



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday June 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor , Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement
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 June 8, 2026 to order at 6:09
"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

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, May 25, 2026 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 25, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-91

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.
There was no public input received.

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5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Renewing the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City Relationship and Heritage Park Mural PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding discussions with representatives from Bifuka, Japan, discuss the future of the Heritage Park mural, and seek Council direction regarding opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship. M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council direct the Enhancing Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture Working Group to explore opportunities to strengthen and renew the Ashcroft-Bifuka Sister City relationship, including options for a replacement Heritage Park mural, opportunities for cultural exchange and community engagement, and report back to Council with recommendations.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-92
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – Royal Canadian Legion Branch #113 – Permissive Tax Exemption M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, a letter be sent to the Legion inviting them to submit a tax exemption application.</i> Comments: Clarification – the 2026 property taxation cannot be exempted as the deadline for approval is October 31st of the previous year. Legion can apply for consideration for an exemption for 2027.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-93
6.3	CFO Report – Water Meter Project Update Discussion: What will happen to the remaining 80 or so outstanding installations and soft refusals? Staff advised that installations continue to be scheduled and that properties continuing to refuse or delay installation may be transitioned to pit meter installations at the homeowner's expense, where applicable.	

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	- Staff advised they would be meeting with the new Neptune management team on June 9 to coordinate the next phase of pit meter, commercial, strata, and industrial installations. - Registered letters will be issued to remaining soft and hard refusals advising that pit meter installation may be required and that additional costs may be recovered from the property owner in accordance with Village policy. - It was noted that water meter installation is mandatory. - Concern raised that some installations incurred drywall damage. Staff advised that where drywall repairs resulting from meter installations are inadequate, the Village will work with homeowners to ensure repairs are completed. - Concerns regarding older homes with plumbing constraints were discussed. Staff advised that where indoor installations are not feasible, properties may be transitioned to pit meter installations covered under the grant program. - Staff noted that the estimated number of pit meter installations has increased from approximately 50 to 140.	
6.4	CFO Report – Verbal CFO Bhalla presented a PowerPoint outlining the following: - Village's current financial position and statutory reporting requirements. - Current inflationary pressures, including technical inflation and potential impacts from fuel supply shortages and price increases. - The Village's investment strategy, including investments in the Canadian money market and general bond market behaviour. - An update from BI Financial. - Confirmation that the Village's finances remain on track and in a strong position relative to the approved budget.	
6.5	FireSmart Coordinator – EOC Stakeholder Meeting Report	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Read Japan Project 2026 – Call for Application M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, Council direct staff to forward the information received from the Japanese Consulate to the Ashcroft Library.</i> Discussion:	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-94

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	Query - Why Ashcroft received the information? Staff advised it was the direct result of reconnecting with the Japanese Consulate Generals office in Vancouver last fall.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Keywest Asphalt - Asphalt Resurfacing between Hwy 1/97 Venables Valley Rd to JCT Hwy 99 June 8-August 5, 2026	
7.3	BC HARS 20 26 - Latest version of the BC Heat Alert & Response System is available.	
7.4	Thompson Nicola Film Commission - May updates	
7.5	Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project - Update and Invitation to Phase 3 Regional Local Government Engagement Session Spring 2026	
7.6	IGRS Local Government Communique - FIFA World Cup 2026	
7.7	TOPS - Thank you	
7.8	Teck Highland Valley Copper - Notification of Copper Concentrate Transport Award	
7.9	UBCM - Memo from UBCM President - Heritage Conservation Act	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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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	Natural Built Environment	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden - Verbal - TNRD Out-of-Town Meeting Discussion: - Mayor Roden noted that the Cancer Care Volunteer Centre would be at the HUB in Ashcroft the following day. - Highlights from the TNRD out-of-town meeting, including presentations on golf cart pilot programs, community composting initiatives, forestry operations - commenting on	
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	her surprise at the minimal amount of employees at the facility, and local community projects. • Information regarding the golf cart pilot in Chase, noting permit costs of \$225 and vehicle requirements, operating guidelines, and approximately \$8,000 for a fully equipped golf cart. • Visits to the Agate Bay boat launch, Squam Bay Community Hall, and Sun Peaks where the out of town meeting was held, with recognition of Al Raine's lasting legacy in the community. • Notice was provided of the Mayor's intention to bring forward a Notice of Motion regarding the establishment of a Heritage Register at the next Regular Council Meeting.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett – no report	
11.3	Councillor Clement – no report	
11.4	Councillor Davenport – Verbal – Working Group Herbicide Discussion: • The Community Planning and Natural Built Environment Working Group met on May 25 to review the Village's current vegetation management practices, including herbicide use and possible alternatives. • Staff explained that herbicides are currently used to help reduce wildfire risk, maintain safety, protect infrastructure, and manage weeds throughout the community. • The group discussed concerns raised by residents and agreed that clear communication and public education are important. Alternative methods were reviewed, and members supported continuing to research new options. • The discussion focused on balancing environmental concerns and public feedback with the practical realities of maintaining public spaces and managing wildfire risk. • The Working Group also reviewed a draft informational document and recommended adding information about the No Spray List, resident responsibilities, notification practices, and opportunities for public feedback. • As next steps, the group recommended a newsletter article to update residents on current practices and ongoing research, continued investigation of alternative methods, updates to the informational document, and consideration of a future public information meeting.	
11.5	Councillor Tedford – no report	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING



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12.1	M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1 (c) labour relations or other employee relations; (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements ...</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-95
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	The following motion from the June 8, 2026 Closed Meeting was released by Council to the Regular Meeting. <i>THAT, Council accepts Mr. Stanglands counter-offer of \$27,500 and directs staff to move forward with the legislated requirements to sell the property.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous C-2026-11
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 8, 2026 at 7:13 PM

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held Monday, June 8, 2026.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor