



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday May 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm

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

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

EXCUSED:
Public – 2
Media – 1

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Letter from Sandy Robertson – Action Correspondence
M/S Anstett / Davenport

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday May 25, 2026 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2026-79

2. MINUTES

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

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	TNRD and KSAR Regional Search and Rescue AAP Presentation - Jamie Viera (TNRD Manager of Operations) & Paula Davis (unable to attend due to technical difficulties) Frank Pryce (VP OF KSAR attended in Paula's place) Mayor Roden welcomed the delegation and invited them to give their presentation: • Jamie Vieira and Frank Pryce commenced with their presentation regarding the proposed Kamloops Search and Rescue Hall and the associated Alternative Approval Process (AAP). • The delegation noted that search and rescue services are volunteer-run non-profit organizations and that local governments are not legislatively required to fund SAR services; however, the TNRD has historically supported search and rescue operations. • The proposed project includes construction of a new shared facility to replace the existing volunteer hall, with approximately 75% of the building dedicated to Kamloops Search and Rescue operations, including offices, storage, and training space. The remaining 25% of the building will be utilized by the City of Kamloops for Kamloops Fire Rescue Hall #5. • The total project cost is approximately \$9.454 million, including approximately \$6.3 million associated with the TNRD/KSAR component and approximately \$2.363 million associated with the Kamloops Fire Rescue portion of the project. The City of Kamloops is also contributing the land for the facility. • The current KSAR lease arrangement has expired. KSAR is committed to contributing approximately \$1.4 million directly toward the TNRD portion of the project through fundraising efforts. • The delegation advised that the service would operate as a regional service, with costs shared among participating member municipalities based on taxation and assessed property values. The estimated annual cost to the average	
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	Ashcroft property owner is approximately \$4 based on 2026 assessed values. • KSAR currently has approximately 40 volunteers, has operated since 1970, responds to an average of 50–65 tasks annually, and provides service coverage across approximately 44,500 square kilometres as a regional hub for surrounding SAR teams. • The delegation advised that all SAR groups within the TNRD have provided letters of support for the proposal. • The Alternative Approval Process opened May 26, 2026, and will remain open for 30 days, with a closing date of June 26, 2026. If opposition forms are submitted by more than 10% of eligible electors, the borrowing and service establishment bylaws will not proceed without further approval processes. • Additional project information, including a public information booklet, is available on the TNRD website.	
3.2	Royal Canadian Legion – Gerry Sask, Vice President Mayor Roden welcomed Gerry Sask, Vice President of the Royal Canadian Legion, to the meeting and invited him to address Council regarding the Legion property tax exemption request. Mr. Sask advised that a fellow Legion member distributed a document outlining recent donations and contributions made by the Legion to local community groups, organizations, schools, and projects. Mr. Sask noted that the Legion is a non-profit organization that regularly gives back to the community and requested that Council consider a tax exemption or reduction for the Legion property. Discussion included the following points: • The Legion’s ongoing support of community organizations, local initiatives, veterans, and schools was acknowledged. • Discussion included assistance provided by the Legion to a veteran residing in assisted living who had no local family, transportation, or other supports following approximately 40 years of military service. • Clarification was requested regarding whether the Legion was seeking a full or partial property tax exemption.	

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	• It was noted that the cenotaph portion of the property is already exempt from taxation. • The Chief Financial Officer was asked to provide information regarding the taxation amounts associated with the Legion property. Property taxes for the Legion building were noted to be approximately \$15,000 annually. • Discussion occurred comparing the Legion to other non-profit organizations, including the HUB, and the differing ways organizations contribute back to the community. • Discussion also occurred regarding the partial tax exemption currently provided for the skateboard park property and whether adjustments to that exemption could be considered as an alternative option. • Questions were raised regarding maintenance responsibilities, including sidewalk snow clearing, which is currently completed by the Village of Ashcroft. • The Chief Financial Officer provided information regarding municipal authority and criteria related to permissive tax exemptions and advised that partial exemptions are permitted under the applicable legislation and policy framework.	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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

There was no public input received

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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

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

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	Bylaw Enforcement Officer – 1st Quarter Report – For Information	
6.3	Bylaw Enforcement Officer – LGCEA Conference – For Information - Question – Are dog complaints about the same dogs or varying? - Comment – Would like to see process for mitigation and compliance work in the report - Council wants more detailed process and compliance information reported back	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

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

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

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

12.1	M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, Council adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements...</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor