareness and participation in wildfire risk reduction.

While the Village has secured FireSmart funding for the upcoming year, Council is concerned about the long-term sustainability of the program.

Request:

The Village will advocate for stable, predictable FireSmart funding beyond the current funding cycle or consideration of regional delivery models that would allow smaller, high-risk rural communities to maintain FireSmart expertise, coordination and wildfire mitigation initiatives over the longer term.

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – Minister Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre – East Building, Level 2, Room 16

Discussion Topic: North Ashcroft Reservoir Twinning Project

The original meeting request sought Provincial support for the Village's Strategic Priorities Fund application for the North Ashcroft Reservoir Twinning and PRV Station project. Since submitting the request, the Village has been successful in securing **\$4.814 million through the Strategic Priorities Fund**.

The project will strengthen Ashcroft's long-term water security, emergency preparedness and wildfire resilience while supporting future growth and potential regional servicing opportunities.

Request:

The Village will thank the Province for its support and discuss the importance of continued senior government investment in critical water infrastructure for small rural communities.

Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs – Minister Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 10:20 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre – East Building, Level 2, Room 18

Discussion Topic #1: Rural Capacity and Shared Accountability for Provincial Responsibilities

REGULAR MEETING



Small rural local governments continue to face increasing Provincial expectations related to Indigenous engagement, housing, emergency management, climate adaptation, accessibility and other initiatives. Small rural communities do not have the capacity to effectively take on the responsibility and workload of these positions as the responsibilities often require specialized expertise that small communities have difficulty affording, recruiting and retaining while continuing to provide core municipal services.

Request:

The Village will ask the Province to explore provincially staffed regional support resources that could assist rural local governments with Indigenous engagement, consultation and other provincially mandated responsibilities.

Discussion Topic #2: North Ashcroft Reservoir Twinning Project

The original request sought Provincial support for the Village's Strategic Priorities Fund application. Since the meeting request was submitted, the Village has been successful in securing the funding required to advance the project.

Request:

The Village will update the Minister on the successful funding award of \$4.814 million, thank the Province for its support and reinforce the importance of senior government funding programs that allow small communities to undertake major infrastructure projects beyond the capacity of the local tax base.

JOINT REGIONAL MEETING

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – Minister Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 – 11:20 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre – East Building, Level 2, Room 16

Participating Communities: Village of Clinton, Village of Cache Creek and Village of Ashcroft

Discussion Topic: Water Conservation Pilot Project

Clinton, Cache Creek and Ashcroft are located in one of the driest areas of the Province and share increasing concerns regarding drought, water conservation and the long-term sustainability of municipal water systems. The three communities already collaborate on shared services and have identified water conservation as an opportunity for further regional cooperation.

Request:

The communities will request Provincial support for a tri-community water conservation pilot project, including funding for a shared position to develop public education and engagement materials, undertake neighbourhood water-use audits and identify incentive opportunities for residents and businesses to reduce water consumption.

The water conservation discussion is expected to take approximately the first ten minutes of the meeting, after which Clinton will continue with its separate discussion regarding the Clinton Creek Upper Reservoir project.

REGULAR MEETING



STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- **Effective Governance and Intergovernmental Engagement** – Participation in UBCM Minister and Ministry meetings provides Council with direct opportunities to advocate for community priorities, strengthen relationships with Provincial representatives and advance issues affecting Ashcroft and neighbouring rural communities.
- **Infrastructure and Assets** – Discussions regarding water conservation, reservoir infrastructure and cellular connectivity support the long-term resilience and sustainability of critical community and regional infrastructure.
- **Safety and Protection** – Advocacy for sustainable FireSmart programming, improved cellular connectivity and resilient water infrastructure supports emergency preparedness and community safety.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- There are no additional financial implications arising directly from the confirmed meetings. Attendance at the UBCM Convention is included within Council's approved 2026 conference and travel budget.
- The joint water conservation pilot project would be dependent upon Provincial funding should the Province express interest in advancing the proposal.

ATTACHMENTS:

UBCM Minister and Staff Meeting Confirmations

From: [Provincial Ministries, Agencies, Commissions, and Corporations \(MACC\)](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Cc: [Courtney Dash](#)
Subject: CONFIRMED_S18_CITZ_Ashcroft (Village)_MACC Staff Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention
Date: August 26, 2026 2:38:48 PM
Attachments: [2026 UBCM Convention Virtual Meeting Guidelines.pdf](#)



The meeting information for **S18 Ashcroft (Village)** has been **CONFIRMED**
Meeting Number S18

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Primary Contact Person: DANIELA DYCK
Title: CAO
Primary Phone #: (250) 453-9161
Secondary Phone #: (250) 457-0964
Email: cao@ashcroftbc.ca
Secondary Email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

DETAILS OF YOUR REQUESTED MEETING

Requested Meeting with: Ministry of Citizens' Services (CITZ)
People who plan to attend: Mayor, Barbara Roden Councillor Jessica Clement
Councillor Jonah Anstett
Topic #1: **Highway Safety and Cellular Connectivity in Rural Transportation Corridors**
Background #1: Highway 1 and Highway 97 between Cache Creek and Kamloops contain numerous cellular dead zones and areas of intermittent service despite serving as major transportation corridors. These routes experience frequent motor vehicle incidents, commercial traffic, and emergency events. Limited cellular coverage can delay emergency response, hinder motorists from reporting collisions or hazards, and reduce public safety during emergencies. The Village of Ashcroft believes reliable cellular connectivity is an essential public safety service and supports efforts to improve coverage along these high-risk corridors.

Topic #2:
Background #2:

Topic #3:
Background #3:

Meeting Details

Meeting Date: **September 9, 2026**
Time (PST): **02:00pm - 02:30pm**
MACC Staff Attending: CONN: Jeanne Hollis, Executive Director, Connected Communities, Connectivity Division; Michael Jeffery, Senior Director, Connectivity Initiatives, Connectivity Division; Dillon Stuart, Senior Director, Connectivity Permitting, Connectivity Division ; Megan Chadwick,

Director, Community Relations, Connectivity Division;
Rachel Greenspan, Executive Director, Network BC

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/266878183760720?p=lrLzFcxdycY3cbV1j>

Dial In Phone Number: Toll-Free (audio only): 1-888-600-3289

Dial In Code: 530571332#

Additional Information: ****IMPORTANT**** Meetings with MACC Staff will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams. Please use the provided meeting link to join the meeting 5 minutes early to test your camera and sound. Attendees will be admitted from the lobby by provincial staff at the meeting start time.

Do not record or transcribe the meetings. AI agents/software are also not permitted for recording or transcription.

See the attached Virtual Meeting Guidelines PDF for additional information.

For questions, please contact Sarah Staszkiel at 778 405-1784 or via email at IGRS.UBCM.MeetingRequests@gov.bc.ca.

From: [UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Cc: [Courtney Dash](#)
Subject: 154_Forests_Ashcroft (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed
Date: August 26, 2026 1:09:51 PM



2026 UBCM Convention

DATE: August 26, 2026
TO: Daniela Dyck
Ashcroft (Village)
FROM: UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator
RE: **154_Forests_Ashcroft (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed**

Your request for a meeting with a Provincial Cabinet Minister has been confirmed.

Meeting Time/Location:

Tuesday, September 15 2026, 8:40AM - 8:55AM PST
Room 19, Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building, Level 2

Community/Organization Information:

Meeting ID: 154
Community/Organization: Ashcroft (Village)
Contact: Daniela Dyck, CAO
Primary Phone: 250-453-9161
Secondary Phone: 250-457-0964
Primary Email: cao@ashcroftbc.ca
Secondary Email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Cabinet Minister:

Forests

MLA invited by community:

MLA Lorne Doerkson

Community/Organization Attendees:

Barbara Roden, Mayor; Daniela Dyck, CAO; Jessica Clement, Councillor; Jonah Anstett, Councillor; Lorne Doerkson, MLA

Topic #1:

Long-Term FireSmart Funding for High-Risk Rural Communities

Background:

Ashcroft is located within a high-risk Wildland Urban Interface area and launched its first FireSmart program in 2025. Since that time, the Village has incorporated FireSmart principles into municipal bylaws, undertaken public education initiatives, and begun building community awareness and participation in wildfire risk reduction. Council is concerned that proposed changes to FireSmart funding may significantly hinder the progress being made in communities that are actively working to improve resilience. Stable, predictable funding is critical to maintaining local capacity, retaining FireSmart Coordinator positions, and sustaining long-term wildfire mitigation efforts in high-risk communities.

Request:

Request that the Province provide stable, long-term FireSmart funding, including continued support for FireSmart Coordinator positions, to allow high-risk communities to sustain and build upon local wildfire resilience initiatives.

For questions regarding Premier and Cabinet Minister meeting requests at UBCM Convention please

From: [UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Cc: [Courtney Dash](#)
Subject: 163_Water, Land and Resource Stewardship_Ashcroft (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed
Date: August 26, 2026 12:18:05 PM



2026 UBCM Convention

DATE: August 26, 2026
TO: Daniela Dyck
Ashcroft (Village)
FROM: UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator
RE: **163_Water, Land and Resource Stewardship_Ashcroft (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed**

Your request for a meeting with a Provincial Cabinet Minister has been confirmed.

Meeting Time/Location:

Thursday, September 17 2026, 9:00AM - 9:15AM PST
Room 16, Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building, Level 2

Community/Organization Information:

Meeting ID: 163
Community/Organization: Ashcroft (Village)
Contact: Daniela Dyck, CAO
Primary Phone: 250-453-9161
Secondary Phone: 250-457-0964
Primary Email: cao@ashcroftbc.ca
Secondary Email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Cabinet Minister:

Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

MLA invited by community:

MLA Lorne Doerkson

Community/Organization Attendees:

Barbara Roden, Mayor; Cam Tedford, Councillor; Daniela Dyck, CAO; Nadine Davenport, Councillor

Topic #1:

Provincial Support for North Ashcroft Reservoir Expansion Project

Background:

The Village of Ashcroft has submitted an application through UBCM's Strategic Priorities Fund, currently under review, to secure federal funding to twin the North Ashcroft Reservoir. The project would increase potable water storage capacity, improve emergency preparedness and wildfire resilience, and support future residential and economic growth and sustainability. Additional storage capacity would strengthen long-term water servicing capabilities and provide future opportunities for regional collaboration, including servicing partnerships with neighboring FN's. Provincial support would strengthen the application and help advance this critical infrastructure project.

Request:

Request that the Province support the Village of Ashcroft's Strategic Priorities Fund application, currently under review through UBCM, to secure federal funding for the twinning of the North Ashcroft Reservoir.

For questions regarding Premier and Cabinet Minister meeting requests at UBCM Convention please email: UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca. For urgent matters, please call 250 213-3856.

From: [UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator](#)
To: [Daniela Dyck](#)
Cc: [Courtney Dash](#)
Subject: 159_Housing and Municipal Affairs_Ashcroft (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed
Date: August 26, 2026 12:59:54 PM



2026 UBCM Convention

DATE: August 26, 2026
TO: Daniela Dyck
Ashcroft (Village)
FROM: UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator
RE: **159_Housing and Municipal Affairs_Ashcroft (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed**

Your request for a meeting with a Provincial Cabinet Minister has been confirmed.

Meeting Time/Location:

Thursday, September 17 2026, 10:20AM - 10:35AM PST
Room 18, Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building, Level 2

Community/Organization Information:

Meeting ID: 159
Community/Organization: Ashcroft (Village)
Contact: Daniela Dyck, CAO
Primary Phone: 250-453-9161
Secondary Phone: 250-457-0964
Primary Email: cao@ashcroftbc.ca
Secondary Email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

Cabinet Minister:

Housing and Municipal Affairs

MLA invited by community:

MLA Lorne Doerkson

Community/Organization Attendees:

Barbara Roden, Mayor; Daniela Dyck, CAO; Nadine Davenport, Councillor

Topic #1:

Rural Capacity and Shared Accountability for Provincial Responsibilities

Background:

Small rural local governments continue to face increasing provincial expectations while operating with limited staffing capacity and resources. Requirements related to Indigenous engagement, housing, emergency management, climate adaptation, accessibility, and other provincial initiatives often require specialized expertise that is difficult for small communities to recruit and retain. The Village of Ashcroft is committed to meaningful participation and collaboration; however, balancing these responsibilities while maintaining core municipal services remains a growing challenge. Council believes regional provincial support resources could improve outcomes for both local governments and the P

Request:

Request that the Province explore provincially staffed regional support resources to assist rural local governments with specialized responsibilities such as Indigenous engagement, consultation, and other provincially mandated initiatives.

Topic #2:

Support for North Ashcroft Reservoir Twinning Funding Application

Background:

The Village of Ashcroft has submitted an application through UBCM's Strategic Priorities Fund, currently under review, to secure federal funding to twin the North Ashcroft Reservoir. The project would increase potable water storage capacity, improve emergency preparedness and wildfire resilience, and support future residential and economic growth. Additional storage capacity would strengthen long-term water servicing capabilities and support future regional partnership opportunities with FN's. Provincial support would strengthen the application and help advance a critical infrastructure project with significant public safety and community development benefits.

Request:

Request that the Province support the Village of Ashcroft's Strategic Priorities Fund application, currently under review through UBCM, to secure federal funding for the twinning of the North Ashcroft Reservoir.

For questions regarding Premier and Cabinet Minister meeting requests at UBCM Convention please email: UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca. For urgent matters, please call 250 213-3856.

From: [Brian Doddridge](#)
To: [Damian Couture](#); [Daniela Dyck](#)
Subject: FW: 310_Water, Land and Resource Stewardship_Clinton (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed
Date: August 26, 2026 4:14:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

We have been approved for the meeting with WLRS to discuss the water conservation pilot project. Please see topic two. I realize now that having two topics on the agenda, when we plan to meet in conjunction with your communities, may result in some wires getting crossed so I propose we tackle the water stewardship topic first, and then at about the ten minute mark we wrap up this conversation and Clinton continues with the conversation about our upper reservoir. Is this acceptable to you?

Thank you,

Brian Doddridge
Chief Administrative Officer

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From: UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator <UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 26, 2026 12:18 PM
To: Brian Doddridge <cao@village.clinton.bc.ca>
Cc: Admin <Admin@village.clinton.bc.ca>
Subject: 310_Water, Land and Resource Stewardship_Clinton (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed

[EXTERNAL EMAIL ALERT – BE AWARE]



2026 UBCM Convention

DATE:	August 26, 2026
TO:	Brian Doddridge Clinton (Village)
FROM:	UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator
RE:	310_Water, Land and Resource Stewardship_Clinton (Village)_Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings_2026 UBCM Convention_Confirmed

Your request for a meeting with a Provincial Cabinet Minister has been confirmed.

Meeting Time/Location:

Wednesday, September 16 2026, 11:20AM - 11:35AM PST
Room 16, Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building, Level 2

Community/Organization Information:

Meeting ID: 310
Community/Organization: Clinton (Village)
Contact: Brian Doddridge, CAO
Primary Phone: 250-459-2261
Primary Email: cao@village.clinton.bc.ca
Secondary Email: admin@village.clinton.bc.ca

Cabinet Minister:

Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Community/Organization Attendees:

Brian Doddridge, CAO; David Park, Councillor; John Ranta, Mayor; Nicholas Kosovic, Councillor; Roden Barbara, Mayor; Roland Stanke, Mayor

Topic #1:

Clinton Creek Upper Reservoir

Background:

The Village of Clinton's upper reservoir provides storage capacity for Clinton Creek, which supplies drinking water to Clinton residents, irrigation for many large agricultural operations, and habitat for aquatic species. With elevated drought levels throughout the province, and as highlighted in the Village's Source Water Assessment (2026), increasing water reservoir capacity is an urgent and essential project. It is impossible for a small community of less than 700 people to bear the financial burden of this project. The proposed project will improve fish habitat and health, increase climate resilience, improve drinking water stability, and improve agricultural potential in the region.

Request:

The Village wants to bring this important project to the attention of the minister and to request funding support for the Upper Reservoir Capacity project.

Topic #2:

Water Conservation Pilot Project

Background:

The Villages of Clinton, Ashcroft, and Cache Creek are located in one of the driest areas in the province and with recent drought conditions, water conservation is becoming an increasingly urgent priority. Our three communities work together regularly on other shared services such as transit and bylaw enforcement, and we have identified a shared need for water conservation work to reduce usage, thereby protecting water sources, reducing the pressure on our small water systems, and making our communities more resilient to the effects of climate change. This presents an excellent opportunity for the Province to support the development of a new pilot that will provide urgently needed support.

Request:

The proposal put to the minister is to fund a tri-community pilot project, whereby a water conservation position would be established to develop and distribute engagement materials, carry out neighbourhood audits, and identify incentive opportunities for residents and businesses to reduce water use.

For questions regarding Premier and Cabinet Minister meeting requests at UBCM Convention please email: UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca. For urgent matters, please call 250 213-3856.

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Brian Bennewith, DPW
SUBJECT: Verbal Report

MEETING DATE: Sept. 8, 2026

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report and future reports is to provide information to 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:

- Water Meter Installation Project - Update

From: Kellett, Leslie <Leslie.Kellett@princegeorge.ca>

Sent: September 1, 2026 1:00 PM

Subject: Follow-Up: City of Prince George Requesting Support for the Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant

Good afternoon,

On August 21, 2026, the City of Prince George circulated the attached letter regarding a UBCM resolution concerning the Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant.

Prince George City Council is seeking support from municipalities across British Columbia for the resolution and would appreciate your Council's consideration of providing a letter of support.

At its August 31, 2026 regular Council meeting, Council requested that Administration follow up with municipalities that have not yet responded.

If your municipality has already responded and was inadvertently included in this follow-up distribution, please accept our apologies and disregard this email.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



LESLIE KELLETT

Deputy Corporate Officer

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We respectfully acknowledge the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work, and play.



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Rural Governments in British Columbia

Transmitted via email

August 20, 2026

RE: City of Prince George requesting support for the Northern and Rural Homeowners Grant

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Prince George City Council, thank you to the many local governments that have supported our request for the Province to reconsider its decision to end the Northern-Rural Homeowner Benefit.

Background:

The homeowner grant offered by the Government of British Columbia helps reduce the amount of property tax residents pay each year on their principal residence. The grant is available to homeowners who pay property taxes either to a municipality or directly to the Province if they live in a rural area.

The current regular grant amount is \$570 for properties in the Capital, Metro Vancouver, and Fraser Valley Regional Districts. For all other areas of the province, the grant amount is \$770. Effective for the 2027 and subsequent taxation years, the additional \$200 Northern and Rural Homeowner Benefit will be repealed.

Why this matters:

Repealing this benefit will have a disproportionate impact on northern and rural communities, where residents already face higher living costs associated with transportation, longer supply chains, increased heating and cooling expenses, and more limited access to services than those typically experienced in southern urban centres.

Maintaining regional recognition within provincial programs remains essential to supporting affordability, economic resilience, and fairness for northern and rural residents.

Requested action:

The resolution was endorsed at the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Convention and has been forwarded to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at the September 2026 Convention. The resolution has been included in the 2026 UBCM Resolutions Book and can be found on [page 84](#).

We are also pleased to note that MLA Rosalyn Bird has expressed support for the resolution, and NCLGA is advocating to the relevant provincial ministers in support of maintaining the benefit.

We believe a strong and united voice opposing this planned provincial change remains important. We encourage northern and rural local governments affected by this decision to support the resolution at the September 2026 UBCM Convention by speaking in favour of it at the Pro Mic and voting to endorse the resolution.



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We also welcome additional letters of support that the City can reference as part of ongoing advocacy efforts, including meetings with provincial ministers and government officials.

Finally, we encourage local governments to engage directly with their MLAs to reinforce the importance of maintaining fair and regionally responsive provincial programs that recognize the unique challenges facing northern and rural communities.

Respectfully,

Simon Yu
Mayor
City of Prince George

August 27, 2026

Daniela Dyck, CAO
Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Reference: LGPS-12872

Re: 2026 CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Winter/Spring Closed Intake - Application-based Funding for FireSmart Activities - CONFIDENTIAL Approval Agreement

Dear Ms. Dyck,

Thank you for submitting an application revised June 3, 2026 under the Community Resiliency Investment program for 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Winter/Spring Closed Intake Application-based funding stream.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee recommended your project, *FireSmart Education, SPU and Residential and Critical Infrastructure Assessments*, for funding. A grant in the amount of \$197,713.00 has now been approved.

As outlined in the Program and Application Guide, an initial payment in the amount of \$98,856.50 or fifty per cent (50%) of the total approved grant will follow by electronic funds transfer after the signed Approval Agreement has been returned to UBCM. The remainder of the grant will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary.

The Ministry of Forests has provided funding for this program. To satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for grant payment:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager or designate and returned to UBCM within 30 days;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval **in confidence** until August 31, 2026.
- (3) A post-grant approval meeting with the local BCWS Wildfire Prevention Officer or FNESS Wildfire Resiliency Advisor must be completed prior to commencing

The Community Resiliency Investment program is funded by the Province of BC

work. Please contact Trent Emel at the Kamloops Fire Centre to schedule this meeting.

- (4) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above-named project and for the expenses itemized in your approved application;
- (5) All expenditures must meet eligibility and funding requirements as defined in the Program and Application Guide (refer to Sections 5 and 6);
- (6) Approved applicants may request to have all grant payments made by direct deposit. Please note that all payments to local governments are already made by direct deposit. Please contact UBCM for more information;
- (7) All project activities must be completed within one year and no later than August 26, 2027;
- (8) The final report is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of the approved project end date and no later than September 26, 2027. Refer to Attachment 1 for final report requirements;
- (9) Any unused funds must be returned as directed by UBCM within 30 days following the project end date;
- (10) When recognizing funding, please state that the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities and funded by the Province of BC. UBCM is active on X, Blue Sky, LinkedIn and Facebook. When possible, please mention or tag UBCM on social media posts that are related to projects that are funded by programs that UBCM administers;
- (11) Projects that include the development of a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan must use the current CWRP Template and follow the [current](#) CWRP Supplemental Instruction Guide, including the guidance for establishing an area of interest and determining the wildland-urban interface;
- (12) For projects that include the purchase of FireSmart structure protection equipment, the requirements identified in Appendix 4 of the Program and Application Guide must be met;
- (13) For projects that include Wildland Live Fire Training, the requirements identified in Appendix 6 of the Program and Application Guide must be met;
- (14) For projects that include a FireSmart project for Cultural Sites and Green Spaces, the requirements identified in Appendix 8 of the Program and Application Guide must be met;
- (15) For projects that include a FireSmart rebate program and mitigation work for Seniors, Elders, people with limited mobility or vulnerable populations, the requirements identified in Appendix 9 of the Program and Application Guide must be met;

- (16) Local FireSmart Representative training workshops are virtual and do not have a registration fee. Only costs related to travel due to access to Internet or required technology will be considered for funding;
- (17) FireSmart™ and FireSmart logos are registered trademarks of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, and FireSmart BC is governed by the BC FireSmart Committee. Use of the word FireSmart and associated logos is administered through licensing agreements. Any products/materials that are created using FireSmart brands must be reviewed and approved by the BC FireSmart Committee as the provincial agency representing FireSmart Canada. Request permission to use FireSmart brands [here](#).

It is expected that applicants will make use of available and free FireSmart Resources which can be found at FireSmartBC.ca or by reaching out to info@firesmartbc.ca

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all interim, progress and/or final report materials will be made available to the provincial government.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to reduce the risk and impact of wildfires in your community.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Resiliency Investment at 250-387-4470 or cri@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Jonas Woodrow, Program Officer

Encls.

cc. *Gwen Dost, FireSmart Coordinator*

Reference: LGPS-12872

Approval Agreement (to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager, or designate)

I, _____, authorized designate of the Village of Ashcroft, have read and agree to the requirements for funding under the 2026 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Winter/Spring Closed Intake Application-based funding for FireSmart Activities program and the reporting requirements (Attachment 1).

_____, _____
Signature, Title Date

An original or certified digital signature is required

Please return an electronic copy of this signed Approval Agreement attention to the Program Administrator, at cri@ubcm.ca

Attachment 1: Final Reporting Requirements

Reporting requirements do not apply to any product, data or information which may include Indigenous knowledge. The Ministry of Forests respects the First Nations principles of OCAP®.

Final Report Requirements

Applicants are required to submit an electronic copy of the complete final report, as outlined below:

Table 3: Summary of Required Final Report Contents and Related Attachments <i>Refer to the Application Worksheet and Final Report Worksheets for required submissions for each proposed activity.</i>	
Required Submissions	Related Attachments (as required)
Final Report Worksheet	
Final Report Worksheet 1	• Education – Electronic samples of educational materials. • Community Planning – All updated/completed bylaws, policies, practices and plans. • Development Considerations – All updated/completed bylaws, policies, practices and plans. • Emergency Planning – All updated/completed water delivery assessments; list of purchased FireSmart structure protection equipment. • Cross Training – List of completed training for each FireSmart position with cost calculation; a project report and financial summary for wildland live fire training. • FireSmart Projects for Critical Infrastructure - Completed post-mitigation FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Assessment(s). • FireSmart Projects for Community Assets - Completed post-mitigation FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Assessment(s). • FireSmart Projects for Cultural Sites - Completed post-mitigation FireSmart Cultural Sites and Green Spaces Assessment(s). • FireSmart Projects for Green Spaces - Completed post-mitigation FireSmart Cultural Sites and Green Spaces Assessment(s). • FireSmart Activities for Homes and Properties – Summary report and sample of completed FireSmart HIZ Assessments and/or FireSmart Farm and Ranch Assessments; list of addresses that received a rebate and rebate amounts; list of addresses where eligible mitigation work was completed and a general description of the work at each address; completed

	neighbourhood assessments and/or plans; summary report of completed WMP Assessments.
Final Report Worksheet 3: New CWRP/Amended CWRP	• Copy of the completed or amended CWRP. • Completed Wildfire Threat Assessment Worksheet(s) and photos. • Maps and spatial data as outlined in Appendix 11.
Copies, excerpts and/or links to all materials produced with grant funding.	
Photos of funded activities and/or completed projects and links to media directly related to the funded project.	

Submission of Final Reports

Final reports should be submitted as Word or PDF files. Total file size for email attachments cannot exceed 20 MB.

All final reports should be submitted to Union of BC Municipalities through cri@ubcm.ca.

From: [Chow, Gregory \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
To: [Mayor, Village of Ashcroft](#); [Daniela Dyck](#); [Damian Couture](#); [Kandi-Lee Crooks-Smith](#); [Colleen Deveyrac](#); [Brenton Close](#); [Brakop, Ingrid](#)
Cc: [Harris, Denise \(RCMP/GRC\)](#); [Bro. Alexander \(RCMP/GRC\)](#); [Ganzeveld, Camron \(RCMP/GRC\)](#); [Vera, John Kim \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)
Subject: September 2026 traffic campaign
Date: August 29, 2026 11:50:48 AM
Attachments: [ASHCROFT RCMP TRAFFIC POSTER 2609 FINAL.png](#)

Hello all,

We're trying something new starting September 1, 2026. The Ashcroft RCMP detachment will feature a new traffic enforcement campaign each month. This brings along with it education through the local outlets such as community newsletter, posters, other media. We hope our partners will help spread the word.

In September, we're starting a campaign focused on keeping students safe. This means enforcing, but not limited to, speed limits, stop signs, use of electronic devices, seatbelts, and stopping for school buses. In addition, for students who drive, this means also ensuring Class 7 driver's follow the restrictions for their class of licence (typically class 7 N or L). Through education and enforcement, we aim to help create safer school routes and improve safety for all students. The public should expect an increased presence near school zones in Ashcroft and Cache Creek.

Some of the most commonly observed violations are:

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- Use an electronic device while driving s. 214.2(1) MVA \$368 (4 demerit points)
- Speed in school zone s. 147(1) MVA \$196-\$253 (3 demerit points)
- Speed against highway sign s. 146(3) MVA \$138-\$196 (3 demerit points)
- Excessive speed (41km/h or over the posted speed) s.148(1) MVA \$368-\$483, a 7-day impound, and a high-risk driver designation (3 demerit points)
- Fail to obey stop sign s.186 MVA \$167 (3 demerit points)
- Drive contrary to driver's licence restriction s. 25(15) MVA (3 demerit points)
- Fail to wear seat belt s. 220(4) MVA \$167
- Fail to display "L" sign s. 30.10(2) MVAR \$109
- Fail to display "N" sign s. 30.10(4) MVAR \$109

This means, for drivers with a full (class 5) licence 4 or more demerit points within a 12-month period will mean a driver will have to pay a Driver Penalty Point premium. For some offences or convictions, such as excessive speeding, the Driver Risk Program may apply. For learner or novice drivers (Class 7) 2 to 4 penalty points can trigger a review or a driving prohibition by RoadSafetyBC.

Please find the campaign poster attached.

Regards,

Greg

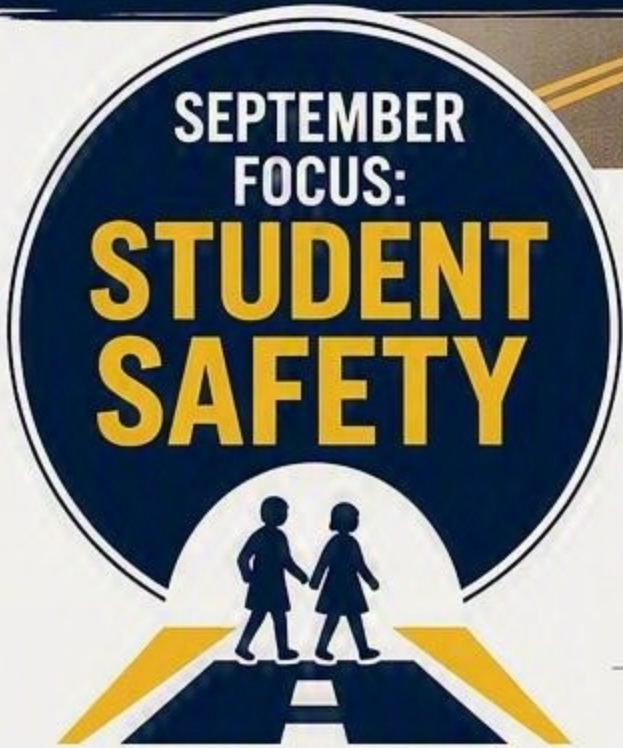
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ASHCROFT RCMP DETACHMENT

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.



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SLOW DOWN. PAY ATTENTION.
PROTECT OUR STUDENTS.



TOGETHER, WE CAN
MAKE SCHOOL ROUTES SAFER
FOR EVERYONE.





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September 2, 2026

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Ahead of the UBCM Convention, I want to thank you for your continued partnership this past year and provide an update on how FortisBC is working to meet the evolving energy needs of the communities you represent. Population growth, new housing, and economic development are creating significant new demands on B.C.'s energy system. Meeting those needs affordably and reliably will require making the best use of our gas and electric systems, alongside renewable and lower-carbon energy. As B.C.'s largest provider of critical energy services, serving over 1.3 million homes and businesses across the province, we understand the challenges local governments face balancing growth, affordability and critical infrastructure needs. We remain focused on delivering practical energy solutions that support economic growth, customer affordability, help lower emissions and contribute to thriving communities.

Practical Energy Solutions that Support Affordability

As B.C.'s energy needs continue to grow, meeting demand will require investment across BC's energy systems as no single energy solution can meet all our needs. FortisBC is investing nearly \$690 million by 2027 in demand-side management programs to help customers use less energy and manage their costs. Based on strong customer demand, we recently received approval to increase our investment by \$86 million for gas conservation and energy-efficiency programs for 2026 and 2027. The gas and electric upgrades installed in 2025 alone are expected to lower associated emissions by close to 815,000 tonnes of CO₂e over their lifetime, equivalent to the annual energy use of more than 357,000 homes.¹

To help meet growing electricity demand in the Southern Interior, we launched a call for power aimed at adding up to 550 gigawatt hours of supply as soon as 2030. We received more than 80 submissions representing about 20,000 gigawatt hours of electricity.

With housing affordability a key issue in many communities, we're advancing deep energy retrofit pilot projects in four commercial buildings and 20 residential homes across the province to reduce energy use and costs in existing buildings. The Manor House and Pendrellis projects in Metro Vancouver have achieved energy and emission reductions of over 60 per cent, along with thousands of dollars in utility bill savings for building owners.² With more than half of today's buildings expected to remain in use in 2050, learnings from these pilots can help inform future programs that reduce energy costs and help keep existing buildings affordable.

Together, these measures can help residents and businesses manage their energy costs while supporting a reliable energy supply that growing communities need.

Integrated Energy Systems to Support Growing Communities

Delivering a stronger energy future for B.C. means using both gas and electric systems to their fullest potential. Natural gas plays an important role in maintaining reliability during periods of peak demand, while providing an affordable choice for residents and businesses. B.C. already has extensive gas and electric infrastructure across the province and making the best use of both systems can help meet B.C.'s growing energy needs. That's why we're supporting adoption of dual fuel systems, which pair high-efficiency gas furnaces with electric heat pumps to provide affordable, reliable heating and cooling while also lowering emissions relative to gas-only systems. When compared to electric-only heating options, dual fuel systems can help reduce strain on the electrical grid during periods of peak demand while helping customers manage energy costs. Dwellings with dual fuel systems have approximately 75 per

¹ Source: Calculated using the [Natural Resources Canada greenhouse gas equivalencies calculator](#)

² Source: [FortisBC collaboration completes deep energy retrofit to benefit residents](#)

cent lower peak electric demand than dwellings with single-fuel electric systems.³ Research from the University of Victoria shows that dual fuel systems could mitigate up to 2.4 gigawatts of peak electricity demand across B.C.,⁴ roughly 17 per cent of current provincial generating capacity.

Making use of our existing infrastructure through solutions like dual fuel systems can help reduce the need for costly infrastructure upgrades while supporting the growing energy needs of communities.

Using Existing Infrastructure to Deliver Lower-Carbon Energy

FortisBC continues to bring more lower-carbon energy into our system. Our contracted supply of Renewable Natural Gas⁵ (RNG) is now at 16.4 petajoules – equivalent to the annual energy use of approximately 187,000 homes. Most of our customers now have 3.5 per cent of their gas use designated as RNG, delivered through the same gas infrastructure already serving communities today. Using our existing infrastructure to deliver lower-carbon energy provides another pathway to reduce emissions while supporting affordability and reliability.

Investing in B.C.'s Energy Infrastructure and Economy

As a Canadian company, FortisBC is proud to invest billions of dollars in B.C.'s energy infrastructure, creating jobs, supporting economic growth and strengthening the resiliency of our energy system. We're also working with Indigenous Nations to advance opportunities for meaningful partnerships as we invest in the province's energy future.

- **Tilbury LNG Expansion:** We've received approval from the Province to invest more than \$2 billion in the Phase 1B expansion, which is expected to create thousands of jobs while supporting growing demand for LNG as a lower-carbon marine fuel. The proposed Phase 2 expansion, if approved, could contribute an estimated \$1.7 billion to B.C.'s GDP during construction, create thousands of additional jobs, generate \$700 million annually during operations, and provide backup supply of natural gas for the Lower Mainland during peak winter demand.
- **Okanagan Capacity Mitigation Project:** The Okanagan is one of B.C.'s fastest-growing regions, and we're advancing a new small-scale LNG storage and send-out facility in Kelowna to help meet growing energy demand and provide reliable natural gas service on the coldest days of the year.
- **Gas Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI):** The Gas AMI project continues to progress, with more than 450,000 of our approximately 1.1 million gas meters exchanged or retrofitted with wireless communication capabilities. Once complete, the advanced meters will provide customers with more timely information about their energy use, providing another tool to help customers manage their costs.

We believe B.C. has an opportunity to meet its growing energy needs by making the best use of our existing gas and electric systems while continuing to advance lower-carbon energy solutions. We share your goals of building affordable, resilient and sustainable communities and value our ongoing collaboration with local governments across the province. We look forward to connecting at UBCM to hear about your community's priorities and discuss how we can continue to support you in achieving your goals.

Sincerely,



Doug Slater
Vice President
Indigenous Relations and Regulatory Affairs

³ Sources: [BC Hydro Integrated Resource Plan, Page 2-42](#), [FortisBC Long Term Gas Resource Plan IR1 Response, Page 21](#)

⁴ Sources: [FortisBC Long Term Resource Plan IR1 Response, Page 22](#), [Building Heating Decarbonization in BC](#) (22:03)

⁵ [Renewable Natural Gas \(RNG\) | FortisBC](#)

From: Troy <thelilloetgazette@gmail.com>
Sent: August 26, 2026 3:15 PM
To: Courtney Dash <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Letter re chemical-induced wildfires

From: S. Troy Anderson, Concerned Citizen, Researcher, Published Writer
Sent: August 26, 2026

To: UBCM and all BC Municipalities

Subject: Exploding Wildfires and the Urgent Need to Stop Chemical-Induced Weather Experiments

Dear Mayors, Councils and all it may concern,

Another summer of towns evacuated, 1000s of people losing their homes, massive fires burning out of control, smoke-filled air for weeks and months. Tremendous resources—human and financial—go into fighting fires that become larger, more volatile and greater in number every year. The strain on families, communities, business, tourism, health, and taxpayers is excessive. **We're continually told the crisis is due to climate change but this is not the whole picture.**

Recently, a Fire Chief told a CBC reporter that the Bald Range wildfire near Summerland doubled in size so fast that firefighters could do little but order over 12,000 people to evacuate. He said the fire “exploded”. CBC news presenter, Johanna Wagstaffe, said, “I’ve never seen anything like this as a meteorologist.” Back in 2018, during California’s deadliest-ever fire season, their exasperated Fire Chief told a reporter that **“fire behaviour has changed, the fires are exploding.”** And it gets worse. We’re now seeing fire tornadoes and on the weekend of August 22nd over 7000 lightning strikes!

This must be our call to action. It’s time to question why billions of pounds of flammable chemicals are sprayed into earth’s atmosphere every year—for over 50 years—and how this is contributing to exploding wildfires, extreme weather events, and other problems.

According to their Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), **the flammable chemicals being sprayed fundamentally conflict with fire, water and fire-fighting: Aluminum Particulate** “reacts violently and/or explosively with water, steam or moisture.” **Barium:** “Contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.” With **Sodium Chloride**, “avoid excess heat and exposure to moist air or water” or the chemical will explode. **Sulphur dioxide** “may explode if

heated.” When using **Silver Iodide**, “excess heat is a condition to avoid—no data available for explosive limits.” **Potassium Chloride** must be “kept away from heat or sources of ignition.” **Calcium Carbonate** “may explode when heated” and “should not be released into the environment.” **Aluminum Strontium** “should not be released into the environment. Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.” **Manganese**: “keep away from heat, sparks or open flames.” **Titanium Oxide**, which are nano-particles, “must be kept away from open flames and sources of ignition.” **Aluminum oxide**: “avoid excessive heat.” And more.

They call it ‘geoengineering’ and the list of governments banning it is growing. Mexico has banned it. Seven American states have banned it. Lawmakers in over 30 states are in the process of criminalizing atmospheric manipulation or climate intervention. Legislative bills are currently wending through the U.S. political system: New Jersey’s Bill 4161 “seeks to ban the release of hazardous chemicals for geoengineering”; North Carolina’s Bill 362 “amends environmental laws to bar intentional chemical releases for weather or sunlight manipulation”; Montana “prohibits releasing chemicals to alter weather or sunlight intensity”; Florida is “protecting natural weather patterns.”

Canada has no domestic laws prohibiting chemical experiments involving solar radiation, weather modification or climate intervention. What we have is a Canada/U.S. Weather Modification Treaty, formed in 1975. (Verification documentation at the end of this letter). Canada’s only oversight over our skies is the toothless Weather Modification Information Act which politely asks only to be informed of what’s already been done. See UBC’s Bertram Research Group website for their active involvement in the region.

It must be noted that climate geoengineering makes billions in profit for the chemical industry every year. They sell both the flammable chemicals that can cause explosive fires and the dry chemicals they advise are “suitable for extinguishing” them. MSDS for all the flammable chemicals have pages and pages of missing data: “toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.” Effects on human health: “no information available.” Product flammability, burning rate, or explosion limits: “no information available.” Ecological information: “no information available.” No data for chemical stability or reactivity. After more than 50 years, no information pertaining to downsides and negative effects? Or is that information being hidden?

We all know the history of industry claiming their products are safe and harmless, then it turns out they’re not. Thalidomide, big tobacco, and opioids are three of many examples. Corruption repeats—as do reaction patterns. When harms become evident, industries typically ignore, deny, explain away, and cover up; vested interests and profits are prioritized. Nothing changes until dedicated researchers and whistleblowers expose the facts to the people, who then organize and demand change. **It’s not our fault if we didn’t know, or if we trusted and believed what they told us. But it is our fault if we learn the truth and kick the can down the road.**

We need BC Municipalities to share information, band together, call for government transparency, and demand a moratorium on chemical climate experimentation. The upcoming UBCM conference would be a perfect opportunity. **You are our best defense. You can protect our health, our lives and livelihoods, our communities, our firefighters, our clean and clear atmosphere, our land and waterways, our shared future.**

Thank you for your honourable service and your attention to this urgent issue. Links to primary sources, documentation and high quality research on page 3.

Respectfully,
S. Troy Anderson
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Primary Source Documentation for Geoengineering Research

Type the underlined words into your Search Engine (Google, Firefox, Safari, etc)

1975 Weather Modification Treaty between Canada and U.S.

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Canada Weather Modification Information Act

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Bertram Research Group: UBC Chemistry Department

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Material Safety Data Sheets and the chemical name – MSDS and Aluminum Particulate

State-level geoengineering bans: Florida, Montana and Beyond

Is geoengineering pushing us into climate chaos

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Geoengineering Watch has been documenting this for over 20 years. See their excellent documentary, Hacking the Planet: the Geoengineering Reality

Chemtrails Exposed is a database of photos of climate experimentation, uploaded to the internet from concerned citizens all over the world.

Substack: Center for International Environmental Law Expose the Dangers of Geoengineering

EPA Releases New Online Resources Giving Americans Total Transparency on the Issues of Geoengineering and Contrails

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Controversial Geoengineering Test Quietly Launches Salt Crystals into Atmosphere



NEWS RELEASE

TNRL Welcomes Award-Winning Writer and Storyteller as 2026 Writer in Residence

Kamloops, BC – September 2, 2026 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) is pleased to announce Dr. George Johnson as its 2026 Writer in Residence.

Johnson is a longtime Kamloops resident and recently became Professor Emeritus at Thompson Rivers University, where he taught creative writing and modern literature for 34 years. An award-winning author and playwright, his work spans screenplays, stage plays, children's literature, and cultural studies. His diverse body of work has received numerous national and international awards and honours, including the 2019 YMCA Peace Medal for his social justice work and writing.

Johnson's work reflects his longstanding commitment to social justice and environmental issues and his belief in the power of literature to create empathy.

From September to December 2026, Johnson's residency will focus on helping writers explore different forms of storytelling, strengthen their craft, and navigate the path from idea to publication. Johnson's residency will begin on September 15, 2026 with a Meet and Greet at the North Kamloops Library from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Other free programs include:

- Meet other writers and explore topics like writing song lyrics, writing children's books, playwriting, tough topics, screenwriting, and getting published at **Writers Circle** at the Kamloops Library.
- Book a **One-On-One Consultation** with George Johnson to discuss your work, either in person at the North Kamloops Library, or virtually.
- Enjoy an evening of readings and reflections by George Johnson at the **Writer in Residence Wrap-Up** at the North Kamloops Library.

For more information, please visit: tnrl.ca/residencies.

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Sent: September 3, 2026 8:00 AM
To: csimmons@salmonarm.ca; Town Of Oliver <admin@oliver.ca>; District Of Peachland >
Subject: UBCM Resolution for Member Consideration

Good morning SILGA members,

We hope all is well in the lead-up to UBCM.

SILGA is reaching out to inform you of an endorsed Kamloops resolution that will be introduced from the floor at UBCM, approved by the Executive for advance consideration by SILGA membership. Please see the certified resolution attached below.

Our September newsletter will circulate later today with a reminder that the cut-off for In Memoriam submissions is fast approaching, along with some advocacy updates. Please keep your eyes out for it!

Thank you for your continued support of SILGA as we work to further our regional advocacy.

Best,
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CITY OF KAMLOOPS

RESOLUTION FROM THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KAMLOOPS, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 7 VICTORIA STREET WEST, KAMLOOPS, BC

Title: Provincial Investigation into Fuel Price Disparities in the Southern Interior

Sponsor: Kamloops/Merritt

Whereas the Province has established the *Fuel Price Transparency Act* to improve accountability and transparency within British Columbia's fuel market;

And whereas reports of fuel price disparities in regions of British Columbia have been significant enough to incite an investigation from the BC Utilities Commission;

And whereas these fuel price disparities have persisted over an extended period, creating increased financial hardship for residents and higher operating costs for businesses, agricultural producers, commercial transportation, local governments, and emergency services; while reducing regional affordability and economic competitiveness:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia undertake a comprehensive independent review of fuel pricing discrepancies in the Province to determine the causes of persistent regional price disparities and publicly report its findings;

And be it further resolved that the Province identify and implement any legislative, regulatory, or policy measures necessary to improve transparency, competition, and fairness in fuel pricing to ensure consumers across the Province are paying equitable fuel prices that reflect the economics of their region.

CARRIED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of a resolution from the minutes of a meeting of the Kamloops City Council held on the 1st day of September 2026.

Dated at Kamloops, BC, this 2nd day of September 2026.



M. Mazzotta
Corporate Officer



Locally Filmed 'Lunar Sway' Returns to Thompson-Nicola for Special Screenings

Press Releases / August 31, 2026

Kamloops, BC – August 31, 2026 – Two years after filming in Cache Creek, Ashcroft, and Spences Bridge, the Canadian feature film *Lunar Sway* is returning to the Thompson-Nicola region for special hometown screenings after a successful international festival run.

Written and directed by award-winning Canadian filmmaker Nick Butler, the dark comedy premiered at the BFI Flare: London LGBTQIA+ Film Festival in March 2026, and has since screened at the Inside Out 2SLGBTQ+ Film Festival. The film continues to build momentum with official selections at festivals across North America and Europe, including the Rhode Island International Film Festival, Reeling: The Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival, the Santa Cruz Film Festival, the Fayetteville Film Festival, Zepfest, and the East Village Queer Film Festival, among others.

Before its wider theatrical release, *Lunar Sway* will return to the Thompson-Nicola region for screenings in Kamloops at the Paramount Theatre on November 13, 2026 and in Cache Creek – where the film was partially shot – at the Community Hall on November 14, 2026. The film will then continue with select theatrical screenings across Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom before its video-on-demand release across North America and England on December 8, 2026.

Lunar Sway tells the story of Cliff (played by Noah Parker) a young man whose life takes an unexpected turn when he reconnects with his estranged birth mother, setting him on a journey of self-discovery through a series of unforeseen adventures. Co-stars in the film are Liza Weil (*Gilmore Girls*, *How to Get Away With Murder*) and Douglas Smith (*Die Alone*, *Big Love*).

Filming took place throughout the TNRD in September 2024, with locations including the Oasis Hotel and Pub, BN Dulay's warehouse bays, and the Desert Inn in Cache Creek, as well as Vulture Garage & Antiques and Baits Motel in Spences Bridge, and several properties in and around Ashcroft.

"It is incredibly rewarding to see *Lunar Sway* reaching audiences around the world and returning to the communities that helped bring it to life," said Terri Hadwin, Film Commissioner with the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission. "It was a dream to work with writer, director, and producer Nick Butler, and we're proud to have supported the production."

About the TNFC:



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The Thompson-Nicola Film Commission is a full-time, full-service film commission and a department within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. The TNFC markets the Thompson-Nicola region worldwide and facilitates all types of motion picture productions. To learn more, visit filmthompsonnicola.com.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: 2026 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities

With the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver fast approaching, the Members of the Official Opposition would like to cordially invite you to meet during the Convention. As the Official Opposition, we respect deeply the critical role Local Governments play in strengthening our communities throughout British Columbia and remain dedicated to robustly representing your interests in Vancouver and throughout the province. As the Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, I am committed to understanding the specific opportunities and challenges your community faces.

I am pleased to share the following engagement opportunities arranged by the Official Opposition for you throughout the UBCM Convention:

1. For a one-on-one meeting with me or any of our Opposition Critics at the UBCM Convention, please contact Ethan Williams at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca or via telephone at 250-387-3507
2. Our Caucus is hosting four roundtable discussions on the topics noted below in the **Conference Room Cristal Room at the Marriott Pinnacle Vancouver**. Please RSVP at BC Conservative Caucus UBCM Reception Registration ([UBCM BC Conservative Caucus Roundtables — RSVP](#)) or by email at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca
3. Our Caucus is hosting a UBCM reception at the BC Conservative Caucus Vancouver Office Suite 900 -1055 Hastings West Street, Vancouver 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. Please RSVP at [BC Conservative Caucus UBCM Reception Registration – Fill out form](#) or by email at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca

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Topic	Critic(s)	Date & Time
Crime/Community Safety	MLA Macklin McCall MLA Steve Kooner MLA Bryan Tepper	Tuesday, September 15 10:00-11:00 am
Healthcare	MLA Anna Kindy MLA Clarie Rattee	Monday, September 14 1:30-2:30 pm
Jobs/Economy/Affordability	MLA Gavin Dew MLA Kristina Loewen MLA Kiel Giddens	Monday, September 14 10:00-11:00 am
Private Property	Kerry Lynne Findlay MLA Scott McInnis MLA John Rustad	Tuesday, September 15 2:00-3:00 pm
Housing/Infrastructure	MLA Á'a:líya Warbus MLA Misty Van Popta MLA Sharon Hartwell MLA Linda Hepner	Tuesday, September 15 3:30-4:30 pm

Local governments often serve as the primary interface for our shared constituents, adeptly addressing their needs. Your capacity to respond effectively during crises and maintain consistent, high-quality daily services is fundamental to the well-being of British Columbians. Your commitment to enhancing your communities is commendable, and as the Official Opposition we are dedicated to ensuring government accountability and advocating for the provincial resources necessary to support your delivery of essential services.

In keeping with the 2026 UBCM Convention theme of Common Goal, I hope each of you will take the time to connect with Official Opposition MLAs during the UBCM Convention so we can speak directly, discuss the shifting challenges our communities face and act collaboratively on solutions.

Sincerely,

Tony Luck, MLA

Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs

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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2026

JULY

Date	Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
		2026 MOTIONS				
2026-06-08	Released from Closed	THAT, Council accepts Mr. Stanglands counter-offer of \$27,500 and directs staff to move forward with the legislated requirements to sell the property.	CAO/CFO		Lawyers has filed name change with LTSA. Once complete sale can commence	In - Progress
2026-06-08	R-2026-92	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.	CAO/EDT	Invite Mrs. Kanamaru, Alice Durksen, Bob Nishiguchi, Jo Petty and Royden Josephson to participate on the restoration / replacement WG	Invitations sent - Responses received - schedule meeting for September	In - Progress
2026-07-10	S-2026-04	THAT Council give first reading to Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 889, 2026; AND THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the referral and technical review process prior to bringing the bylaw back for consideration of second reading.	CAO / Urban	Referrals have been sent. Waiting for responses - deadline is August 3, 2026 - ALC will not have their review back to us until Sept 3. We are delayed.		In - Progress
2026-07-10	S-2026-05	THAT Council give first reading to Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026; AND THAT Council direct Administration to proceed with the referral and technical review process prior to bringing the bylaw back for consideration of second reading.	CAO / Urban	Referrals have been sent. Waiting for responses - deadline is August 3, 2026 - ALC will not have their review back to us until Sept 3. We are delayed.		In - Progress
2026-07-27	R-2026-105	THAT Council approves name change on village owned property from "Village of Ashcroft" to "The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft".	CFO	Legal team is filing the name change and LTSA documents		Complete
2026-07-27	R-2026-109	THAT, Council proclaim September 21-27, 2026 as Rail Safety Week in the Village of Ashcroft; and THAT, the Mayor be authorized to sign the Rail Safety Week Proclamation.	CAO/Mayor	Prepare and Sign the Proclamation		Complete
2026-08-24	R-2026-112	THAT, Council receive the Development and Feasibility of a Community Heritage Register report for information; AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the development of a Village of Ashcroft Community Heritage Register pursuant to Section 598 of the Local Government Act, incorporating the existing Historical Plaque Program where appropriate and utilizing Ashcroft Museum staff to undertake historical research and prepare Statements of Significance as seasonal staffing and resources permit.	CAO	Develop Heritage Register		In - Progress
2026-08-24	R-2026-113	THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft HUB Society request for free facility use at Heritage Park on September 20, 2026 for the Terry Fox Run.	CAO	Advise HUB & Admin of fee waiver		Complete
2026-08-24	R-2026-114	THAT, Council provides a Letter of Support to the Ashcroft Indian Band's application to the Build Communities Strong Fund - Local Impact Stream for their Community Centre Infrastructure Project.	CAO	Forward Letter of Support to AIB		Complete

2026-08-24	R-2026-117	THAT, Council grant the Permissive Tax Exemption to The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 as requested with funding source to be determined by separate motion.	CAO/CFO	Advise Legion of next steps, develop PTE Public notice and Bylaw Amendment		Complete
2026-08-24	R-2026-118	THAT, Council fund the Permissive Tax Exemption for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 via 1. a reduction of the Ashcroft HUB's Conditional Grant in Aid by \$3000; and 2. An estimate tax increase of 0.25% for the 2027 tax year.	CAO/CFO	Send letter to HUB Society advising the reduction in the Unconditional GIA funds		Complete



Joint Para- Transit Committee Meeting Agenda August 20, 2026-11:00am Ashcroft - TEAMS

In Attendance: Daynika White, BCT
Jen Getz, BCT
Midhat Malik, BCT
Michelle Wall, YCS
Cnlr. Sue Peters, VoCC
CAO, Damian Couture, VoCC
Cnclr. David Park, VoC
CFO, Many McKague, VoC
Cnclr. Jonah Anstett, VoA
CAO, Daniela Dyck, VoA

1. Welcome

Daniela welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review of Notes from May 21, 2026, Meeting

Distributed previously and attached.

Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Moved J Anstett / S Peters

CARRIED

3. Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda

N/A

4. Delegation:

N/A

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Transit Cost Sharing Agreement – Renewal – postponed till after Pear Lake Wildfire.
Report and Draft Agreement are attached for information only

CAO Daniela Dyck will coordinate a staff meeting between the CAO's to address the renewal of the Agreement. Once there is an approved draft it can be presented to the respective Council's for approval.

b. Meeting on the bus – discussion to reschedule

The committee members agreed the item should be renamed “Celebration on the Bus” and rescheduled for no later than the last week of September. A poll will be sent out to see which day is best, Tuesday Sept. 22 or Thursday Sept. 24th. A STR will need to be completed to determine driver and bus availability. It was agreed that the committee will meet for a no-host lunch in Clinton prior to returning to their respective communities.

Business

a. BC Transit Government Relations Manager – Daynika White –

Daynika invited Midhat to present the Fare Review Process:

Midhat presented the BC Transit fare review process for the Ashcroft–Cache Creek–Clinton Regional Transit System. It was noted that fares have not been increased since the regional transit service was established.

Midhat advised that the review will consider the existing fare structure and fare products, operating costs, affordability, ridership and comparable transit systems, with the objective of developing recommendations for future consideration.

Discussion included:

- the importance of maintaining affordable and sustainable fares;
- reviewing fares charged by comparable transit systems;
- consideration of additional fare products, including tickets, and how they could be made available locally; and
- obtaining public and rider feedback as part of the review process.

The Committee was advised that the process is in its preliminary stages and no fare changes are being proposed at this time. A public survey is anticipated as the next step in the review, with the results and future recommendations to be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

b. Service Review – Strategic Plan – Jen Getz – update

Jen advised that public engagement for the upcoming Service Review will begin with attendance at local community events. Jen and Riley will attend Graffiti Days and plan to spend a minimum of two hours engaging with the public about the transit service. Printed surveys and an interactive poster will be available to encourage public participation and feedback.

Daniela advised that printed surveys will also be available at the Ashcroft Together Community BBQ on August 22, along with BC Transit promotional items previously provided by Daynika.

Jen noted that the online survey will be available from September 10 to October 12, 2026. Printed copies will be available at all three Village offices, and the survey will be promoted through posters at bus stops, social media and the Village websites.

c. YCS – Transit Manager – Michelle Wall – update

Transit Update: Aug 20, 2026

- We provided Transit for 2 evacuees from Clinton to the Evacuation Centre in Kamloops on July 24. One individual required wheelchair securement.
- For Emergency Evacuation Transit Requests:

The process for Disaster Response Transportation (DRT) is to have BC Transit's TCOMM as the first point of contact for any requests for resources during large-scale emergency events. TCOMM will obtain the contact details and brief details of the request. Assigned personnel will then follow up with the appropriate resources.

BC Transit - TCOMM - (250) 419-5900. Available 24/7.

Yellowhead Community Services After Hours Contact Information:

Christine Peterson	CEO	(778) 220-4234	christine.p@yellowheadcs.ca
Nikki Vincent	COO	(250) 674-7063	nikki.v@yellowheadcs.ca
Kerry Cairns	COO	(250)-674-8439	kerry.c@yellowheadcs.ca
Kate Lloyd	CFO	(250) 674-4404	kate.l@yellowheadcs.ca
Michelle Wall	Transit Manager	(250) 674-2356	transitmanager@yellowheadcs.ca

Bus #3220 (Lillooet) and #3219 (Ashcroft) Standard Configuration:

18 Seated Passengers – Room For 2 Mobility Aid Positions

- o 18 Seated Passengers & 0 Mobility Aids
- o 16 Seated Passengers & 1 Mobility Aid
- o 12 Seated Passengers & 2 Mobility Aids

- Due to the devastating fire near Clinton and subsequent road closure, we were unable to service any transit stops in that area from July 24 to Aug 15. Our hearts are with all that were affected.
- Our main driver, Simon Larkin, from Ashcroft is away until further notice for a medical leave. There are job posting on our website for Ashcroft and Lillooet drivers.
www.yellowheadcs.ca
- Transdev, the BC Transit partner from Kamloops has graciously agreed to provide additional support to us if needed during an emergency in the Kamloops area. As we have routes travelling to Kamloops weekly, and can't always be there as quickly as we'd like, this support is vital.

d. Community Updates:

- Clinton
- Cache Creek

- Ashcroft – AOA is fully Executed

6. Summary of Ridership/Financial

- a. Report of Revenue and Ridership to July 31, 2026

7. New Business

8. Date for Next Meeting – November 19, 2026, at 11:00 am – Village of Clinton (Virtual option)

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

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

Daniela Dyck,
CAO, Ashcroft