



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday, June 22, 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 – 0
Media – 0

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 22, 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

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Adoption of - Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, June 8, 2026 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, June 8, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-96
2.2	Adoption of - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday June 8, 2026. M/S Anstett / Tedford <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday June 8, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-97

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	None	
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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.

No questions were received from the public

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	None	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CFO – Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report PURPOSE To review and approve the Statement of Financial Information Report. M/S Clement / Tedford <i>THAT, Council approve the Statement of Financial Information as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-98
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Memo – Garbage Truck Replacement Program PURPOSE To provide Council with an update regarding the status of the Village's garbage truck replacement program. Mayor Roden invited discussion: • Director Bennewith provided an update regarding the replacement of the garbage truck. • The current truck continues to experience significant mechanical issues, including a recent high-pressure oil pump failure resulting in repair and towing costs of approximately \$10,000. • The approved replacement budget is estimated at \$650,000–\$700,000; however, recent quotations indicate a replacement may be available at a lower cost than anticipated. • Staff obtained the following quotations: • Vimar Equipment – \$497,305 plus taxes (\$556,981.60 total); estimated delivery of 6–8 months following receipt of a purchase order. • Rollins Machinery – \$453,965 plus taxes (\$508,440.80 total); estimated delivery of 17 months following receipt of a purchase order.	

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	• Council noted that obtaining a third quotation, as contemplated by the Procurement Policy, may be challenging due to the limited number of suppliers. • It was noted that the Rollins unit is a Labrie body, consistent with the Village's current truck, but would be mounted on a different chassis. • Council discussed retaining the existing truck as a backup unit rather than disposing of it. • Council considered the benefits of maintaining consistency with the current Labrie equipment, including staff familiarity and potential parts compatibility. • Council noted the significant difference in delivery timelines between the two suppliers and the potential impact on fleet reliability. • It was observed that ongoing repair costs for the existing truck could quickly offset the price difference between the quotations. • Council confirmed that the quoted prices should represent the total delivered cost of the units. • Staff advised that feedback from the Public Works crew had been requested and would be considered as part of the evaluation process. • Council directed staff to schedule a Special Council Meeting following receipt of the Public Works crew's feedback to determine the preferred supplier. • Staff will provide the Public Works crew's feedback to Council for consideration. • It was confirmed that sufficient reserve funds are available for the purchase and that borrowing will not be required.	
6.3	CAO Memo – Mesa Park Basketball Court Replacement PURPOSE To provide Council with an update regarding the replacement of the basketball court surface at Mesa Park. • Staff advised that paving of the Mesa Park basketball court is anticipated to occur on June 23 or 24, subject to scheduling and weather conditions. • Council expressed its appreciation to AES for its leadership in advancing the project. • It was noted that AES initially approached the Village regarding sponsorship of the court paving and subsequently secured additional support from local businesses when project costs exceeded available funding. • Council also acknowledged and thanked Urban Systems and Ashcroft Terminal who are also contributors to the project.	

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	Council noted that the collaborative effort reflects a strong spirit of community partnership and corporate citizenship.	
6.4	CAO Memo – Community BBQ PURPOSE To provide Council with an update regarding planning for the 2026 Ashcroft Together Community BBQ. - Staff advised that event preparations are well underway. - Bouncy castles have been secured, and assistance will be provided to obtain the required food permit. - BOSS Enrichment Society will participate by providing family-friendly games and activities. - Staff requested Council availability to assist with event planning and staffing requirements. - Invitations to community groups will be distributed in the coming weeks. - Most Council members indicated they are available to participate, with Councillor Clement's attendance remaining tentative.	
6.5	EDTC Memo – Economic Development & Tourism Update PURPOSE To provide Council with a brief update on recent Economic Development and Tourism activities.	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	U15 Grant in Aid Special Request PURPOSE To request special consideration for a Grant in Aid outside the dedicated intake dates. M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the U-15 Cache Creek Chaos Girls Softball Team special consideration Grant in Aid request for funding to assist with travel costs to the 2026 BC Provincial Championships in Port Alberni in the amount of \$500.00.</i> Discussion - Council discussed reserving a portion of the Grant-in-Aid budget for special requests received outside of the regular intake periods. - Staff noted that spring intake demand is typically higher and cautioned that reserving funds could reduce funding available to applicants.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-99

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	- Staff recommended maintaining the spring intake allocation at \$2,500 and deducting any approved special requests from the fall intake allocation. - It was noted that the Grant-in-Aid Policy includes project completion timelines that determine whether a project is eligible for the spring or fall intake. - Council confirmed the 2026 fall intake allocation will be reduced to \$2,000.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	SD#74 – Special Open Board Meeting - It was noted the decision for renaming the Sd#74 will be tabled at this meeting. - Student Trustee program fantastic in many levels as it may foster youth to step into the public realm in the future	
7.3	SD#74 – Media Release Student Trustee	
7.4	SD#74 – June 2026 Board Bulletin	
7.5	Desert Hills Thank-You – Flower Donation to Village	
7.6	Wildfire Act Engagement – What We Heard from Local Gov'ts	
7.7	AF ADM Letter to CAO's Municipal Government	
7.8	BC 7-Day Stream Flow Hazard Outlook	
7.9	Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – June 15, 2026	
7.10	Resource Breakfast Invitation – UBCM	
7.11	Healthy Communities Newsletter	
7.12	EV Site Host Newsletter Discussion: - Concern was raised regarding the lack of signage directing visitors to nearby amenities. - Discussion included the possibility of approaching BC Hydro regarding the installation of signage identifying nearby washrooms, drinking water, parks, shopping, and other community amenities.	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
8.2	Notice of Motion – Development of a Heritage Register M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council directs staff to research what would be entailed in developing a Heritage Register for the Village of Ashcroft (using the Heritage registers of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Village of Clinton as examples), and report back to council on the feasibility of such a register.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-100

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	- It was noted that inclusion on a Heritage Register does not designate a property or restrict renovations or future development. - The Heritage Register serves to recognize properties of historical significance to the community. - The Museum could assist with historical research and the preparation of Statements of Significance. - A Heritage Register could complement and expand the community heritage booklet. - Members of the public may nominate properties for Council's consideration. - Properties must meet established heritage significance criteria to qualify for inclusion. - Available Museum resources, including the Curator and summer student, could assist with research and documentation. - Existing heritage inventories and previously identified heritage properties may be considered. - The importance of informing property owners of potential increased public interest in registered properties was noted. - Appreciation was expressed to Mayor Roden for bringing this item forward for consideration.	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	None	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden noted the following: - Advised that BC Seniors Advocate Dan Levitt will be visiting Ashcroft on June 24, 2026 at 11:00 am at the HUB. - Attended the Seniors Strawberry Tea and noted the event was well attended. - Attended National Indigenous Peoples Day activities hosted by the Ashcroft Indian Band. - Attended the Teddy Bear Picnic. – read a story to the children	
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	- Will be attending TNRD meetings in Kamloops later this week. - Provided a brief update regarding the Saw Creek Wildfire near Lytton. - Expressed appreciation to the Barriere Fire Department for its quick response to a fire near Highway 1 and Cornwall Road while en route to assist with wildfire response efforts near Lytton.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement HAWC meeting moved to next week Officially completed LGLA Level 1 Certificate	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tedford Council received an update on the Drag It Challenge and Car Show. - It was noted that the event travels to several communities over the course of a week, including Cache Creek, Prince George, Merritt, and Ashcroft. - The event attracted a significant number of vehicles and participants to the community. - Participants gathered and took photographs in front of the Farmers' Market which are posted world-wide. - Council noted the positive economic impact of visitors spending time and money in Ashcroft. - Council commended the organizers of the Drag It Challenge for hosting a successful event.	

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	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.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-101
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 22, 2026 at 6:51 PM.



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Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
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Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor