



Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Tuesday September 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, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED:

Public –
Media - 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday September 8, 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."

Mayor Roden acknowledged the passing of Simon, a much-loved local bus driver who was well known to transit users and often went above and beyond for his passengers. His passing leaves a significant loss in the community and to the local transit service.

Mayor Roden also acknowledged the passing of two-term City of Kamloops Councillor Dieter Dudy. Councillor Dudy was passionate about food security and agriculture and was recognized for his commitment to serving his community. He will be missed.

1. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Addition of completed Permissive Tax Exemption table from CFO Bhalla to be added to item 5.2 for discussion.

M/S

THAT, the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday September 8, 2026 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED - Unanimous - R-2026-119

2. **MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, August 24, 2026 M/S Clement / Anstett	CARRIED
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	<i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, August 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	Unanimous R-2026-120
2.2	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday August 24, 2026 M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for Monday August 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-121

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 were no questions or comments were received from the public.

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 Clement / Tedford <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>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-122

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. Discussion: Comment cautioning Council that there is an uncertainty as level of costs has gone up for grant funded projects due to global economics and tariffs.	
6.3	DPW Bennewith – Verbal Report - Water Meter Project Update DPW Bennewith provided the following update: - The pit meter contractor finished most of their work last week, with 85 meters installed and three remaining. The remaining meters will be completed with the Village’s contractor. - A pit meter is still required at the old racquetball site. - DPW Bennewith and the CFO will review the installation list to confirm what remains outstanding. - Larger commercial meters, including 2-inch and larger meters, are still being worked on. This includes locations such as the hospital and school and will require coordination with local plumbers. - Approximately 40 smaller indoor meters remain to be installed, including some soft refusals. - Property owners will be given notice before installation work takes place. - The goal remains to have the project wrapped up within the next couple of months. - Most driveway and sidewalk repairs from the pit meter installations have been completed, with some work still outstanding. - There are 19 communities participating in the water meter project. Ashcroft is doing well compared to some communities that are still working through a larger number of installations. - The remaining challenge will be completing installations where property owners are hesitant to provide access. Questions/Comments: - Council asked about the larger commercial meters that are still waiting to be installed. DPW Bennewith advised that these are a priority and Neptune is aware that they need to be completed. - DPW Bennewith thanked Public Works staff for their support and hard work throughout the project.	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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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 Roden / Clement <i>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.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-223
7.2	LGPS-12872-Ashcroft-2026-Winter-Spring-FireSmart-FCFS-Approval Agreement – Application-based PURPOSE: Seeking Council approval to sign the Agreement M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the LGPS-12872 Ashcroft 2026 Winter/Spring FireSmart FCFS Approval Agreement.</i> <i>Discussion:</i> <i>It was noted that funding seemed to be awarded to communities at high wildfire urban interface risk.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2026-224
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Ashcroft RCMP – September 2026 Traffic Campaign	
7.4	Fortis BC – UBCM 2026 Update	
7.5	S. Troy Anderson – Exploding Wildfires and the Urgent Need to Stop Chemical-Induced Weather Experiments	
7.6	TNRL – Writer in Residence 2026 The Writer in Residence will not visit the Ashcroft Library– He will be based in Kamloops; however, if you are a writer he will review your work and provide tips – writers must schedule an appointment	
7.7	SILGA – Fwd. Certified Resolution City of Kamloops – Fuel Prices	
7.8	TNFC – News Release Locally Filmed 'Lunar Sway' Returns to Kamloops	
7.9	UBCM – Official Opposition Caucus Letter	

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	Transit Meeting Minutes – Aug. 20, 2026	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden TNRD Board meeting last week – OCP and Zoning bylaws were on the last agenda	
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

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular meeting of Council for Tuesday September 8, 2026 at 6:21 pm.

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

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor