# AGENDA

## Regular Meeting of Council

Village of Ashcroft Council Chambers, 601 Bancroft Street
Monday November 23, 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**

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| **2.1** | **Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council held Tuesday November 3, 2026**<br>M/S<br>*THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 3, 2026, be adopted as presented.* | P. 1 - 5 |

**3. DELEGATIONS**

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| **3.1** | **N/A** | |

**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** | **Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2026 – Cemetery Fees**<br>PURPOSE:<br>To seek Council's approval and first three readings of Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2026 to amend the cemetery fees to reflect the increased cost of columbarium infrastructure and support the long-term financial sustainability of cemetery operations.<br><br>M/S<br>*THAT Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2027 be given first, second and third readings* | P. 6 - 9 |

## 6. STAFF REPORTS

| REQUEST FOR DECISION | | |
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| **6.1** | **CAO Report - Draft 2027 Council Meeting Schedule**<br>PURPOSE: To seek Council's approval of the proposed 2027 Council Meeting Schedule<br><br>M/S<br>*THAT, Council approve the 2027 Council Schedule as present.* | P. 10 - 11 |
| **6.2** | **CAO Report - Ratification of Letter of Support - Ashcroft Indian Band**<br>PURPOSE: To formally clarify Council's email approval of a letter of support provided to the Ashcroft Indian Band for their First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) Braided Infrastructure Grant Application.<br><br>M/S<br>*THAT Council ratify its previous email approval of the letter of support provided to the Ashcroft Indian Band, dated November 18, 2026, in support if their application to the First Peoples' Cultural Council Braided Infrastructure Grant.* | P. 12 - 14 |
| **6.3** | **CAO Report – Strategic Priorities Fund – Reservoir Expansion Funding Agreement**<br>PURPOSE: To seek Council's authorization to execute the funding agreement with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station project.<br><br>M/S<br>*THAT, Council Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station project (25-0943-SPF), providing funding of up to $4,874,000.* | P. 15 - 39 |
| **6.4** | **FireSmart Coordinator – Intact Insurance – Climate Resilience Grants**<br>Purpose:<br>This purpose of this report is to inform council of the intent of application for the Intact Climate Resilience Grant s to boost funding for FireSmart initiatives in Ashcroft<br><br>M/S<br>*THAT , Council authorize the Village of Ashcroft FireSmart Coordinator to submit an application to the Intact Insurance - Climate Resilience Grants Program up to $150,000 over a two - year period to support additional wildfire resiliency initiatives within the community,* | P. 40 - 41 |

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| | *complementing the Village's existing Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) funding;*<br>*AND THAT Council confirm its support for the project in its entirety, as required by the Intact Insurance Climate Resilience Grant s Program.* | |
| **FOR INFORMATION** | | |
| **6.** | **CFO Report – Verbal Report – Financial Update**<br>PURPOSE:<br>The purpose of this report and future reports is to provide information to the 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:<br>Verbal Report Items:<br>• YTD financials<br>• Economic Outlook<br>• Treasury Management | P. 42 |

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

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| **FOR ACTION** | | |
| **7.1** | **2027 COFI Convention - invitation** | P. 43 |
| **FOR INFORMATION** | | |
| **7.2** | **2026 General School Trustee Election** | P. 44 |
| **7.3** | **UBCM - AP8153-Ashcroft-2023 NG911 – Final Report & Payment** | P. 45 |
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| **7.12** | **TNRD – News Release New Drinking Water Fill Station Loon Lake** | P. 61 |
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| **7.15** | **Cherry Creek Derailment – Impact Review Request** | P. 67 - 73 |

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| **8.1** | **Task Manager** | P. 74 |

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

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| **9.1** | **N/A** | |

## 10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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## 11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| **11.1** | **Mayor Roden** | |
| **11.2** | **Councillor Anstett** | |
| **11.3** | **Councillor Clement** | |
| **11.4** | **Councillor Davenport** | |
| **11.5** | **Councillor Warren** | |

## 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*

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| **12.1** | | |

## 13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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| **13.1** | **N/A** | |

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
# INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING
# MINUTES
# IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE
# 6:00 PM ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2026

**PRESENT:** Barbara Roden, Mayor (Mayor Elect)
Jonah Anstett, Councillor (Councillor Elect)
Jessica Clement (Mike), Councillor (Councillor Elect)
Nadine Davenport, Councillor (Councillor Elect)
Cam Tedford, Councillor
Warren Wall, Councillor Elect

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

Public – 6

Media - 1

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Inaugural Meeting of Council for Tuesday November 3, 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. ADDTIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

M/S Mike / Anstett
*THAT, the Agenda for the November 3, 2026 Inaugural Meeting of Council be amended to include late item Staff Report – Purchase of Replacement Wheel Loader – Procurement Policy Exception.*
CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2026-01

## 2. MINUTES

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| 2.1 | Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 13, 2026<br>M/S Davenport / Mike<br>*That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday October 13, 2026 be adopted as presented.* | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>I-2026-02 |
| 2.2 | Minutes of the Public Hearing held Tuesday October 13, 2026<br>M/S Anstett . Tedford<br>*THAT, the Minutes of the Public Hearing held Tuesday October 13, 2026 be adopted as presented.* | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>I-2026-03 |
| 2.3 | Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Friday October 16, 2026<br>M/S Davenport / Mike<br>*THAT, the Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council for Friday October 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.* | CARRIED<br>Unanimous<br>I-2026-04 |

## 3. COUNCIL TERM IN REVIEW - November 2022 – October 31, 2026

3.1 CAO – Daniela Dyck

CAO Dyck reflected on the accomplishments of the 2022–2026 Council, recognizing four years of leadership, dedication and commitment to making Ashcroft a better place to live, work and call home.

She highlighted several significant achievements, including securing $2.7 million for the Village-wide water meter program and $4.8 million for the North Ashcroft reservoir expansion, completion of the Firehall upgrades, improvements to Mesa Park and Mesa Vista, the purchase of new fire and public works equipment, EOC training and preparedness, and the development of Ashcroft's first FireSmart program. Other accomplishments included the adoption of the Trails Master Plan, updates to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, improvements to community facilities, and continued advocacy for rural health care, transit and infrastructure funding.

CAO Dyck also recognized Council's ongoing support for community organizations, volunteers, local events and initiatives that contribute to Ashcroft's unique character and sense of community.

She acknowledged that Council's legacy is reflected not only in completed projects, but also in the many decisions and initiatives that have laid the foundation for Ashcroft's future.

On behalf of Village staff, CAO Dyck expressed her sincere appreciation to all members who served during the term, thanking them for their leadership, commitment and contributions to the community.

## 4. COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING COUNCIL

Mayor Roden and members of the outgoing Council reflected on their time in office, expressing appreciation to Village staff, fellow Council members and the community for their support over the past four years.

**Mayor Roden** highlighted accomplishments including the establishment of the FireSmart program, progress toward regionalized transit services, Mesa Park improvements, grant funding and the purchase of a new fire tender. She emphasized the importance of working together and thanked Council for four meaningful years of service.

**Councillor Anstett** expressed appreciation for the support and opportunities experienced over the past four years and looked forward to continuing to work with Council and staff.

**Councillor Mike** reflected positively on her first term on Council, describing it as a great experience and expressing enthusiasm for the work ahead.

**Councillor Davenport** thanked Village staff for their dedication and commitment to the community. She highlighted achievements in community branding, trails, FireSmart and the revitalization of Mesa Park, noting the joy of seeing the park enjoyed by residents once again. She also thanked fellow Council members and the community for their support.

**Councillor Tedford** expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and encouraged the incoming Council to remember the personal side of public service, respect differing opinions and approach their responsibilities with kindness, respect and strength.

## 5. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCIL

## 6. RECESS – 5 minutes

## 7. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

7.1 Oath of Office – Mayor
7.2 Oath of Office – Councillors
CAO Daniela Dyck administered the Oaths Office and invited each Council member to take their seat at the Council table.

## 8 MAYORS MESSAGE

Mayor Roden thanked everyone who put their name forward in the recent municipal election and welcomed Councillor Wall to the Council table. She expressed her enthusiasm for working with Council over the next four years and welcomed the new perspectives and ideas that will contribute to Council's discussions and decisions.

The Mayor noted that one of Council's priorities will be developing a new Strategic Plan to guide the Village, Council and staff over the coming term.

She acknowledged that Ashcroft is in an excellent financial position and well prepared to navigate potential challenges arising from global economic uncertainty.

In closing, Mayor Roden reflected that while 2030 may seem a long way off, it will be here before we know it, and she looks forward to the work Council will accomplish together over the next four years.

## 9 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

9.1 Finance Committee – appoint 3 members of Council
M/S Roden / Mike
THAT, the following Council members be appointed as the Finance Committee members which includes being added as signatories on the Village of Ashcroft's Beem Credit Union account:

1. Mayor Barbara Roden
2. Councillor Jessica Mike (Clement)
3. Councillor Jonah Anstett

CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2026-05

9.2 Deputy Mayor
M/S Roden / Davenport
That the Deputy Mayor appoints are approved by Council as follows:
November 3, 2026 – October 31, 2027 – Councillor, Jonah Anstett

November 1, 2027 – October 31, 2028 – Councillor, Nadine Davenport
November 1, 2028 – October 31,2029 – Councillor, Jessica Mike
November 1, 2029 – October 19, 2030 – Councillor, Warren Wall

CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2026-06

9.3 Thompson Nicola Regional District Board

M/S Mike / Davenport

THAT, the Thompson Nicola Regional District Board appoints are approved by Council as follows:

Appointed Mayor Barbara Roden

Alternates are as the Deputy Mayor appointments.

CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2026-07

## 10 STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS

M/S Roden / Wall

*THAT, the Statutory appoints be approved as presented:*

10.1 Beem Credit Union as the Village's banking institution

10.2 Doane Grant Thornton LLP as the Village's auditors from November 3, 2026 to October 19, 2030

10.3 Urban Systems as the Villages Engineers on Record from November 3, 2026 to October 19, 2030

CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2026-08

## 11 LATE ITEM: CAO Report - Purchase of Replacement Wheel Loader – Procurement Policy Exception

**PURPOSE:**

To seek Council approval to purchase a 2023 Caterpillar 910 Compact Wheel Loader for $135,000 plus applicable taxes, and to authorize an exception to the Village's procurement policy requiring three quotations for purchases of this value.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

M/S Mike / Wall

*THAT Council authorize the purchase of a 2023 Caterpillar 910 Compact Wheel Loader from Pacific Rim Equipment Ltd. for a total delivered price of $135,000 plus applicable taxes, with funding allocated from the Village's equipment reserve;*

*AND THAT Council approve an exception to the Village's procurement policy requirement to obtain a minimum of three quotations, recognizing the time-sensitive nature of this purchase and the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Chief Financial Officer.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – I-2026-09

Discussion:

Council I asked what a new Loader would have cost in comparison - $240,000 or more

Council wondered if n inspection had been completed – DPW Bennewith advised that an inspection had not been completed as there are only 308 hours therefore there wasn't a need for inspection. The loader is like

new and is an exceptional price with other purchasers interested in buying the loader. Finning Kamloops confirmed it was an exceptional deal.

**12 ADJOURNMENT – REFRESHMENTS**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Inaugural Meeting of Council for Tuesday November 3, 2026 at 6:43 PM and invited Council and guests to stay for refreshments.

**TO:** Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** November 23, 2026

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO,

**SUBJECT:** **Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2026 – Cemetery Fees**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2027 be given first, second and third readings.*

**PURPOSE:**

To seek Council's approval and first three readings of Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2026 to amend the cemetery fees to reflect the increased cost of columbarium infrastructure and support the long-term financial sustainability of cemetery operations.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

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The Village recently purchased a new 48-niche columbarium at a cost of approximately $45,000. With delivery, concrete preparation and brickwork, the total project cost is estimated at just under $55,000.

The cost of cemetery infrastructure and supplies has increased significantly in recent years. To ensure these services remain financially sustainable, Administration is recommending an adjustment to columbarium niche fees based on cost recovery, including contributions to the perpetual care fund and reserves for future cemetery infrastructure.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

| **Columbarium Niche** | **Current Fee** | **Proposed Fee** |
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| Resident | $1,000 | $1,600 |
| Non-Resident | $1,500 | $2,100 |

The proposed fees recognize the substantial investment required to provide these services while ensuring future users contribute toward the cost of maintaining and eventually expanding cemetery infrastructure.

All other cemetery fees will remain unchanged at this time, as the Village has existing inventory purchased at previous pricing. These fees will be reviewed as replacement supplies are required to ensure they continue to reflect actual costs.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated capital investment of $55,000 represents approximately $1,146 per niche before accounting for perpetual care contributions, ongoing maintenance and future infrastructure replacement.

The proposed fee structure is intended to recover the Village's capital investment over time, contribute to the perpetual care fund and establish reserves to support future cemetery improvements and expansion, reducing reliance on general taxation.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. **Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2026**

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
# BYLAW NO. 892, 2026

A Bylaw to Amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 887, 2026 (Cemetery Fees)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft has authority under the Community Charter to establish fees and charges for municipal services;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to update cemetery fees to support ongoing operation, maintenance, and infrastructure sustainability;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Citation**
1.1 This bylaw may be cited as "Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 892, 2026 (Cemetery Fees)."

**2. Amendment**
2.1 The Fees and Charges Bylaw is amended by replacing Schedule "H" – Cemetery Fees with the schedule attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

**3. Effective Date**
3.1 This bylaw comes into force and effect upon adoption.

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| READ A FIRST TIME THIS | 23rd | DAY OF | NOVEMBER | ,2026 |
| READ A SECOND TIME THIS | 23rd | DAY OF | NOVEMBER | , 2026 |
| READ A THIRD TIME THIS | 23rd | DAY OF | NOVEMBER | , 2026 |
| ADOPTED THIS | | DAY OF | | , 2026 |

Certified to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 892, 2026 as adopted by Council.

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Daniela Dyck,
Corporate Officer

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Barbara Roden,
Mayor

**Schedule "H"**
**Cemetery Fees**
**Rates include GST**

| **Grave Space** | **Rate** | **Proposed** |
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| Adult size grave space – resident (includes $125.00 to Care) | $500.00 | |
| Adult size grave space – non-resident (includes $250.00 to Care) | $1000.00 | |
| Cremated Remains – resident (includes $50.00 to Care) | $200.00 | |
| Cremated Remains – non-resident (includes $100.00 to Care) | $400.00 | |
| **Columbarium Space** | | |
| Niche – resident (includes $250.00 to Care) | $1000.00 | $1600.00 |
| Niche – non-resident (includes $375.00 to Care) | $1500.00 | $2100.00 |
| **Services** | | |
| Opening and closing for Burial - Adult size | $500.00 | |
| Opening and closing - Cremated Remains | $250.00 | |
| Exhumation for Burial – Adult size | $1000.00 | |
| Exhumation for Cremated Remains | $500.00 | |
| **After Hours Burials** | | |
| Burials after 3:30 pm Monday – Friday – regular fee plus | $350.00 | |
| Burials on Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday – regular fee plus | $500.00 | |
| **Transfer of License** | | |
| Transfer of License (resident to non-resident) | $200.00 | |
| Transfer of License (all other) | $75.00 | |
| **Memorial Installation** | | |
| Single: (30cm x 50 cm); (20 cm x 28 cm); (30 cm x 60 cm); (includes $25.00 to Care) | $150.00 | |
| Double: (45 cm – 75 cm); (includes $50.00 to Care) | $250.00 | |
| Engraving and handling of niche plates (includes $62.50 to Care) | $350.00 | |
| **Grave Liners** | | |
| Full size grave (concrete) | $800.00 | |
| Full size grave (poly) | $625.00 | |
| Cremated Remains (poly) | $150.00 | |

# REGULAR MEETING

**TO:** Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** November 23, 2026

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO,

**SUBJECT:** **2027 Council Meeting Schedule**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT Council approve the 2027 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.*

**PURPOSE:**

To seek Council's approval of the proposed 2027 Council Meeting Schedule.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the Village of Ashcroft Council Procedure Bylaw No. 834, 2020, Administration has prepared the proposed 2027 Council Meeting Schedule for Council's consideration.

The schedule generally provides for two regular Council meetings per month, with one meeting in July, August and December and includes proposed Committee of the Whole meetings, community forums, budget discussions and conference dates. As in previous years, the second regular meeting in September has been omitted to accommodate Council's attendance at the annual UBCM Convention.

The schedule is intended to provide Council, Administration and the public with advance notice of planned meetings and opportunities for public engagement. It is important to recognize that the schedule is a living document. Council may amend meeting dates or times throughout the year by resolution, as operational needs and priorities change, subject to the notice requirements of the Council Procedure Bylaw.

Additional meetings, including Special Council Meetings, Committee of the Whole meetings and planning sessions, may also be scheduled as required, in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw and applicable legislation.

Once approved, the annual meeting schedule will be made available to the public in accordance with the Village's statutory notice requirements.

**Attachment:**

2027 Council Meeting Schedule

VILLAGE OF Ashcroft
HEART OF THE TRUE DESERT

# 2027 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

| DATE | MEETING / TIME | SPECIAL MEETING / LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| JAN 11 | 6:00 PM | |
| JAN 20–22 | Newly Elected Seminar | Kelowna |
| JAN 25 | 6:00 PM | |
| FEB 8 | 6:00 PM | |
| FEB 22 | 6:00 PM | |
| MAR 8 | 5:00 PM | COTW – GIA Applications |
| MAR 8 | 6:00 PM | |
| MAR 22 | 6:00 PM | |
| APR 12 | 7:00 PM · Community Hall | Community Forum & Budget |
| APR 26 | 6:00 PM | |
| APR 28 – MAY 1 | SILGA Convention | Penticton |
| MAY 10 | 5:00 PM · Council Chambers | Town Hall – Final Budget |
| MAY 10 | 6:00 PM | |
| MAY 24 | 6:00 PM | |
| JUN 7 | 6:00 PM | |
| JUN 21 | 6:00 PM | |
| JUL 26 | 6:00 PM | |
| AUG 23 | 6:00 PM | |
| SEP 13 | 5:00 PM | COTW – GIA Applications |
| SEP 13 | 6:00 PM | |
| SEP 20–24 | UBCM Convention | Whistler |
| OCT 12 (TUE) | 6:00 PM | |
| OCT 25 | 6:00 PM | |
| NOV 8 | 7:00 PM · Community Hall | Community Forum – Strategic Plan Update |
| NOV 22 | 6:00 PM | |
| DEC 13 | 6:00 PM | |

*Planning Sessions and Committee of the Whole meetings may be held at the discretion of Council.*

# REGULAR MEETING

**TO:** Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** November 23, 2026

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO,

**SUBJECT:** **Ratification of Letter of Support - Ashcroft Indian Band**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT Council ratify its previous email approval of the letter of support provided to the Ashcroft Indian Band, dated November 18, 2026, in support of their application to the First Peoples' Cultural Council Braided Infrastructure Grant.*

**PURPOSE:**

To formally ratify Council's email approval of a letter of support provided to the Ashcroft Indian Band for their First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) Braided Infrastructure Grant application.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND**

The Village received a time-sensitive request from the Ashcroft Indian Band for a letter of support for their application to the FPCC Braided Infrastructure Grant.

The proposed project involves restoring and developing an ancestral trail connecting the Ashcroft Indian Band community to the Thompson River and traditional fishing grounds. The initiative aims to preserve Nlaka'pamux cultural heritage, support the sharing of traditional knowledge, and recognize the historical significance of the area.

Given the application deadline, Administration circulated the request to Council by email and received Council's support to proceed. A letter signed by Mayor Roden on behalf of Council was subsequently provided on November 18, 2026.

While Council's support was obtained informally by email, Administration is bringing the matter forward to formally record the decision through a Council resolution, ensuring transparency and accountability in Council's actions.

**Attachment:**

AIB Request
Letter of Support Provided

**From:** Jodene Blain
**To:** Daniela Dyck
**Subject:** Letter of Support for AIB
**Date:** November 4, 2026 9:35:33 AM
**Attachments:** image001.png
Draft Letter of Support VOA Nov 2026.docx

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Morning Daniela,

I am applying for funding for a trail to connect our community with our fishing grounds along the Thompson River and would love a letter of support to accompany our application. I am changing it up as I usually apply for a trail to connect to the Village but thought I might have better luck with something more cultural and choose the fishing grounds along the river. However, this trail will also connect them to the Village of Ashcroft safely which is something we have been wanting for decades.

We will be relying on our elders, the CNA language team and hoping to connect with Desert Sands school to help build the trail and create the markers along the way to create signage that will include areas of interest and traditional practices historically used in the area.

I know you are always busy and therefore have included a draft to help with the details, please feel free to change or edit in anyway. Thank you once again, please reach out if you have any questions.

Regards,

**Jodene Blain, BA, LL.B, MBA**

**Band Administrator**
**Ashcroft Indian Band**
**Box 440, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0**
**250-453-9154**
**jodene@ashcroftband.ca**

November 18, 2026

First Peoples' Cultural Council
Attn: Braided Infrastructure Program
1A Boat Ramp Road
Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1N9

**Re: Letter of Support – Ashcroft Indian Band, FPCC Braided Infrastructure Grant**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Village of Ashcroft, we are pleased to provide our support for the Ashcroft Indian Band's application to the First Peoples' Cultural Council's Braided Infrastructure Grant to restore and develop an ancestral trail connecting the Ashcroft Indian Band community to the Thompson River and their traditional fishing grounds.

This project provides an important opportunity to honour Nlaka'pamux history, culture, and the longstanding connection to the land. Restoring this traditional pathway will help preserve access to culturally significant areas while supporting the continuation of traditions and knowledge for future generations.

The Village also recognizes the importance of creating opportunities for Elders and Knowledge Keepers to share their stories, language, and traditional teachings with younger generations. The inclusion of Nlaka'pamux place names and interpretive signage will further support these efforts while helping others develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the area's Indigenous heritage.

The Village of Ashcroft values initiatives that preserve cultural heritage, strengthen relationships, and create lasting benefits for future generations. We are pleased to support the Ashcroft Indian Band in advancing this meaningful project and wish them every success with their application.

Sincerely,

**Barbara Roden, Mayor**
On behalf of Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft

# REGULAR MEETING

**TO:** Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** November 23, 2026

**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, CAO,

**SUBJECT:** **Strategic Priorities Fund – Reservoir Expansion Funding Agreement**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

*THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station project (25-0943-SPF), providing funding of up to $4,814,000.*

**PURPOSE:**

To seek Council's authorization to execute the funding agreement with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station project.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

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**BACKGROUND**

The Village of Ashcroft was successful in securing $4,814,000 through the Strategic Priorities Fund under the Build Communities Strong Fund for the Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station project.

This significant investment will support the construction of a second reservoir and pressure reducing valve (PRV) station in North Ashcroft, increasing water storage capacity, improving fire protection and supporting future community growth.

On November 16, 2026, the Village received the formal funding agreement from UBCM for execution. The agreement outlines the funding terms, eligible expenditures, reporting requirements and project timelines.

The funding provides up to 100% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of $4,814,000. Once the agreement is fully executed, the Village may begin submitting claims for eligible project expenditures in accordance with the agreement.

Administration is seeking Council's authorization to execute the agreement and proceed with the next phase of this important infrastructure project.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The project is supported by grant funding of up to $4,814,000, representing 100% of eligible costs. Any ineligible expenditures or costs exceeding the approved funding amount would be the responsibility of the Village.

**Attachment:**
Strategic Priorities Fund Approval
Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement

Build Communities Strong Fund
Community Stream in BC

UBCM

November 16, 2026

Daniela Dyck
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Ashcroft
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

**SENT VIA E-MAIL:** daniela@ashcroftbc.ca

Dear Daniela Dyck:

**RE: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUNDING AGREEMENT UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BUILD COMMUNITIES STRONG FUND IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Enclosed is a copy of the Strategic Priorities Fund funding agreement between the Village of Ashcroft and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station in the Village of Ashcroft(25-0943-SPF).

Please sign the agreement and return it via e-mail to bcsf@ubcm.ca. Once the documents have been reviewed, signed and dated by UBCM, one fully executed copy of the Agreement will be returned to you for your records.

Payment under this Agreement will be through a claims process as is outlined in Section 3.2 of the enclosed Agreement. As soon as the signed Agreement has been returned by UBCM, the Village of Ashcroft will be able to make their first claim if some payments have already been made towards the project.

Please feel free to call Bryan Steer, BCSF Program Officer if you need further clarification. He can be reached by telephone at 250-356-0930 or via email at bcsf@ubcm.ca.

Kind regards,

Brant Felker
Manager, BCSF Program Services

Attachments (1)

Pc: Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUND AGREEMENT**
**under the**
**ADMININISTRATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BUILD COMMUNITIES STRONG FUND – COMMUNITY STREAM IN BC**

**FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE**
**Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station in the Village of Ashcroft (25-0943-SPF)**

BETWEEN:

**VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT** (the "Recipient")

AND:

The **UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES** (UBCM) as continued by section 2 of the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Act RSBC 2006*, c.1, as represented by the President (the "UBCM")

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Strategic Fund Agreement (SPF Agreement) is to set out the roles and responsibilities of the Recipient and UBCM related to any Strategic Priorities Fund funding that may be delivered to the Recipient by UBCM.

2. **SCHEDULES**

The following Schedules, originating in whole or in part from the BCSF Agreement, are attached to and form part of this SPF Agreement:

Schedule A: Definitions
Schedule B: Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures
Schedule C: Program Reporting
Schedule D: Communications Protocol
Schedule E: Asset Management
Schedule F: Housing Report

3. **CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS**

3.1 Maximum Payment

a) UBCM will make a financial contribution from the Strategic Priorities Fund to the Recipient for the **Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station in the Village of Ashcroft** project as described in Appendix 1, that will not exceed the lesser of 100% of the Eligible Costs of that Eligible Project and $ **4,814,000**.
b) The Recipient acknowledges that Eligible Costs are limited to net costs to the Recipient, that is, net of other grants and other external contributions. The Recipient acknowledges

that any otherwise Eligible Costs that have received funding from any other federal, provincial or Third-Party source will not be reimbursed under this SPF Agreement, and the Recipient agrees to promptly notify UBCM in writing of any such funding received.

c) Any amount paid to the Recipient under this SPF Funding Agreement in excess of the maximum contribution set out in paragraph (a), must be repaid by the Recipient to UBCM.

3.2 Payment of Funds to the Recipient

a) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e) and provided the Recipient is not in default of this SPF Agreement, UBCM will pay an amount validly claimed by the Recipient under paragraph (b) or (c) within 30 days of the verification of that claim.
b) Recipients may submit, on the form supplied by UBCM, a claim or claims for payment of the contribution amounts specified under section 3.1(a) at any time between the Commencement Date and SPF Agreement expiry date described under section 6 of this SPF Agreement.
c) In order to be validly included in a claim for payment, amounts must be
    I. Eligible Costs of an Eligible Project identified in Appendix 1;
    II. Fully paid by the Recipient prior to the date of the claim;
    III. Not subject to reimbursement to the Recipient through any other grant, rebate, or external contribution program or arrangement;
    IV. Not included in a previous claim for payment under this SPF Agreement;
    V. When added to amounts included in all previous claims for payment under this SPF Agreement, is less than the maximum contribution amount set out for that Eligible Project in section 3.1(a), or, if the claim is made prior to the completion of the project, 85% of that amount;
    VI. Submission of either a progress report if the claim is an interim claim or a final report if the claim is a final claim;
    VII. Submission of a financial officer's signature form.
d) UBCM may not pay a claim of the Recipient if the Recipient has not met the Annual Expenditure Report requirement as per section Schedule C of this SPF Agreement.
e) UBCM is not required to pay a claim of the Recipient if funds received by UBCM from Canada under the BCSF Agreement are insufficient to make the payment.

## 4. USE OF FUNDS BY RECIPIENT

4.1 Eligible Project Approved for Funding and Changes to that Project

a) An Eligible Project approved for funding must be as described in Appendix 1, and all funding under this SPF Agreement is subject to completion of the Eligible Project listed in Appendix 1. Funding under this SPF Agreement will not be made available to the Recipient for an Eligible Project where the scope or Eligible Costs of the Eligible Project are different than that described in Appendix 1, unless the Recipient has obtained prior written approval for the change from the Management Committee.
b) The Management Committee shall not consider cost overruns on Eligible Projects.

4.2 Requirement to Commence and Complete Project

a) All approved projects are required to commence by the recipient within two years of receiving their Approval Letter by the Management Committee and to be completed within five years of the date of that Approval Letter.

b) The Recipient will implement the Eligible Project in a diligent and timely manner and has commenced or will commence carrying out the Eligible Project on or about **December 1, 2027** (the Commencement Date) and will complete the Eligible Project no later than **July 1, 2029** (the Completion date).
c) Upon request by UBCM, the Recipient will provide evidence to UBCM that the Recipient has commenced the Eligible Project.
d) If, after the Commencement Date, and in the judgment of the Management Committee, the Recipient fails to demonstrate that the Eligible Project has commenced, this SPF Agreement may be terminated at the option of the Management Committee, effective immediately.

5. **COMMITMENTS OF THE RECIPIENT**

The Recipient shall:
a) Be responsible for the completion of the Eligible Project in accordance with Schedule B (Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures);
b) Comply with all requirements outlined in Schedule C (Program Reporting), Schedule D (Communications Protocol);
c) Continue to strengthen the development and implementation of asset management best practices in accordance with Schedule E;
d) With respect to contracts, award and manage all contracts in accordance with their relevant policies and procedures and, if applicable, in accordance with the Agreement on International Trade and applicable international trade agreements, and all other applicable laws;
e) Any revenue that is generated from the sale, lease, encumbrance or other disposal of an asset resulting from the Eligible Project where such disposal takes place within five (5) years of the date of completion of the Eligible Project must be reimbursed to UBCM;
f) The repayment provision under paragraph (e) does not apply if the asset disposal is to Canada, British Columbia, or a Local Government in British Columbia;
g) The Recipient will notify the UBCM in writing as soon as practicable of any transaction triggering the above-mentioned repayment;
h) Allow Canada and UBCM reasonable and timely access to all of its documentation, records, and accounts and those of their respective agents or Third-Parties related to the use of Strategic Priorities Fund funding and all other relevant information and documentation requested by Canada and UBCM or their designated representatives for the purposes of audit, evaluation, and ensuring compliance with this SPF Agreement;
i) Keep proper and accurate accounts and records in respect of the Eligible Project for at least six (6) years after completion of the Eligible Project or termination of this SPF Agreement, and upon reasonable notice, make them available to Canada and UBCM;
j) Ensure your actions do not establish or be deemed to establish a partnership, joint venture, principal-agent relationship or employee relationship in any way or for any purpose whatsoever between Canada and the Recipient or between Canada and a Third Party;
k) Ensure that the Recipient does not represent themselves, including in any agreement with a Third Party, as a partner, employee or agent of Canada;
l) Ensure that no current or former public servant or public office holder to whom any post-employment, ethics and conflict of interest legislation, guidelines, codes or policies of Canada applies will derive direct benefit from BCSF funding, unspent funding, and interest earned thereon, unless the provision or receipt of such benefits is in compliance with such legislation, guidelines, policies or codes;

m) Ensure that the Recipient will not, at any time, hold the Government of Canada, British Columbia, or UBCM, its officers, servants, employees or agents responsible for any claims or losses of any kind that the Recipient, Third Parties or any other person or entity may suffer in relation to any matter related to BCSF funding or the Eligible Project, and that the Recipient will, at all times, compensate the Government of Canada, British Columbia, or UBCM, its officers, servants, employees, and agents for any claims or losses of any kind that the Recipient may suffer in relation to any matter related to BCSF funding or the Eligible Project;
n) Agree that any SPF funding received will be treated as federal funds for the purpose of other federal infrastructure programs;
o) Agree that the above requirements which, by their nature, should extend beyond the expiration or termination of this SPF Agreement or Administrative Agreement, will extend beyond such expiration or termination;
p) Provide project update reports upon request using a format provided by UBCM;
q) The Eligible Project may be subject to site visits during construction season and for a period following its completion. Where reasonable the Recipient will permit a member of the Management Committee, or its designate, at a mutually agreed time, to visit the Eligible Project site.

## 6. TERM

This Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement shall commence on the date that it is fully executed by both of the Parties and shall expire on **December 31, 2029**.

## 7. SURVIVAL

The rights and obligations, set out in Sections 5, will survive the expiry or early termination of this SPF Agreement and any other section which is required to give effect to the termination or to its consequences shall survive the termination or early termination of this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement.

## 8. AMENDMENT

The Recipient acknowledges that the BCSF Agreement may, from time to time, be amended by agreement of Canada, British Columbia and UBCM and, if and whenever such amendments to the Administrative Agreement are made, the Recipient agrees that UBCM may require this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement to be amended to reflect, at the sole discretion of UBCM, the amendments made to the Administrative Agreement. Where UBCM requires this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement to be so amended, it will provide to the Recipient notice in writing of the amendments it requires. Such amendments shall form part of this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement and be binding on the Recipient and UBCM thirty (30) days after such notice, unless before then the Recipient elects in writing to give written notice of termination of this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement to UBCM.

## 9. WAIVER

No provision of this SPF Agreement shall be deemed to be waived by the UBCM, unless waived in writing with express reference to the waived provisions and no excusing, condoning or earlier waiver of any default by the Recipient shall be operative as a waiver, or in any way limit the rights and remedies of the UBCM or Canada.

10. **NO ASSIGNMENT**

This Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement is not assignable by the Recipient and the Recipient shall not assign, pledge, or otherwise transfer any entitlement to allocation of funds under this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement to any person and shall upon receipt of any allocation of funds hereunder pay and expend such funds thereafter only in accordance with the terms of this Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement.

11. **NOTICE**

Any notice, information or document provided for under this SPF Agreement must be in writing and will be effectively given if delivered or sent by mail, postage or other charges prepaid, or by email. Any notice that is delivered will have been received on delivery; and any notice mailed will be deemed to have been received eight (8) calendar days after being mailed.

12. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

a) UBCM and Recipient are committed to working together and making all efforts to reach agreement on fulfillment of the terms and conditions of this SPF Agreement and the UBCM's obligations to Canada and British Columbia under the BCSF Agreement. This includes early and ongoing communications and information sharing.
b) In the event of an unresolved dispute between the two parties regarding the terms and conditions of this SPF Agreement, either party may refer the dispute to the Oversight Committee.

13. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

a) If the Recipient fails to observe or comply with any of the terms or conditions set out in this SPF Agreement, the UBCM, upon recommendation of the Management Committee, may, at its discretion exercisable by written notice to the Recipient, reduce, suspend or terminate any further payment.
b) On receipt of a default notice under this section, the Recipient must, within 30 days of receipt of such notice, remedy the default, or demonstrate to the satisfaction of the UBCM that it has taken sufficient actions as necessary to commence curing the default, or must proceed to dispute resolution.
c) If and so long as the Recipient remains in default of this SPF Agreement after notice, pursuant to this section has been given, the UBCM's obligations to make any further payments pursuant to this section, the UBCM's obligation to make any further payments pursuant to section 3.2 of this SPF Agreement are suspended.

**Any notice to the UBCM will be addressed to:**
Executive Director
525 Government Street
Victoria, British Columbia
V8V 0A8
Email: bcsf@ubcm.ca

**Any notice to the Recipient will be addressed to:**

The Corporate Officer at the place designated as the Local Government office.

## SIGNATURES

This SPF Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Recipient by those officers indicated below and each person signing the SPF agreement represents and warrants that they are duly authorized and have the legal capacity to execute the SPF agreement.

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| VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT<br><br>Original signed by:<br><br>_____<br>Mayor | UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES<br><br>Original signed by:<br><br>_____<br>Executive Director |
| _____<br>Corporate Officer | _____<br>General Manager, Victoria Operations |
| Signed by VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT on the _____ day of _____, 202__. | The SPF Agreement has been executed by UBCM on the _____ day of _____, 202__. |

## Schedule A – Definitions

**"Administrative Agreement"** means the 2024-2034 Canada-BC-UBCM Administrative Agreement on the Build Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream.

**"Agreement"** means this Strategic Priorities Fund funding agreement between the Recipient and UBCM.

**"Approval Letter"** means when the Management Committee sent a letter to recipients for the approval of the project.

**"Asset Management"** means an integrated process, bringing together skills, expertise, and activities of people; with information about a community's physical and natural assets; and finances; so that informed decisions can be made, supporting Sustainable Service Delivery.

**"Chief Financial Officer"** means in the case of a municipality, the officer assigned financial administration responsibility under S. 149 of the Community Charter, and in the case of a Regional District, the officer assigned financial administration responsibility under S. 199 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c.323.

**"Contract"** means an agreement between an Ultimate Recipient and a Third Party, whereby the latter agrees to supply a product or service to an Eligible Project in return for financial consideration.

"**Eligible Expenditures**" means those expenditures described as eligible in *Schedule B (Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures).*

"**Housing Needs Assessment**" means a report informed by data and research describing the current and future housing needs of a municipality or community according to guidance provided by Canada.

"**Ineligible Expenditures**" means those expenditures described as ineligible in *Schedule B* (Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures).

"**Infrastructure**" means municipal or regional, publicly or privately owned tangible capital assets in British Columbia primarily for public use or benefit.

**"Management Committee"** means the management committee established under the BCSF Agreement.

"**Outcomes Report**" means the report to be delivered by UBCM to Canada and British Columbia, which reports on how BCSF investments are supporting progress towards achieving the program benefits, more specifically described in *Schedule C* (Reporting).

**"Oversight Committee"** means the Committee required to be established by the Agreement to govern the implementation of the Agreement.

"**Party**" means Canada, British Columbia or UBCM when referred to individually, and collectively referred to as "Parties".

**"Project Update Report"** means a client-prepared report that may identify changes to project status, costs, and completion dates.

"**Third Party**" means any person or legal entity, other than Canada, British Columbia, UBCM or an Ultimate Recipient, who participates in the implementation of an Eligible Project by means of a Contract.

"**Recipient**" means the recipient and signatory of this Agreement with UBCM.

**"Ultimate Recipient"** is a term used in the BCSF Agreement made between the UBCM and Canada, and any reference in this Agreement to an "Ultimate Recipient" means the "Recipient" in this Agreement.

## Schedule B – Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures

### 1. ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

1.1 Eligible Expenditures will be limited to the following:

a) The expenditures associated with acquiring, planning, designing, constructing or renovating a tangible capital asset, and any related debt financing charges specifically identified with that asset.

b) For capacity building category only, the expenditures related to strengthening the ability of the Recipient to improve local and regional planning including capital investment plans, integrated community sustainability plans, life cycle cost assessments, and Asset Management Plans. The expenditures could include developing and implementing:
   I. Studies, strategies, or systems related to asset management, which may include software acquisition and implementation;
   II. Studies, strategies, or systems related to housing or land use, including Housing Needs Assessments;
   III. Training directly related to asset management planning; and,
   IV. Long-term infrastructure plans.

c) The expenditures directly associated with joint communication activities and with federal project signage for BCSF-funded projects.

1.2 Employee and Equipment Costs:

The incremental costs of the Ultimate Recipient's employees or leasing of equipment may be included as Eligible Expenditures under the following conditions:

a) The Ultimate Recipient is able to demonstrate that it is not economically feasible to tender a contract;
b) The employee or equipment is engaged directly in respect of the work that would have been the subject of the contract; and
c) The arrangement is approved in advance and in writing by UBCM.

### 2. INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

The following are deemed Ineligible Expenditures:

a) Project expenditures incurred before the Commencement date;
b) The cost of leasing of equipment by the Recipient, of any overhead costs, including salaries and other employment benefits of any employees of the Recipient, its direct or indirect operating or administrative costs of the Recipient, and more specifically its costs related to planning, engineering, architecture, supervision, management and other activities normally carried out by its staff, except in accordance with Eligible Expenditures above;
c) Taxes for which the Recipient is eligible for a tax rebate and all other costs eligible for rebates;
d) Purchase of land or any interest therein, and related costs;
e) Legal fees;
f) Routine repair and maintenance costs;
g) Costs associated with healthcare infrastructure or assets.

## Schedule C – Program Reporting

**Recipient Reporting**

Recipient requirements for program reporting under the SPF consist of the submission of an Annual Expenditure Report, Audited Final Statement to the Province, an outcomes report, which will be submitted to UBCM, and if applicable a recipient Audit. The reporting year is from January 1 to December 31. In addition to overall program reporting, specific asset management reporting and housing reporting obligations are described in Schedule E and F.

### 1. Ultimate Recipient Annual Expenditure Report

To receive BCSF funding, the Ultimate Recipient will provide UBCM an Annual Expenditure Report by June 1 of each year for the prior calendar year reporting which will include the following elements: unique project identifier, project title, project description, investment category, project start date, project end date, geo-location, total project cost, BCSF funding spent, closing balance, output indicator, and where applicable, a housing indicator and an outcomes indicator. A reporting template will be provided by UBCM.

The Annual Expenditure Report may also include a communications and signage report, and confirmation by the Ultimate Recipient's CFO that expenditures are eligible use of funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

### 2. Audited Financial Report

The Ultimate Recipient must submit an Audited Financial Statement to British Columbia in order to receive funds in each reporting year.

2.1 Independent Audit or Audit Based Attestation:
UBCM will provide an independent audit opinion, or an attestation based on an independent audit and signed by a senior official designated in writing by UBCM, as to:

a) the accuracy of the information submitted in the Financial Report Table; and
b) that BCSF funding and Unspent Funds, and any interest earned thereon, were expended for the purposes intended.

2.2 Ultimate Recipient Audit:
UBCM and Canada may perform an audit of an Ultimate Recipient annually.

### 3. Housing Report

By September of 30 each year British Columbia and UBCM will provide to Canada a report on housing as outlined in Schedule F (Housing Report).

### 4. Outcomes Report

By March 31 of each year, British Columbia and UBCM will provide to Canada an outcomes report that will outline the following program benefits:

a) beneficial impacts on communities of completed Eligible Projects, supported by specific outcomes examples in communities;
b) the impact of BCSF as a predictable source of funding;
c) progress made on improving Local Government planning and asset management, including development or update of Housing Needs Assessments; and
d) a description of how BCSF funding has alleviated housing pressures tied to infrastructure gaps and contributed to housing supply and affordability outcomes (further details on this requirement may be found in Schedule F – Housing Report).

The outcomes report will present a narrative on how each program benefit is being met. A template and guidance document will be provided by Canada.

**5. Project Update Report**

UBCM may request a Project Update Report as often as once per quarter during the duration of the Eligible Project, using a format provided by UBCM.

## Schedule D – Communications Protocol

In support of transparency and accountability of the BCSF, the following communications protocol will apply to all communications activities undertaken regarding any BCSF funding and will apply to the Parties and Ultimate Recipients. Communicating to Canadians on the use of BCSF funding is clearly linked with our joint accountability to Canadians. Compliance with this protocol will inform the timing and flow of any BCSF funding and is critical to meeting our joint commitment to transparency.

### 1. Purpose

1.1 The Communications Protocol applies to all communications activities related to any BCSF funding, including annual allocations and the identification and communication of projects under this Administrative Agreement. Communications activities may include but are not limited to: public or media events, news releases, reports, digital and social media products, project signs, digital signs, publications, success stories and vignettes, photo compilations, videos, advertising campaigns, awareness campaigns, editorials, awards programs, and multi-media products.

1.2 Through collaboration, Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree to work to ensure consistency in the communications activities meant for the public. This will include the importance of managing the delivery of communications activities based on the principle of transparent and open discussion.

1.3 Failure by British Columbia, UBCM or its Ultimate Recipient to adhere to this communication protocol may affect the timing and flow of any BCSF funding that may be transferred by Canada.

### 2. Joint communications approach

a. British Columbia and UBCM agree to work in collaboration with Canada to develop a joint communications approach to ensure visibility for the program, the provision of upfront project information and planned communications activities throughout the year.

   Canada will provide a “Communications Approach” template to be completed by British Columbia and UBCM. This approach will then be reviewed and approved by Canada as well as British Columbia and UBCM.
   This joint communications approach will have the objective of ensuring that proactive communications activities are undertaken each year to communicate the annual allocations and key projects, as identified in the communications approach, located in both large and small communities by using a wide range of communications tools to ensure local visibility. To accomplish this, Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree to establish a communications subcommittee that will meet biannually. This committee will review and approve a communications plan at the beginning of each year.

b. Canada, British Columbia and UBCM will work together on the initial annual joint communications approach, which will be finalized and approved by Canada's Co-Chair and British Columbia and UBCM agree that achievements under the joint communications approaches will be reported to the Oversight Committee once a year.

c. Through the communications subcommittee, British Columbia and UBCM agree to assess, with Canada, the effectiveness of communications approaches on an annual basis and, as required, update and modify the joint communications approach, as required. Any modifications will be brought to Canada's Co-Chair, British Columbia's Co-Chair and UBCM's Co-Chair, as appropriate for approval.

d. If informed of a communications opportunity (ex. milestone event, news release) by an Ultimate Recipient, Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree to share information promptly and coordinate participation in alignment with section 4.3, 4.5 and 5.2 of this communications protocol.

e. Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree to ensure the timely sharing of information, products (ex. news releases, media advisories), and approvals in support of communications delivery.

**3. Inform Canada on allocation and intended use of BCSF funding for communications planning purposes**

3.1 British Columbia and UBCM to provide to Canada upfront information on planned Eligible Projects and Eligible Projects in progress on an annual basis, prior to the construction season. Canada, British Columbia and UBCM will each agree, in this joint communications approach, on the date this information will be provided. Through the creation of a sub-committee, Canada, British Columbia and UBCM will be required to enact a communications approach that will be assessed bi-annually through the sub-committee mechanism.

In this agreement the information will include, at a minimum:

- Ultimate Recipient name; Eligible Project name; Eligible Project category, a brief but meaningful Eligible Project description; expected project outcomes including housing (if applicable); federal contribution; anticipated start date; anticipated end date; and a status indicator: not started, underway, completed.

Canada will link to the UBCM's BCSF website where this information will be accessible to the general public.

3.2 British Columbia and UBCM agree that the above information will be delivered to Canada in an electronic format deemed acceptable by Canada.

3.3 Canada, British Columbia and UBCM each agree that their joint communications approach will ensure the most up-to-date Eligible Project information is available to Canada to support media events and announcements (see 4.2 for full definition) for Eligible Projects.

**4. Announcements and media events for Eligible Projects**

4.1 At Canada's request, Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree to coordinate an announcement regarding annual allocations of BCSF funding.

4.2 Media events and announcements include, but are not limited to: news conferences, public announcements, and the issuing of news releases to communicate funding of projects or key milestones (e.g. ground breaking ceremonies, completions).

4.3 Key milestones events and announcements (such as ground breaking ceremonies and grand openings) may also be marked by media events and announcements, news releases, or through other communications activities. Ultimate recipients, Canada, British Columbia and UBCM will have equal visibility through quotes and will follow the Table of Precedence for Canada.

4.4 Media events and announcements related to Eligible Projects will not occur without the prior knowledge and agreement of British Columbia and UBCM, as appropriate, Canada and the Ultimate Recipient.

4.5 The requester of a media event or an announcement will provide at least 15 working days' notice to other parties of their intention to undertake such an event or announcement. An event will take place at a mutually agreed date and location. British Columbia and UBCM, and, as appropriate, Canada and the Ultimate Recipient will have the opportunity to participate in such events through a designated representative. If communications is proposed through the issuing of a news release (with no supporting event), Canada requires at least 15 working days' notice and 5 working days with the draft news release to secure approvals and confirm the federal representative's quote.

4.6 For media events, each participant will choose its own designated representative. UBCM and Ultimate Recipients are responsible for coordinating all onsite logistics.

4.7 British Columbia and UBCM shall not unreasonably delay the announcement of opportunities identified in annual communications plans that have been pre-approved in advance.

4.8 The conduct of all joint media events, announcements for project funding, and supporting communications materials (ex. News releases, media advisories) will follow the Table of Precedence for Canada.

4.9 All joint communications material related to media events and announcements must be approved by Canada and recognize the funding of the parties.

4.10 All joint communications material for funding announcements must reflect Canada's Policy on Official Languages and the Policy on Communications and Federal Identity.

4.11 Canada, British Columbia and UBCM and Ultimate Recipients agree to ensure equal visibility in all communications activities.

## 5. Program communications

5.1 Canada, British Columbia, UBCM and Ultimate Recipients may include messaging in their own communications products and activities with regard to the BCSF.

5.2 The party undertaking these activities will recognize the funding of all contributors.

5.3 The conduct of all joint events and delivery of supporting communications materials (ex. News releases) that support program communications (ex. Such as intake launches) will follow the Table of Precedence for Canada.

5.4 Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree that they will not unreasonably restrict the other parties from using, for their own purposes, public communications products related to the BCSF prepared by Canada, British Columbia and UBCM or Ultimate Recipients, or, if web-based, from linking to it.

5.5 Notwithstanding Section 4 of Schedule D (Communications Protocol), Canada retains the right to meet its obligations to communicate to Canadians about the BCSF and the use of funding.

## 6. Operational communications

6.1 British Columbia, UBCM or the Ultimate Recipient is solely responsible for operational communications with respect to Eligible Projects, including but not limited to, calls for tender, construction, and public safety notices. Operational communications as described above are not subject to the federal official language policy.

6.2 Canada does not need to be informed on operational communications. However, such products should include, where appropriate, the following statement, “This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada” or “This project is funded by the Government of Canada”, as applicable.

6.3 British Columbia, UBCM and the Ultimate Recipient will share information as available with Canada should significant emerging media or stakeholder issues relating to an Eligible Project arise. Canada, British Columbia and UBCM will advise Ultimate Recipients, when appropriate, about media inquiries received concerning an Eligible Project.

## 7. Communicating success stories

7.1 British Columbia and UBCM to facilitate communications between Canada and Ultimate Recipients for the purposes of collaborating on communications activities and products including, but not limited to Eligible Project success stories, including the positive impacts on housing, Eligible Project vignettes, and Eligible Project start-to-finish features.

## 8. Advertising campaigns

8.1 Canada, British Columbia, UBCM or an Ultimate Recipient may, at their own cost, organize an advertising or public information campaign related to the BCSF or Eligible Projects. However, such a campaign must respect the provisions of this Administrative Agreement. In the event of such a campaign, the sponsoring party or Ultimate Recipient agrees to inform the other parties of its intention, and to inform them no less than 21 working days prior to the campaign launch.

## 9. Digital Communications, Websites and webpages

9.1 Where British Columbia and UBCM produce social media content to provide visibility to BCSF programs or projects, they shall @mention the relevant Infrastructure Canada official social media account.

9.2 Where a website or webpage is created to promote or communicate progress on an Eligible Project or Projects, it must recognize federal funding through the use of a digital sign or through the use of the Canada wordmark and the following wording, “This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada” or “This project is funded by the Government of Canada”, as applicable. The Canada wordmark or digital sign must link to Canada’s website, at www.infrastructure.gc.ca. The guidelines for how this recognition is to appear and language requirements are published on Canada’s website, at http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/pub/signage-panneaux/intro-eng.html.

## 10. Project signage

10.1 Unless otherwise approved by Canada, British Columbia, UBCM or Ultimate Recipients will install a federal sign to recognize federal funding at Eligible Project site(s). Federal sign design, content, and installation guidelines will be provided by Canada and included in the joint communications approach.

10.2 Where British Columbia, UBCM or an Ultimate Recipient decides to install a sign, a permanent plaque or other suitable marker recognizing their contribution with respect to an Eligible Project, it must recognize the federal contribution to the Eligible Project(s) and be approved by Canada.

10.3 British Columbia, UBCM or the Ultimate Recipient is responsible for the production and installation of Eligible Project signage, or as otherwise agreed upon.

10.4 British Columbia and UBCM to inform Canada of signage installations on a basis mutually agreed upon in the joint communications approaches.

## 11. Communication Costs

11.1 The eligibility of costs related to communication activities that provide public information on this Administrative Agreement will be subject to Schedule C (Eligible and Ineligible Expenditures).

## Schedule E – Asset Management

Canada, British Columbia and UBCM agree that the measures contained in the Previous Agreements to create and foster a culture of asset management planning were effective in increasing the capacity of the diverse range of Ultimate Recipients in British Columbia and UBCM to enhance their community's sustainability.

Under the previous Agreement (2014-2024), local governments in BC demonstrated a commitment to improving asset management practices within their respective communities. As awareness and knowledge has grown, asset management practices and culture has matured. However, as noted in the 2022 Status of Asset Management in BC Report, while moving in the right direction, there remains significant gaps and priority areas where local governments need to improve if they are to realize the full benefits of asset management.

Using the results from the 2022 Status of Asset Management in BC Report as a guide, the Oversight Committee will develop and approve Asset Management Commitments, over the duration of this Agreement for Ultimate Recipients, consistent with the Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery: A BC Framework. Asset Management BC will be asked to provide expertise and input where appropriate.

All Ultimate Recipients will be required to meet the Asset Management Commitments. Asset Management Commitments may vary depending on whether the Ultimate Recipient is; a Local Government, a non–local government entity, TransLink, and/or BC Transit. Asset Management Commitments will focus on strengthening asset management capacity over the term of the Agreement while continuing to recognize the varying capacities of Ultimate Recipients and the range of ongoing asset management activities.

The Oversight Committee will consider Asset Management Commitments under the following areas;

- Reporting on continuous improvement of Asset Management practices over the duration of the Agreement, including reporting through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Local Government Data Entry (LGDE) System,
- Development and implementation of Long-term Financial Plans
- Ongoing Asset Management education and training, and
- Implementing asset management performance measurement.

## SCHEDULE F – Housing Report

### 1. Housing Needs Assessments

1.1 By March 31, 2025, or as otherwise agreed upon by Canada and British Columbia, municipalities with a 2021 Census population of 30,000 or more are required to complete and make available to Canada a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) prepared in accordance with provincial legislation and additional details provided, as agreed to by Canada and British Columbia, which together align with the information requirements, spirit and intent of the federal Housing Needs Assessment template and the guidance document.

1.2 HNAs should be used by British Columbia and UBCM in preparing the Project-Level Housing Report and the Housing Narrative in the BCSF Outcomes Report in order to identify housing pressures related to infrastructure. HNAs should also be used by municipalities to prioritize infrastructure projects that support increased housing supply where it makes sense to do so.

1.3 HNAs must be made publicly available on the municipal website and municipalities are to provide links to the page where the HNAs are posted to Canada for all Ultimate Recipients in their jurisdiction that have a 2021 Census population of 30,000 or more.

1.4 A separate HNA Guidance Document has been provided by Canada.

### 2. Project-Level Housing Report

By September 30 of each year, starting in 2025, British Columbia and UBCM will provide Canada a Housing Report in an electronic format deemed acceptable by Canada consisting of the following:

2.1 Methodology

British Columbia and UBCM will provide a description of the process used to collect data and information presented in the Housing Report. The methodology section should include the following information:

- Scope of the report and related rationale.
- Reporting process used to collect data from Ultimate Recipients.
- Identification of baseline data and other data sets used for the purposes of the report and which data has been excluded.
- How performance indicators were assessed in British Columbia.

## 2.2 Municipalities Identified for Project-Level Reporting

Criteria for Project-Level Reporting

Municipalities with a population of 30,000 or more, outside of the Metro Vancouver Region, that have housing pressures that can be addressed through closing infrastructure gaps or building capacity where it makes sense to do so, must:

- be included in Table 1 (below); and,
- provide project-level data on housing requirements to British Columbia and UBCM, for inclusion in the Housing Report that will be submitted by British Columbia and UBCM to Canada.

HNA and project-level reporting requirements can also be applied to other municipalities as agreed to by Canada, British Columbia and UBCM. Municipalities that do not meet these criteria may additionally be included at the discretion of British Columbia and UBCM, but are not required by Canada to include project-level data in the annual Housing Report.

British Columbia and UBCM will be expected to summarize project-level information from the municipalities identified by the above criteria to report to Canada annually.

The following table (**Table 1**) is to be used as a template to identify municipalities required to provide project-level reporting and to identify housing pressures related to infrastructure needs. Housing pressures should be consistent with needs and pressures identified by Ultimate Recipients in their HNAs. British Columbia and UBCM will provide an aggregate of this table to Canada in their annual Housing Report.

| **Ultimate Recipient** | **Project Level Reporting Criteria** | **Key Infrastructure-Related Housing Pressures** |
|---|---|---|
| *Name of the municipality* | *Identify which criteria as noted above applies* | *Identify key housing gaps and needs that are related to infrastructure* |

***Table 1: Ultimate Recipients Identified for Project Level Reporting***

## 2.3 Project-Level Housing Outcomes

For municipalities required to provide project-level reporting, British Columbia and UBCM are required to collect project-level data on housing outcomes and to complete the table below (Table 2) on an annual basis.

Table 2 is intended to link the housing pressures identified in Table 1 and in HNAs with outcomes supported by BCSF projects that can help Ultimate Recipients to address their specific housing pressures. More specifically, Table 2 is to be completed by Ultimate Recipients outlined in Section 1.2. It will include a subset of the projects from the above project list and this subset represents projects with housing outcomes.

| Project ID | Ultimate Recipient | Project Title | Project Description | Investment Category | Housing Outcomes and Indicators |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *As provided in program reporting (Schedule D)* | *As provided in Table 1* | *As provided in program reporting (Schedule D)* | *Provide a brief description of the project* | *Indicate which BCSF category the project falls under* | *Identify key housing outcomes and indicators (section 2.3) that will be used to measure success.* |

***Table 2: Project-Level Reporting on Housing Outcomes***

#### 2.3.1 Housing Outcome Indicators

For each of the projects listed in Table 2, British Columbia and UBCM shall report on the following core indicators, as relevant to each investment category.

- # of housing units supported or preserved; and
- # of affordable housing units supported or preserved.

Units enabled is a measure of increased capacity for potential housing development as a result of the infrastructure investment made and, in some cases, where BCSF funding contributed directly to housing development (e.g., building social housing as part of brownfield remediation category, may include new units directly supported by BCSF funding).

## 3. Housing Narrative in the BCSF Outcomes Report

By March 31st each year, starting in 2026, British Columbia and UBCM shall provide Canada with a narrative report on program-level housing outcomes. This narrative report will be aligned with and incorporated into the annual BCSF Outcomes Report.

The housing narrative should outline how BCSF has supported housing supply and affordability pressures within British Columbia and UBCM's jurisdiction, over the reporting period, and measures taken between British Columbia, UBCM and Ultimate Recipients to improve housing supply and improve housing affordability for Canadians. It should also align with identified needs within Ultimate Recipients Housing Needs Assessments once they have been developed.

Further, British Columbia and UBCM must include in their Outcomes Report a narrative assessment of measures they have taken to improve housing outcomes through BCSF funded infrastructure projects. This should include:

- How Ultimate Recipients have prioritized specific infrastructure investments, where it made sense to do so, that support an increased supply of housing (e.g., upgrading pipes to support densification rather than sprawl, or remediating a brownfield site that could then be used for affordable housing);
- How Ultimate Recipients are utilizing BCSF funding to build local capacity for sound land use and development planning (e.g., through the capacity building category).

- Any measures taken to preserve and/or increase supply and mix of affordable housing (e.g., minimizing displacement, making land available for non-market housing, minimum affordability requirements for private developers); and

This housing narrative must also include responses to the following questions:

- How many or what percentage of projects from the total BCSF project list contribute to an increase in housing supply and how many housing units were supported or preserved (as outlined in 2.3.1)?
- What percentage of total housing units supported or preserved are affordable?
- How many communities have published a new Housing Needs Assessment or an updated one within the last 5 years?

For further information and details on the housing narrative portion of the Outcomes Report please refer to the Housing Report Template and Guidance document.

## 4. Assessment of the Housing Reports and Compliance

### 4.1 Assessment of Housing Reports

Both the project-level housing report and the housing narrative on program-level housing outcomes will be assessed against the Government of Canada's Evaluation Framework as well as HNAs.

### 4.2 Compliance

Failure by British Columbia, UBCM or its Ultimate Recipient to adhere to this Schedule may affect the timing and flow of any BCSF funding that may be transferred by Canada. Repeated or sustained failures to comply with the terms of this Schedule could result in downward adjustment of allocations for British Columbia, UBCM or Ultimate Recipient for future Infrastructure Canada programs.

## Appendix 1

## Detail of Approved Eligible Project

**Pressure Zone 3 Reservoir Expansion and PRV Station in the Village of Ashcroft**

**Project will construct a new reservoir at the existing Pressure Zone 3 (PZ3) reservoir site, and construct a new pressure reducing valve station in Ashcroft BC, including:**
-Approx 1100m3 concrete reservoir and watermain tie-in
-Pressure reducing valve station and watermain tie-in
-Related civil and engineering works.

**STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING**

**DATE:** November 23, 2026

**FROM:** Gwen Dost, FireSmart Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Intact Insurance - Climate Resilience Grants

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## RECOMMENDATION

*THAT, Council authorize the Village of Ashcroft FireSmart Coordinator to submit an application to the Intact Insurance - Climate Resilience Grants Program up to $150,000 over a two-year period to support additional wildfire resiliency initiatives within the community, complementing the Village's existing Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) funding;*

*AND THAT Council confirm its support for the project in its entirety, as required by the Intact Insurance Climate Resilience Grants Program.*

## Purpose:

This purpose of this report is to inform council of the intent of application for the Intact Climate Resilience Grants to boost funding for FireSmart initiatives in Ashcroft.

**Prepared by:**

Gwen Dost

Gwen Dost,
FireSmart Coordinator

**Approved for submission to Council:**

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

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## Background

The Intact Insurance - Climate Resilience Grants provides up to $225,000 to fund practical projects strengthening community resiliency to flood and wildfire risks.

## Discussion

This grant funding would further community resiliency, with the focus being on the perimeter properties that have been assessed as being high vulnerability points for wildfire entry given the density of homes as well as being surrounded by grasslands. The funding would be two separate projects that compliment each other, as well as build significant resilience for the Village of Ashcroft. The intention of application is to use the funding to:

1. Supporting residents, businesses, and community members to complete FireSmart improvements by offering rebates to residents who work on vulnerabilities up to 5 meters from structures on their property.

    - Fire-retardant roofing, fire-resistant siding, or non-combustible screens and safeguards. FireSmart improvements to a structure would offer a rebate for fencing, siding, metal skirting in the 0-1.5m home ignition zone (HIZ) for 50% of costs to a maximum rebate of $1000.

- Focus on removal of cedars and junipers. I suggest we follow what Kamloops does for this program and offer $150 for the first cedar taken out, and $100 for each additional cedar removed up to a maximum of $800 ($1000?).

- A home ignition zone (HIZ) assessment and a follow up will be required before rebates are processed.

2. Re-establish and maintenance of the existing fireguard in the Ashcroft dunes area, as well as an assessment to extend the fireguard parallel to Mesa Vista Drive to Hwy 97C. This would help give protection to the homes in the Mesa Vista subdivision as well as give additional protection to the only egress route for the subdivision. The FireSmart coordinator will work with the Director of Public Works, CAO Dyck, Ashcroft Fire Chief, and any other organizations deemed necessary for this project.

**Conclusion**

I ask that council would consider passing a resolution to allow the FireSmart Coordinator to apply for the Intact Insurance – Climate Resilience Grants to further wildfire resiliency in our community. This funding would compliment the provincial CRI funding that the Ashcroft FireSmart program currently operates from and would fill the gaps that are present in the CRI funding. The plan is to apply for approximately $150,000 to complete this work in the two years Intact allows for projects to be completed.

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**Financial Implications**

Municipalities are asked to contribute a symbolic 10% of project costs to reinforce adaptation budgeting and allocation. This can include in-kind contributions such as Public Works hours for time spent on maintaining the fireguard.

**Attachment Listing**

N/A

**TO:** Mayor and Council **MEETING DATE:** November 23, 2026

**FROM:** Yoginder Bhalla, CFO

**SUBJECT:** **Verbal Report -Financial Update**

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**PURPOSE:**

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

- YTD financials
- Economic Outlook
- Treasury Management

Dear Community Leader,

It is my pleasure to invite you to send a representative from your community to join us at the **2027 COFI Convention**, taking place **April 7 –9, 2027** in **Prince George.**

BC's forest sector is at a critical turning point. With a new provincial government taking shape, we have an important opportunity to work together to advance the urgent action needed to restore competitiveness and secure the future of an industry that has helped build our province, and the communities that depend on it.

Under the theme **"Forestry is a Solution,"** the **2027 COFI Convention** will bring together leaders from industry, government, First Nations and communities to help shape the path forward. Discussions will focus on practical solutions to improve access to wood, strengthen competitiveness and unlock forestry's potential to support housing, wildfire resilience, reconciliation and a stronger provincial economy.

As the largest gathering of the forest sector in Western Canada, the Convention gives community leaders a unique opportunity to connect with key decision-makers and ensure local priorities are front and centre at a pivotal moment for BC forestry.

**Community Leaders Program - What's included**

- **One complimentary full registration** (all sessions, meals, and receptions)
- **One complimentary hotel night** at the **Courtyard by Marriott** in Prince George.

**How to Register & Book**

- **Contact us by January 31, 2027**, to claim your complimentary registration. We'll provide your registration code and explain the process.
- **Need extra seats?** Colleagues from local government may register at the Government Rate ($800) on the **Convention Website Here**
- **Hotel booking:** Our team will book the hotel room for your complimentary night, with additional nights at your expense.
- **Need extra rooms?** For additional rooms, you can **Book directly here**

If you can't attend, a designated **councilor, director or CAO** may use the complimentary registration on your behalf.

We look forward to welcoming you in Prince George and to your continued partnership in supporting BC's communities and forest sector.

Warm regards,



Kim Haakstad, President and CEO
BC Council of Forest Industries

## NEWS RELEASE

## 2026 General School Trustee Election

The nomination period for the 2026 General School Trustee Election closed on September 11, 2026. As only one candidate was nominated for each of the seven trustee positions, all positions were filled by acclamation.

The following trustees took their Oath of Office at the Inaugural Meeting on November 3, 2026:

| **Trustee** | **Electoral Area** |
|---|---|
| John Roberge | Village of Ashcroft |
| Orra Storkan | District of Lillooet |
| Larry Casper | Rural Trustee Electoral Area A |
| Valerie Adrian | Rural Trustee Electoral Area B |
| Jordan Lawrence | Rural Trustee Electoral Area C |
| Carmen Ranta | Rural Trustee Electoral Area D |
| Connor Thomas | Rural Trustee Electoral Area E |

**10 November 2026**




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UBCM Union of BC Municipalities

November 17, 2026

Mayor Barbara Roden and Council
Village of Ashcroft
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Reference: AP8153

**Re: 2023 Next Generation 911 (Allocation-based funding) – 2023 base funding**

Dear Mayor Roden and Council,

Thank you for providing the final report, revised October 13, 2026, for the above-noted project. We have reviewed your submission and all reporting requirements have been met.

The final report notes a total eligible expenditure of $45,000.00. Based on this, a payment in the amount of $22,500.00 will follow shortly by electronic fund transfer. This represents final payment of the grant and is based on 100% of the total reported expenditure (to a maximum of the approved grant $45,000.00) minus the initial payment of $22,500.00 provided in November 2023.

I would like to congratulate the Village of Ashcroft for undertaking this project and responding to the opportunity to support local preparedness for the implementation of NG911.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide any assistance, please contact 250-952-9177 or lgps@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

Sasha Prynn
Program Officer

*cc: Yogi Bhalla, CFO, Village of Ashcroft*

*The Next Generation 911 program is funded by the Province of BC*

November 2026

# Board Bulletin



## 2026 Trustee Elections

During the October 2026 elections, all incumbant Trustees were re-elected by acclamation:

- Larry Casper, Rural Area A
- Valerie Adrian, Rural Area B
- Jordan Lawrence, Rural Area C
- Carmen Ranta, Rural Area D
- Connor Thomas, Rural Area E
- Orra Storkan, District of Lillooet
- John Roberge, Village of Ashcroft

## Statment of Financial Information (SOFI)

The Board approved the 2025-2026 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) which serves to provide transparency and accountability in public sector financial reporting. It is designed to inform the public about the financial activities of the district. The approved SOFI report can viewed here.

## Student Trustees

The Board welcomed student trustee, Ella Graham from Lillooet Secondary School. The Board is hoping to welcome an additional student trustee at the next meeting. Student trustees will attend Board meetings and provide their input on behalf of the students in the district.

## Enrolment and Class Size

The Board received a report on District enrolment which shows a decline of 19 students from the previous year. The class size and composition report must be provided each year to ensure that legislative requirements have been met.

## Approved Policies

As part of its regular cycle, the following policies were reviewed and approved for circulation:

- Policy 4.40 District Parent Advisory Council
- Policy 4.50 Parent Advisory Councils

Policies and Bylaws can be viewed here.

## BCSTA AGM Motion

The Board passed a motion requesting the BC School Trustees Association to call upon the federal government to develop legislation that criminalizes residential school denialism, when those involved are using gear that hides their identify.

## Student Success

The Cayoosh Elementary cross-country team competed at a Kamloops meet that had over 500 runners! The runners battled their pre-race jitters and competed hard and 4 of our 11 athletes finished in the top 20 of their age group. Thank you to Ms. Remple for coaching this team and giving these students this great opportunity!



## Team

Jen Kelly, a literacy educator consultant, launched her residency network with teacher teams from across the district. The learning focused on how to better connect evidence-backed teaching strategies and routines, with the specific needs of the students. Future sessions will feature Jen visiting classrooms and supporting this work throughout the year.



## Truth and Reconciliation

Students, staff and families participated in Truth and Reconciliation gatherings and walks to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students drummed, heard from community members and walked in unity to honour those impacted by residential schools.

## Communication

The McCreary Centre puts out a BC Adolescent Health Survey every five years to gather feedback from students in grades 7-12. The survey provides data on how youth are doing and emerging issues affecting young people. Recently, their staff met with secondary students to get feedback regarding the impact that Tik Tok and social media is having on youth.

## Sustainability

Kanaka Bar hosted Kumsheen ShchEma-meet students for a tour of their gardens, greenhouse and operations. Students learned how Kanaka Bar is bridging food security and land stewardship through minimizing environmental impacts. Students participated in processing some of this year's harvested fruit and had a great day of learning.



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October 31, 2026

**SUBJECT: Snow Removal Operations, Railroad Crossings**

To whom it may concern,

Safe winter maintenance of public roadways is essential to keeping motorists and railway employees safe. At railway crossings, however, snow removal operations require additional care. Improperly placed snow can obstruct motorists' sightlines, interfere with crossing warning systems, block railway access, or create accumulations that may be struck by trains. Plow blades can also damage the rail, crossing surface, or railway equipment if they are not raised when crossing the tracks.

CN is therefore asking Road Authorities to review the following precautions with snowplow operators and roadway maintenance personnel before the winter season. These measures are intended to prevent hazardous conditions at public crossings and ensure that crossings remain safe and operational throughout the winter. Please refer to the attached Operation Lifesaver brochure entitled *Railway Safety Tips for Municipal Maintenance Workers.*

In addition to the tips listed in the brochure, the following are some of the best practices for snow removal operators:

- **Raise plow blades sufficiently before crossing the rails.** Blades must clear the rail and crossing surface to prevent damage that could create an unsafe condition for road or rail traffic.
- **Do not leave windrows between the rails or within 5 metres of the track**. Accumulated snow can obstruct sightlines, interfere with warning systems, be struck by trains, or restrict railway employees' access to equipment.
- **Do not apply or dump salt or other de-icing chemicals directly on or immediately adjacent to the crossing**. These materials may affect track components and electrical signal systems.
- **Do not sand within three (3) meters of a crossing** as this can damage the crossing.
- **Do not plow or blow snow directly onto CN infrastructure, equipment or employees.** Do not block ditches, as this could impede drainage.
- **Please look out for our employees!** Snowplow operators should watch out for Railway employees working in proximity of the tracks.
- **Stop Work and Contact CN Immediately** if snow or ice accumulation creates a hazard at a crossing, interferes with the operations or visibility of warning devices, or obstructs or damages railway infrastructure.

CN requests that these precautions be communicated to all snowplow operators and roadway maintenance personnel responsible for public crossings in your jurisdiction. Road Authorities are responsible for ensuring their winter maintenance activities do not create unsafe conditions at railway crossings.

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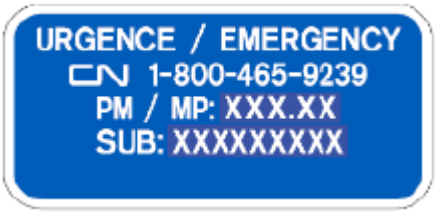
In case of an incident, each crossing is identified with an Emergency Notification Sign (ENS) with information about the mile and subdivision of the crossing which is located on the crossing posts or signal box near crossings. The ENS will look like the image below.




A **24-hour emergency number** is also identified, **1–800–465-9239**. ***Any incident involving damage to signage, crossing surface, rails or any rail infrastructure at a crossing should be called in to the emergency number immediately.***

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Anees Hussain, P.Eng.
Manager, Public Works – Western Region

OPERATION LIFESAVER

LOOK LISTEN LIVE



# Rail Safety Tips for Municipal Maintenance Workers

Whether you operate a snowplow, a road grader or do other work maintaining municipal infrastructure, working in proximity to railway crossings and tracks can be incredibly risky if you don't know your rail safety rules. Follow these important tips to help you stay safe, and share them with your colleagues—it could save lives.

OperationLifesaver.ca
LookListenLive.ca

## BE PREPARED TO STOP AT ALL RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Slow down and be prepared to stop at all railway crossings. When approaching a crossing, open your window and turn off your fan and audio equipment so you can better hear oncoming trains. If a train is coming, stop behind any gates or stop lines, or no closer than 5 metres from the nearest rail.

## HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE TRACKS

Don't proceed through a railway crossing unless you have a clear view of the tracks and are sure no trains are approaching in either direction, on any track—especially at crossings with no flashing lights, bells or gates. Know how long your vehicle is and be aware of the amount of space on the other side of the crossing. To avoid stalling on the tracks, always cross in low gear without shifting. If you're driving a snowplow or road grader, be sure to raise the blade or other attachments high enough to clear the tracks.

## KEEP RAIL CROSSINGS CLEAR OF SNOW, ICE, SALT AND SAND

Avoid piling snow or ice on or near rail crossings or access roads near tracks. Keep windrows to a minimum as they reduce visibility at crossings. Don't apply sand within three metres of rail crossings to prevent it from being carried onto the tracks. Never dump salt or chemicals directly on or near crossings as it can cause train signals to malfunction. Limit the use of sand and gravel as a build-up could contribute to derailments. If possible, completely clear snow from crossings to expose pavement markings.

## CONTACT THE RAILWAY BEFORE STARTING WORK

Never park your equipment on or walk along railway tracks. If maintenance work needs to be done within eight metres of the tracks or near a crossing, you need permission from the railway to ensure safety and compliance with regulations. Always contact the railway **before** performing work in proximity to a rail crossing or tracks.

## LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE IF IT STALLS OR GETS STUCK

If your equipment stalls or gets stuck at a crossing, get out immediately and move at least 30 metres away from the tracks. Contact the railway company immediately and let them know there is equipment on the tracks. If your equipment hits a rail, signage or signal equipment, report it immediately to the railway. Railway companies post their emergency numbers and crossing locations on a blue Emergency Notification Sign under the crossbuck or near the crossing. This information may also be displayed on a nearby signal house. If you don't see a railway emergency number, call 911.

### REMEMBER:

- Laws, regulations and policies governing work around train tracks vary by province and by railway—know the ones that apply to you, and make sure you're in compliance at all times.
- Anytime is train time. Crossing warning signals sometimes activate just 20 seconds before a train arrives. A large truck can take 18 seconds to clear the tracks from a standing start. So if you're working near a railway crossing, keep unnecessary equipment off the tracks, stay alert and stay safe!
- Report any dangerous conditions at railway crossings directly to the railway company or by calling 911.

# Know the Signs and Signals

## FLASHING RED LIGHTS

STOP when flashing. DO NOT proceed until the lights stop flashing. If the lights begin flashing after you start crossing the tracks, keep going.

## CROSSBUCK

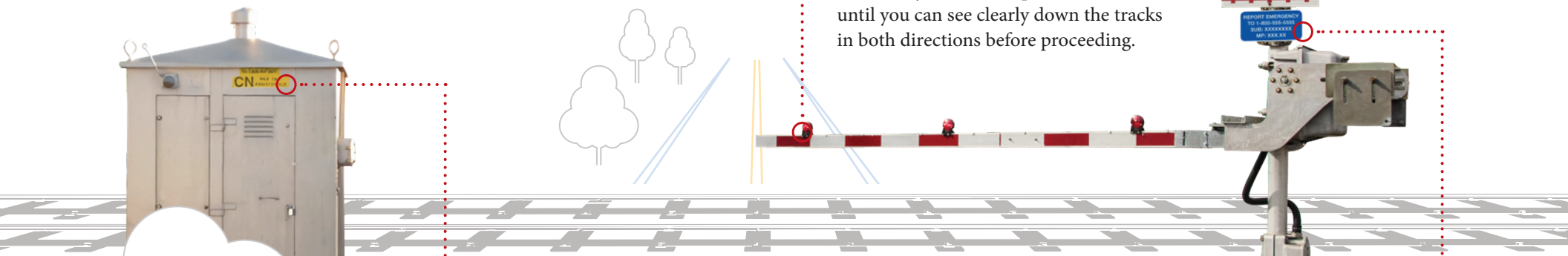
YIELD if a train is approaching. Trains always have the right-of-way.

## LOWERING GATES AND FLASHING RED LIGHTS

A train is approaching (even if you don't see it yet). DO NOT proceed until the lights turn off and the gates go up. It's illegal and dangerous to go around lowered gates.

## MULTIPLE TRACKS

Multiple tracks are present. Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains. Wait until you can see clearly down the tracks in both directions before proceeding.




## PAVEMENT MARKINGS

A large "X" and a wide white line on the road mean you're approaching a railway crossing. Stay behind the white stop line while waiting for a train to pass. No stop line? Stop at least 5 metres from the nearest rail.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SIGN (ENS)

This is the first phone number to call if a vehicle is stuck or stalls on the tracks (this number may also be found on the signal house). You can also dial it to report people, vehicles or debris on the tracks, as well as damaged signs or signals, or obstructed views. The mile post and subdivision listed on the sign will help the railway to identify your location.

## LOW GROUND CLEARANCE CROSSING

Raised crossing ahead. If you drive anything low to the ground — like a bus, truck, sports car or trailer — you're at risk of getting hung up on the tracks. DO NOT proceed until you know your vehicle will clear the tracks.

## ADVANCE WARNING

Slow down, look, listen, and BE PREPARED TO STOP. Typically, this is the first sign you see when approaching a railway crossing.

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October 15, 2026

**SUBJECT: CN Police want you to Stay Safe this Winter**

No matter where you live, chances are you will face some challenging driving conditions in the months ahead. Freezing rain, snow, sleet and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous.

In fact, according to the Transportation Safety Board data, railway crossing incidents increase during the winter months. This is due to many factors, including:

- Ice and snow making it harder for drivers to stop and maneuver their vehicles;
- Snow covered roadways that hide pavement markings.
- Blowing snow, fog, and sleet that reduce visibility.
- Snowbanks and snow in trees reducing sight lines;

Following these simple tips can help keep you and your family safe when you encounter train tracks this winter:

Winter driving presents serious challenges due to snow, ice, and reduced visibility. To stay safe, it is important to plan ahead by checking weather forecasts for both your current location and your destination. If conditions worsen while driving, stop at a safe location and wait until it is safe to continue.

Slow down in poor weather conditions, especially near railway crossings. Reduced speed gives you more time to react and avoid collisions. Stay focused and turn off distractions like radios and fans, roll down your window if visibility is poor, and listen carefully for approaching trains. Snow and fog can mask both visual and auditory cues.

Watch for railway warning signs, especially at night or when snow covers the tracks, making them appear like part of the roadway. Use winter tires, which offer better grip in cold conditions compared to all-season tires. Finally, never drive impaired, alcohol and drugs reduce your ability to react and make safe decisions.

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Interested in learning more about winter rail safety? CN Police offers railway safety presentations for municipalities, schools, community groups, first responders, and other stakeholders. Our presentations provide practical information and resources to help keep communities safe around railway property and crossings during the winter season and throughout the year. To request a presentation or obtain additional rail safety information, please contact CN Police through the **CN Police Tip Line at** cnpolicetipline@cn.ca or visit **www.cn.ca/police**. We welcome the opportunity to work together to promote rail safety awareness in your community.

Remember **"Any time is train time". Be rail-smart this winter: Look. Listen. Live.**

Sincerely,



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Shawn Will
Chief of Police & Chief Security Officer
CN Police Service – North America

## NEWS RELEASE

## Co-Chairs Elected for the Board of Education

At the November 3, 2026, Board of Education meeting, Trustees Larry Casper and Carmen Ranta were elected as Co-Chairs of the Board.

In addition, Trustee Carmen Ranta was elected as the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) representative and Trustee Valerie Adrian was elected as the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council representative.

**10 November 2026**




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**From:** southern-interior.info
**Subject:** Congratulations from BC Hydro
**Date:** November 19, 2026 11:33:56 AM

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Dag Sharman
Community Relations Manager
Southern Interior

November 19, 2026

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft

Dear Mayor and Council:

I would like to extend my congratulations to re-elected Mayor Roden and all members of the City Council.

BC Hydro looks forward to continuing to work with those who have previously served on council and to building relationships with newly elected officials.

With this letter, I would like to offer the continued support of the Southern Interior Community Relations team. The team consists of Dave Cooper, Susan Edgell and Dudley Coulter.

Again, congratulations on your recent election. If you require information or assistance regarding BC Hydro matters, please reach out through my contact information noted above.

Sincerely,

Dag Sharman
Community Relations Manager
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November 9, 2026

Mayor Barbara Roden,
Village of Ashcroft

Dear Mayor Roden,

My name is TAKAHASHI Yoshiaki, Consul General of Japan in Vancouver. I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to you on your re-election as the Mayor of Ashcroft.

Ashcroft plays a vital role in fostering strong cultural and economic ties within the region. The Consulate General of Japan greatly values the warm relationship we share with the people and leadership of Ashcroft. I look forward to working closely with you and your administration to further deepen the friendship, mutual understanding, and cooperation between Japan and your community.

Once again, please accept my best wishes for your success and good health as you assume your new responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Y. Takahashi

TAKAHASHI Yoshiaki
Consul General of Japan in Vancouver

The Equality Project
*"People helping People"*
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# TO OUR MANY CORPORATE & ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS

WE WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE OF OUR UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE EQUALITY PROJECT CLUBHOUSE AND IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND ANY NON-MEMBERS WITH AN INTEREST IN OUR SOCIETY.

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| DATE OF MEETING | NOVEMBER 24, 2026 |
| TIME | 12:30PM |
| ADDRESS | 1260 STAGE ROAD |
| | CACHE CREEK, B.C. |

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UBCM Union of BC Municipalities

October 29, 2026

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Reference: LGPS-10342

**Re: 2024 CRI - FireSmart Community Funding Supports – Ashcroft - 2024 Application-based funding Project**

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for providing the final report, revised October 27, 2026, for the above noted project. We have reviewed your submission and all reporting requirements have been met.

The final report identifies total claimed expenditures of $165,408.12. Of this amount, $2,775.00 is for Critical Infrastructure assessments, which are ineligible under this project, leaving total eligible expenditures of $162,633.12.

A final payment of $77,656.76 will be issued shortly by electronic funds transfer. This amount represents 100% of the reported eligible expenditures, less the initial payment of $84,976.36 provided in Septmeber 2024.

I would like to congratulate your community for undertaking this project and responding to the opportunity to build wildfire resiliency in your community.

If you have any questions, or if we can provide any assistance, please contact 250-356-2947 or cri@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

Jonas Woodrow, Program Officer

cc: Daniela Dyck, CAO
Gwen Dost, FireSmart Coordinator

*The CRI program is funded by the Province of BC*

November 17, 2026

admin@ashcroftbc.ca

The Village of Ashcroft
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Attention: Mayor and Council

**Re: An introduction to the Manufactured Home Park Owners' Alliance of BC**

Congratulations on your successful election. On behalf of the Manufactured Home Park Owners' Alliance of BC, I want to welcome you to your new term and offer our organization as a resource as your council takes up housing affordability in your community.

**Who we are**
The Manufactured Home Park Owners' Alliance of BC represents 40% of community owners and operators of manufactured home parks across British Columbia. We advocate for, support and educate park owners, work with all levels of government on policy affecting manufactured home communities, and help keep this form of housing viable and well maintained for the residents who live in it.

**Our role in affordable housing**
Manufactured home parks are among the most affordable forms of ownership housing available in British Columbia. Residents typically own their homes and rent the site, which keeps monthly costs well below those of most apartments or detached houses. These communities are home to seniors on fixed incomes, working families, and people who might otherwise be priced out of your community altogether.

Our services include:

- Supporting Community owners with regulatory compliance, best practices, and information on the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act
- Providing a single point of contact and information source for local governments on manufactured home park matters
- Helping maintain and renew existing parks so that affordable homes are not lost to redevelopment

Every pad that is lost is very difficult to replace, and very few new parks have been built in recent decades. That is why we believe local governments have an important part to play.

**How your council can help create new manufactured home parks**
Land cost and availability are the main barriers to new parks. We would welcome a conversation about the following options, all of which are within local government authority:

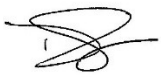
1. **Identify suitable municipal or regional district land.** Consider whether any surplus or underused public lands could be made available through long-term lease or sale for a manufactured home park.

2. **Zone for the use.** Create or update zoning that explicitly permits manufactured home parks, including in residential and mixed-use areas, and remove unnecessary barriers to them.
3. **Protect existing parks.** Consider zoning that will allow for increased density in existing communities and help preserve the affordable homes already in your community.
4. **Streamline approvals.** Offer expedited processing and predictable requirements for park proposals and coordinate servicing requirements early.
5. **Reduce upfront costs.** Consider waivers or deferrals of development cost charges and permit fees where they make new affordable housing feasible.
6. **Use housing planning tools.** Reflect manufactured home parks in your Official Community Plan and Housing Needs Report as a deliberate affordable housing strategy.
7. **Partner with us.** We can connect you with owners and operators interested in developing new parks and share what has worked in other BC communities.

We would be glad to meet with you or with staff, at a time convenient to you, to discuss the needs of your community and how we might work together. We can also provide a short briefing package on manufactured home parks as an affordable housing option.

Please contact me at 250-268-0430 or execdirector@mhpo.com. Thank you for your commitment to public service, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Diane Koch, Executive Director
Manufactured Home Park Owners' Alliance of BC

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# NEWS RELEASE

## New Drinking Water Fill Station and Day-Use Parking Lot Coming to Loon Lake

**Kamloops, BC – November 4, 2026 –** The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is advising Loon Lake residents and property owners that a project will begin in November to build a new parking lot for lake users and a potable water fill station.

Construction will begin in the coming weeks on a gravel parking lot on Stevens Road, located across the road from the Loon Lake Community Water System pumphouse. This public parking lot will be designed to accommodate day-use parking for lake users and parking for boat-access properties. The parking lot is expected to be completed by early December, weather permitting.

The new potable water fill station will be built in the new parking lot in spring 2027. Similar to commercial water fill stations in grocery stores, this self-serve station will be set up for users to fill five-gallon (19 litre) containers with filtered, potable drinking water year-round. Loon Lake Community Water System customers will be able to use the fill station at no cost, while other community members can pay a nominal charge per use.

The Loon Lake Community Water System was built in 1974 and serves approximately 52 properties, as shown on the attached map. There are approximately 323 properties at Loon Lake, and other properties draw water from private sources.

"The bulk water fill station will have the filtration components of a water treatment plant but on a smaller scale, and it will lead to a permanent source of potable water for residents and visitors of Loon Lake," said Jim Smith, Director for Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau). "The new parking lot for day use and for boat access properties will also address a long-standing request from community members."

The budget for the bulk water fill station and new parking lot is approximately $300,000. The project will be mainly grant funded, with $175,000 from the Growing Communities Fund and $120,000 through the Building Communities Strong Fund. Remaining costs will be funded by capital reserves.

The TNRD owns and operates 11 Community Water Systems, which were all constructed within communities and later acquired by the TNRD upon request. These water systems range in size from 16 connections to approximately 330 connections. Learn more at: tnrd.ca/watersystems.

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ASHCROFT RCMP

NOVEMBER 2026
TRAFFIC CAMPAIGN

# WINTER READY

## SEE AND BE SEEN

DARKER DAYS. TOUGHER CONDITIONS.
BE PREPARED.



### APPROVED WINTER TIRES

- Minimum 3.5 mm tread depth
- Required on most provincial highways Oct. 1 - Apr. 30

s. 7.162 MVAR

**$109 FINE**



### ALL VEHICLE LAMPS WORKING

- Headlights, tail lights and signal lights

s. 4.04(2)(c) or 4.04(1) MVAR

**$109 FINE**



### OPERATIONAL WIPERS

- Ensure wipers are functioning properly

s. 219(1) MVA or s. 7.05(3) MVAR

**$109 FINE**



### CLEAR WINDSHIELD

- Repair cracked or clouded windshields

s. 219(1) MVA

**$109 FINE**



### REQUIRED MIRRORS PRESENT

- All required mirrors must be present

s. 10.17 MVAR

**$109 FINE**



### NO TINTED WINDSHIELD OR FRONT WINDOWS

s. 7.05(8) MVAR

**$109 FINE**




## SLOW DOWN & MOVE OVER

When approaching a stopped official vehicle displaying red, blue, or amber flashing lights:

**MOVE OVER SAFELY** OR **SLOW DOWN**

s. 47.02 MVAR | **$173 FINE**



DRIVERS CAN FACE
FINES AND NOTICE AND ORDERS
FOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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ARRIVE ALIVE

WINTER READY.
DRIVE SAFE.

**Public Affairs, British Columbia**
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10/20/2026

Ms. Barbara Roden
Mayor-elect, Village of Ashcroft
mayor@ashcroftbc.ca

Dear Mayor-elect Roden,

On behalf of CN, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your election as Mayor of Ashcroft. Thank you for your commitment to public service.

CN is Canada's largest railway. In British Columbia, nearly 2,500 CN railroaders operate 2,797 route miles of track that connects BC's businesses and communities to our tri-coastal, 18,900-mile North American network.

This contributes roughly $586 million in local spending, in addition to $538 million in capital investments and $176 million in taxes paid last year alone. Our operations support over 9,100 jobs in the province and add $3B to British Columbia's GDP.

We serve both the Port of Vancouver and the Port of Prince Rupert with Surrey playing a key role in the lower mainland as it is home to Thornton Yard, the Vancouver Intermodal Terminal, CNTL Trucking and major repair facilities that help maintain system fluidity.

In Northern British Columbia, Prince Rupert and Prince George are equally strategic to Canada's trade network. Prince George, home to more than 600 CN employees, anchors inland connectivity with an intermodal terminal, forest products distribution facilities, and locomotive and railcar repair shops that keep the network moving.

Safety remains CN's core value. Many communities across our network, including those in British Columbia, have grown alongside the railway, and we take our role as a responsible neighbour seriously.

For your constituents, CN operates a Public Inquiry Line staffed by my colleagues in Montréal. They can be reached during business hours at 1-800-465-9239 (OPTION 2) or at contact@cn.ca. Our 24/7 Emergency Line is 1-800-465-9239.

As Public Affairs Manager for British Columbia, I am available to you and your council on matters involving the railway. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you in the coming months as you settle into your mandate.

Sincerely,

Tyler Banick

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FACT SHEET

# Proud to be your neighbour




## Canada in Numbers

*As at December 31, 2025*

**17,176** railroaders employed

**13,210** route miles operated

**$8.0B** local spending

**$2.7B** capital investments

**$1.2B** taxes paid

**$15M** community investments

**Learn more about CN's commitment to the communities we serve.**

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# British Columbia






CN delegation at the 22nd annual British Columbia Natural Resources Forum in Prince George.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA IN NUMBERS

*As at December 31, 2025*

**2,489**
railroaders employed

**$538M**
capital investments

**2,797**
route miles operated

**$176M**
taxes paid

**$586M**
local spending

**$1.7M**
community investments

### TOP THREE COMMODITIES

Intermodal | Coal | Forest Products

**Our operations support over 9,500 jobs in the province and add $2.3B to British Columbia's GDP***

Vancouver and Prince Rupert are dynamic, world-class gateways that give Canada a competitive edge, particularly through shorter transit times to Asia. At the Port of Vancouver, CN serves major coal, grain, and container terminals, supporting some of the country's most critical export flows. Across the Vancouver region—where more than 900 CN employees live and work—CN's footprint includes multiple distribution centres for forest products, metals, and automotive traffic, as well as CN CargoFlo®, a bulk handling facility. Together, these assets support diversified trade moving efficiently through the Lower Mainland. Surrey plays a key role within this corridor, home to Thornton Yard, the Vancouver Intermodal Terminal, CNTL Trucking and major repair facilities that help maintain system fluidity.

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## Network Investments

CN continues to back this corridor with significant investment. In the Lower Mainland, CN is adding approximately four miles of double track near Abbotsford, B.C., unlocking the final segment of single track between Vancouver and the directional running zone, with completion targeted for the end of 2027. CN also moves substantial volumes of steelmaking coal from Elk Valley Resources' four mines for export to Asia and has recently invested more than $150 million to strengthen the rail corridor between Kamloops and Vancouver to support heavier traffic. CN is also expanding access to the Port of Prince Rupert through a series of major infrastructure projects, including the construction of an additional double-track bridge over the Zanardi Rapids — bringing the total to three tracks — expanded double-track segments in Port Edward, and additional track capacity on the causeway leading to the Port. These projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2027.

More broadly, over the past decade, CN has invested more than $4.7 billion in British Columbia, expanding sidings, adding double track to the Prince Rupert and Vancouver corridors, rehabilitating track, and maintaining critical infrastructure to enhance capacity, safety, and long-term resilience across the network.

## Community Investments

In 2025, CN contributed to many B.C.-based organizations, including:

**FOUNDATIONS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE** CN supported Foundations For Social Change's innovative solutions that address the root causes of poverty and social inequality. The New Leaf Expansion Project is an evidence-based homelessness reduction project that supports people experiencing homelessness to improve their lives and well-being.

**MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN EQUIPMENT PARTNERSHIP** CN partnered with an organization that collects and redistributes medical and humanitarian equipment, including emergency vehicles, to Canadian First Nations communities, helping strengthen healthcare capacity and emergency preparedness.

**BEARS' LAIR DREAM CAMPS** CN helped advance Bears' Lair Dream Camps, an initiative that inspires and empowers Indigenous youth across Canada through entrepreneurship training, business education, teamwork, and personal development.

**COOKS FERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT** Support from CN helped equip and sustain the Cooks Ferry Fire Department's newly certified 31-member wildfire crew. This investment strengthens wildfire response capacity in the Nlaka'pamux territory, supports emergency response operations in the canyon, and builds on ongoing partnerships with the community.



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*Based on 2024 data




To all involved parties:

The Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation (SSN) has notified involved Ministers of concerns, impacts to our Rights, Title and Ancestral waters and aquatic relations via letters sent August 21 2026.

In addition to these ministers letters the SSN has put forward and passed a resolution to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and BC Assembly of First Nations.

I have mentioned throughout initial and continued engagement I have transcribed our dialogue and ensured our Indigenous statements, concerns and declerations remained on some form of record despite emergency response or railway directives to not keep record. The Stk'emlups remain concerned that the health of the waters, shorelines and aquatic lives we are ancestrally responsible have not been adequately addressed.

The file of this spill remains active within SSN up to our Litigation committee at this time.

To avoid misinterpretation, the Stk'emlupsemc Yecminme7 knowledge delivered within this email can be presented and spoken to by the sender via recorded transference at sanctioned designated tables.

**Travis Marr**, Tmicw Yecminme7
**Territory & Environment Protection Manager**
Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation

**Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation**
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*We do not have a political mandate, we have an ancestral responsibility. We are Yecminme7.*

**August 21, 2026**

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Weytk,

**Re: Impacts Resulting from the Nov. 1, 2025 Canadian Pacific Kansas City ("CPKC") Derailment - Request for Capacity Funding and Government-to-Government Engagement**

As you are aware, on November 1, 2025, a CPKC train derailed along the southern shoreline of Kamloops Lake near Cherry Creek, spilling approximately 80,000 litres of Jet-A aviation fuel and additional toxic additives, including tons of recovered material (among other products, i.e., gypsum) into Kamloops Lake (the "**CPKC Derailment Spill**").

Stk'emlupsemc te Secwépemc Nation ("**SSN**") is a historic Secwépemc division of the Secwépemc Nation situated within Stkemlupsettkwe (the Kamloops Lake and Thompson River watershed) and consisting jointly of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc ("**Tk̓emlúps**") and Skeetchestn communities. As yecwminme7 (resource caretakers or stewards over land and resources), SSN has an inherent responsibility to stand up to assert its laws and protect the tmicw (land, earth, waters, and territory, and including the physical and spiritual beings that live on the land as well as the sentient powers which are inherent in places where physical and spiritual activities take place) under its care for the good of k̓wséltkten (all living relations) and to take care of one another in reciprocal accountability

for now and all future generations. The CPKC Derailment Spill has had adverse impacts on SSN's rights, title, and territorial Secwépemc interests in violation of its Secwépemc jurisdictional stsq'ey's (laws).

We reiterate our request for capacity funding and government-to-government engagement with Environment and Climate Change Canada ("**ECCC**"), Transport Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada ("**DFO**") as detailed below to address the adverse and ongoing impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN's Aboriginal rights, title, and Secwépemc interests. Transport Canada is responsible for oversight of railway safety and operations; ECCC has responsibilities relating to environmental protection, pollution, and federal environmental legislation; and DFO has responsibilities relating to fish, fish habitat, and aquatic ecosystems. As the impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill extend across each of these areas, SSN seeks coordinated federal engagement to ensure that SSN is properly consulted and, where appropriate, accommodated, and that the CPKC Derailment Spill's effects on SSN's rights, title, and interests are properly assessed and addressed.

***CPKC Derailment Spill Within SSN's Traditional Territory***

The CPKC Derailment Spill, as well as the impacted watershed, are both located within Secwépemcúl̓ecw and fall within SSN's asserted traditional territory, which is the subject of an active title claim filed with the BC Supreme Court in 2015 (the "**Title Claim**").[1]

As detailed in *Tsilhqot'in Nation v British Columbia*, 2014 SCC 44, Aboriginal title confers on the group that holds it the exclusive right to decide how the land is used and the right to benefit from those uses. Prior to establishment of Aboriginal title, the Crown owes a good faith duty to consult with the group and, if appropriate, accommodate its interests. Where, as here, the Title Claim is particularly strong, care must be taken to preserve the Aboriginal interest pending final resolution of the claim. Accordingly, the Crown must take care to preserve SSN's interests within its claimed area pending final resolution of the Title Claim.

***Government Engagement with SSN***

In the initial response to the CPKC Derailment Spill, the government implemented a Unified Command structure which allowed several federal and provincial government ministries to coordinate in their emergency response. While SSN, as well as Tk̓emlúps and Skeetchestn, participated in the Unified Command, this incident response mechanism focused on operational decision-making and the efficient management of emergency response activities, and was not a forum for assessing and addressing the broader and continued impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN and its rights, title and interests. As noted by the Environmental Emergency Branch ("**EEB**") of the BC Ministry of Environment and Parks ("**MEP**") in the Jan. 2026 EEB Response (defined below), the Unified Command structure "does not replace or bypass collaboration with Indigenous Nations as response partners."

As such, on November 24, 2025, SSN sent a letter (the "**Nov. 2025 Letter**") to the CPKC, DFO, ECCC, Transport Canada, MEP, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship ("**WLRS**"), Thompson-Nicola Regional District ("**TNRD**"), the Interior Health Authority, and the Provincial Centre for Disease Control. In the Nov. 2025 Letter, SSN articulated several areas of initial concerns, including

[1] Kamloops Registry, Action No. 051952.

but not limited to the long-term effects of hydrocarbons and gypsum remaining in the lake, river, and along the shoreline, including bioaccumulation, as well as the long-term influences of spill/derailment materials and continuous rail traffic to aquatic life.

In documenting its concerns, SSN also made several requests, including that:

- the cause of the CPKC Derailment Spill be determined, including whether there is any relation to the previous derailment which occurred on September 12, 2025, a couple hundred metres away from the location of the CPKC Derailment Spill;
- a detailed natural hazards/geotechnical investigation and derailment inspection be completed;
- an independent third party be retained to assess impacts and determine the need for long-term monitoring;
- a cumulative effects/impact assessment of the watershed be undertaken as well as a Stk'emlúpsemc Cultural Heritage inventory and comparative analysis; and
- SSN be provided with a complete set of spill inspection and review reports from all related governing authorities.

In response to the Nov. 2025 Letter, SSN received a document from the EEB on January 13, 2026 which compiled responses from CPKC and several ministries into a single response (the "**Jan. 2026 EEB Response**"). Many of SSN's questions, concerns, and requests remained unanswered following this response.

On March 10, 2026, SSN sent a second letter to ECCC, DFO, EEB, WLRS, TNRD, and the First Nations Health Authority ("**FNHA**") to respond to the Jan. 2026 EEB Response and further articulate its concerns. On July 8, 2026, nearly four months after receiving SSN's letter, the EEB sent a letter to SSN which "consolidate[d] provincial responses". While SSN appreciates the effort undertaken by the EEB, the July 8, 2026 letter primarily explains existing provincial policies, regulatory requirements, and actions taken to date. The response does not meaningfully engage with SSN's concerns regarding the impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN's Aboriginal rights, title, and interests, or the potential cumulative and long-term effects of the contamination, nor does it propose concrete steps to address such concerns.

SSN has not received a written response from ECCC or DFO to its Mar. 2026 letter and remains disappointed with the government responses received to date regarding the impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN's Aboriginal rights, title, and interests. Many of SSN's concerns remain unresolved, including but not limited to the following areas.

***Outstanding Concerns***

*Deferring Responsibility to CPKC*

Transport Canada, ECCC, and the BC MEP have deferred responsibility to CPKC, stating in the Jan. 2026 EEB Response that it is the spiller's responsibility to inspect and monitor the safety of their

operations, and to assess, mitigate, and remediate any impacts arising from a spill, including impacts to the environment, human health, and infrastructure.

While proponents have statutory requirements and operational responsibilities regarding spill response and remediation, the Crown remains responsible for ensuring that applicable environmental obligations are satisfied through monitoring, verification, consultation, and enforcement where required. This is particularly important with respect to CPKC, a company which has had six main-track derailments within Canada (including the CPKC Derailment Spill) in the last year, and three derailments within this area from September to November 2025.[2]

This record underscores the need for robust regulatory oversight and independent review. While CPKC has retained a Qualified Professional to assess the consequences and impacts of the spill, those assessments are being conducted on behalf of the party responsible for the spill. In these circumstances, it is both reasonable and necessary for SSN to seek independent verification of the sampling and monitoring undertaken and conclusions reached regarding the causes, extent, and impacts of environmental harm. This is particularly important given SSN's lack of confidence in certain aspects of the sampling, lab testing, and monitoring undertaken to date. SSN should not be expected to rely exclusively on assessments commissioned by CPKC to understand the full scope of the spill's impacts.

Further, the impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill cannot be understood solely through the lens of environmental effects. Since time immemorial, Secwépemc ancestors have governed and stewarded the affected lands and waters and have maintained cultural and spiritual connections to the area. The health of fish, water, and the surrounding ecosystems is directly tied to the exercise of SSN's Aboriginal rights and to the transmission of culture, knowledge, and practices between generations. Any impairment of these resources may result in significant cultural losses that are not captured by the limited sampling and monitoring undertaken to date.

In the Jan. 2026 EEB Response, the MEP and ECCC stated that they would work with the Responsible Party and their Qualified Environmental Professional to confirm that the necessary actions are being taken to ensure satisfactory remediation. SSN requests all further information on the work undertaken by ECCC, Transport Canada, and DFO, as well as all information known by these entities about work undertaken by other federal and provincial government agencies, regarding remediation work resulting from the CPKC Derailment Spill.

*Capacity Funding*

On March 5, 2026, SSN sent a proposal and budget to CPKC, ECCC, DFO, Transport Canada, MEP, the Interior Health Authority, and the FNHA requesting funding in the amount of $224,750 so that SSN could undertake its own assessment of the adverse impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN's rights, title, and its Secwépemc-based impacts. A copy of this proposal is enclosed.

This funding is critical to enable SSN to retain independent experts, conduct its own reviews, sampling, inspecting, and monitoring, and participate in government meetings and

[2] Transportation Safety Board of Canada, "Rail transportation safety investigations and reports", online: <https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rapports-reports/rail/index.html>.

communications. With this funding, a "Walking on Two Legs" approach (an equal combination of western science and Indigenous knowledge) can be taken to respond to the CPKC Derailment Spill.

Unfortunately, neither Canada nor CPKC have provided capacity accommodations to SSN to date. SSN requests that Canada review and respond to its proposal by **September 11, 2026.**

*Cumulative Impacts & Bioaccumulation*

In the Jan. 2026 EEB Response, CPKC, ECCC, and MEP stated that "other cumulative pollution" was "out of scope of this specific spill incident." SSN respectfully disagrees with this position: Assessing the CPKC Derailment Spill in a silo provides an inaccurate and underrepresented picture of the total burden placed on Secwépemcúl̓ecw and k̓wséltkten by historical and ongoing sources of pollution.

SSN is not solely concerned with the impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill, but how such impacts contribute to, exacerbate, or interact with existing pollution and contamination and environmental degradation of its territory. As contaminants may move through the watershed over time, a meaningful assessment must consider the downstream effects of the CPKC Derailment Spill, including the ongoing dispersal and persistence of contaminants throughout Secwépemcúl̓ecw.

SSN is also concerned with the potential for bioaccumulation arising from the CPKC Derailment Spill. A meaningful assessment must consider whether hydrocarbons and other contaminants have entered the local food chain and, if so, how those contaminants may bioaccumulate and move through the ecosystem over time. This includes assessing potential impacts on aquatic invertebrates, fish that consume those invertebrates, and the bears, birds, and other wildlife that depend on those fish, as well as the implications for SSN members and members of downstream Indigenous communities who exercise harvesting and fishing practices. Such an assessment is necessary to fully understand the extent of the CPKC Derailment Spill's impacts, including risks that may persist long after contaminants are no longer detectable at the location of the spill. This is confirmed by a July 29, 2026 email from ECCC's Thomas Somerville, who stated that "[m]any aquatic microbes may biodegrade hydrocarbons in the environment" and that which species will do so depends on several factors.

SSN remains concerned by the lack of ongoing sampling and cumulative effects monitoring, including the assessment of impacts to aquatic life, vegetation, and other ecosystem components over time. SSN's prior request for capacity funding would have enabled SSN to help identify longer-term and cumulative impacts; SSN reiterates its request for capacity funding to support its meaningful involvement in ongoing assessment and monitoring.

*Timeline for Completed Investigation*

We understand that Transport Canada's safety investigation into the CPKC Derailment Spill (Rail transportation safety investigation R25C0114) (the "**Investigation**") has been classified as a class 4 investigation, which are generally completed within 220 days.[3] Given that the CPKC Derailment Spill occurred on November 1, 2025, SSN understood that the Investigation would likely be completed by

[3] Transportation Safety Board of Canada, "Rail transportation safety investigation R25C0114", online: <https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/enquetes-investigations/rail/2025/r25c0114/r25c0114.html>.

or around June 9, 2026. Transport Canada's website, however, currently indicates that no release date has been scheduled for the Investigation report.[4]

While SSN recognizes the importance of ensuring that the Investigation is thorough and all relevant issues are carefully considered, the absence of information regarding the status of the Investigation and any anticipated reporting timelines creates uncertainty for SSN as it seeks to understand the causes and consequences of the CPKC Derailment Spill. SSN requests an update on the progress of the Investigation and any anticipated timeline for its completion. SSN further requests information regarding opportunities to engage with Transport Canada during the remainder of the Investigation process, including the opportunity to undertake a "Walking on Two Legs" approach so that SSN can participate in the Investigation and a holistic assessment of impacts can be undertaken.

***Conclusion***

More than nine months after the CPKC Derailment Spill, SSN continues to have significant concerns regarding the CPKC Derailment Spill, including the assessment of impacts, the adequacy of monitoring and remediation efforts, and the consideration of cumulative effects, as such actions will influence the extent to which the impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN's Aboriginal rights, title, and interests are identified and addressed or mitigated.

While SSN appreciates the EEB's efforts to coordinate and consolidate Crown responses, the overall lack of engagement by responsible ministries remains troubling. Several ministries have failed to meaningfully engage with SSN, and many of SSN's concerns and requests for information remain unaddressed.

Meaningful Crown engagement is required to ensure that the negative impacts of the CPKC Derailment Spill on SSN's rights, title, and interests are fully understood and appropriately addressed. SSN therefore seeks meaningful government-to-government engagement with ECCC, Transport Canada, and DFO, supported by adequate capacity funding, to ensure that these concerns are fully considered and addressed. SSN looks forward to working collaboratively with Canada to develop a path forward that reflects the Crown's commitments to reconciliation, environmental stewardship, and the honour of the Crown.

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Cc: Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship; Environmental Emergency Branch, Ministry of Environment and Parks; CPKC

Enclosures:

- SSN Nov. 24, 2025 Letter
- SSN Mar. 10, 2026 Letter
- March 5, 2026 SSN Proposal and Budget

[4] Transportation Safety Board of Canada, "Rail transportation safety investigations and reports", online: <https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rapports-reports/rail/index.html>.

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker 2026

October

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| | | **2026 MOTIONS** | | | | |
| 08-06-2026 | 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 | | Mr. Stanglands lawyers contact info has been forwarded to our Legal team. Waiting to finalize sale. | Sale Pending |
| 08-06-2026 | 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 | Directed EDT to schedule meeting in early to mid October | Complete |
| 10-07-2026 | 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 received, edits being implemented - Public Hearing scheduled for October 13th followed by 2nd and 3rd reading. | | Complete |
| 24-08-2026 | 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 - Fall project consider including Museum curator in the development. | CARRY OVER TO NEW COUNCIL TERM | In - Progress |
| 13-10-2026 | R-2026-235 | THAT, Council approves third reading of the Official Community Plan – Bylaw No. 889, 2026 as presented. | CAO/Urban | Finalize Bylaw for adoption | | Complete |
| 13-10-2026 | R-2026-37 | THAT, Council approves third reading of Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026 as presented. | CAO/Urban | Finalize Bylaw for adoption | | Complete |
| 13-10-2026 | R-2026-38 | THAT, Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 891, 2026 be adopted as presented. | CAO/CFO | Finalize Bylaw - forward to BC Assessment | | Complete |
| 16-10-2026 | S-2026-07 | THAT, Council approves adoption of the Official Community Plan – Bylaw No. 889, 2026 as presented. | CAO/Admin | Sign Bylaw, distribute and file | | Complete |
| 16-10-2026 | S-2026-08 | THAT, Council approves adoption of Zoning Bylaw No. 890, 2026 as presented. | CAO/Admin | Sign Bylaw, distribute and file | | Complete |
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