THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Please be advised that the HUB Online Network will record and broadcast or live stream today's Council meeting.

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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to add or delete Agenda items
Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended
M/S
THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 8, 2021 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 25, 2021 *"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 25, 2021 be adopted as presented."*	P. 1-4

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1		

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

5.1		

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1		
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11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1		

13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1		

14. ADJOURNMENT

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Marilyn Anderson
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Deb Tuohey

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

Media

EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER
Due to the Public Health Officer Ministerial Order M0192, the Regular Meeting of Council is closed to the public but will be broadcast by the HUB Online Network.

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday October 25, 2021 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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Motion to add or delete Agenda items
Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended
M/S Anstett / Tuohey
THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, October 25, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-230

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 **M/S** Davenport / Anstett *That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 be adopted as presented.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-231

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1		

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.

Gloria Mertens, TNRD Area "I"

2.1 – Minutes - Podcast clarification request regarding how content is to be determined.
6.1 – Skate Park – Comment that project will add vibrancy to the downtown core.
6.2 – Burning Bylaw – Question regarding the public feedback and discussion received from the community at the time Burning Bylaw No. 811, 2017 was developed?
6.3 – Annual Report – Question where the settlement for CAO Yanciw is mentioned?
6.5 – Pool Report – Question when will revenues be reported for the pool?
7.2 – UBCM – Cautioned Council in supporting paid sick days, due to future costs potentially incurred;
7.7 – UBCM response from Mike Farnsworth – RCMP staffing clarification requested and further comment, glad that a road rescue revue is taking place by the Province.
Mayors Report – Question regarding water meter installation in the TNRD.

5. BYLAWS

5.1		

6. STAFF REPORTS

	REQUEST FOR DECISION	
6.1	CAO Report – Skate Park – Public Art Proposal **M/S Tuohey / Anstett** *That, Council approves the installation of public art at the Ashcroft Skate Park to be completed in the spring of 2022 as per Public Art Policy A-01-2021.* Councillor Tuohey suggested the park be examined and repaired in the spring prior to art installation.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-232
6.2	CAO Report – Summary of Burning Bylaw Public Meetings **M/S Tuohey / Anstett** *That, Council direct staff to amend and consolidate the Outdoor Burning Bylaw No. 811, 2017 to allow regulated campfires within the village boundary, and that, the fees for ceremonial burning be removed, and further that, only the Fire Department and the Village is able to apply for a permit to burn fuel loads within the community.* Councillor Anderson Voted in opposition	CARRIED 1-Opposed R-2021-233
6.3	CAO Report – 2020 Annual Report **M/S Roden / Anstett** *That, Council adopt the 2020 Annual Report as presented.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-234
	FOR INFORMATION	
6.4	CAO Report – Legacy Park – End of Season Report **M/S Roden /Anderson** *That, the Legacy Park report be received for information.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-235
6.5	CAO Report – Pool – End of Season Report **M/S Roden / Anstett** *That, the Pool end of season report be received for information*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-236

7. CORRESPONDENCE

	FOR ACTION	
7.1	Ashcroft Fire Rescue Request for Donation of Ice Time Councillor Anstett recused himself due to a conflict at 6:29 pm and returned at 6:31pm. **M/S Tuohey / Anderson** *That Council approve the Fire Department free ice time request as presented.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-237
7.2	City of Victoria Council Motion – Paid Sick Leave – Request for UBCM Member Municipalities Support **M/S Roden / Anderson** *That, the City of Victoria correspondence be received for information.* Mayor Roden commented that the opportunity to provide input closed October 25, 2021 and that UBCM would be considering the resolution on behalf the municipal membership.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-238
	FOR INFORMATION	
7.3	Cathy Peters – Global Virtual Summit Impact of Pornography on Youth and Children	
7.4	Ministry of Education – 2021 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education	
7.5	UBCM – 2021 UBCM Convention – Mayor Roden's presentation and participation in *Global Warning: Lessons from the 2021 Heat Wave and Donation made to Angel Flight Network BC*	
7.6	Hon. Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Response to UBCM Convention Meeting regarding the matters of importance that relate to Emergency Management and Public Safety Portfolio	
7.7	Flip Chart	
	M/S Anderson / Ansett *That, the information correspondence items be received for information.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-239

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager **M/S Roden / Davenport** *That, the Task Manager be received for information.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-240

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1		

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

10.1	Economic Development & Tourism WG Meeting Notes – Oct. 6, 2021 **M/S Anstett / Anderson** *That, the EDT Working Group Minutes be receive for information.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-241
10.2	Transit Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2021 **M/S Anstett / Anderson**	CARRIED Unanimous

	That, the Transit Meeting Minutes be received and filed.	R-2021-242

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report **M/S Anderson / Anstett** *Motion to receive and file* Mayor Roden commented, TNRD is considering mandating a vaccine for all staff contractors and volunteers of the TNRD. Staff are looking at ramifications regarding directors requiring vaccination.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-243
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport – Report **M/S Roden / Anstett** *Motion to receive for information*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-244
11.5	Councillor Tuohey	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

12.1	**M/S Roden / Anderson** *That, Council moves to a closed meeting under Section 90.1(c) labour relations or other employee relations.*	CARRIED Unanimous R-2021-245

13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	

14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Roden / Anderson

That, the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday October 25, 2021 be adjourned at 7:16 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2021-246

Certified to be a true copy of the
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday October 25, 2021

_____
Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

_____
Barbara Roden,
Mayor

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: November 8, 2021

FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: **Agricultural Land Commission Exclusion Application**

Purpose

To provide Council with an update regarding the process and status of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) exclusion application for the North Ashcroft Reservoir.

Recommendation

For Information

Alternatives

N/A

Discussion

Administration continues to work on the exclusion of the North Ashcroft Reservoir property from the ALC. The next phase of the process requires signage to be installed on the subject property advising the public of the ALC exclusion application. In addition, notice of a public hearing will be advertised in the Ashcroft Journal for two consecutive weeks in November. Tentative date for the public hearing is Monday November 22, 2021 at 5:30 prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Once we have met the advertising requirements and held the public hearing, the ALC requires us to attach copies of advertising, images of the installed signage and minutes from the public hearing including all written submission with the final application for exclusion consideration by the ALC.

The ALC review will be completed within 90 days, and if approved we will be able to move forward with subdivision and property acquisition.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Notice of Public Hearing

Image of Sign

Respectfully Submitted on

Daniela Dyck,

Chief Administrative Officer

The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft

Village of Ashcroft

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

When?
Monday, Nov. 22, 2021
5:30 p.m.

For info & submissions

Mail
PO BOX 129
Ashcroft, BC
VOK 1A0

Phone
(250) 453-9161

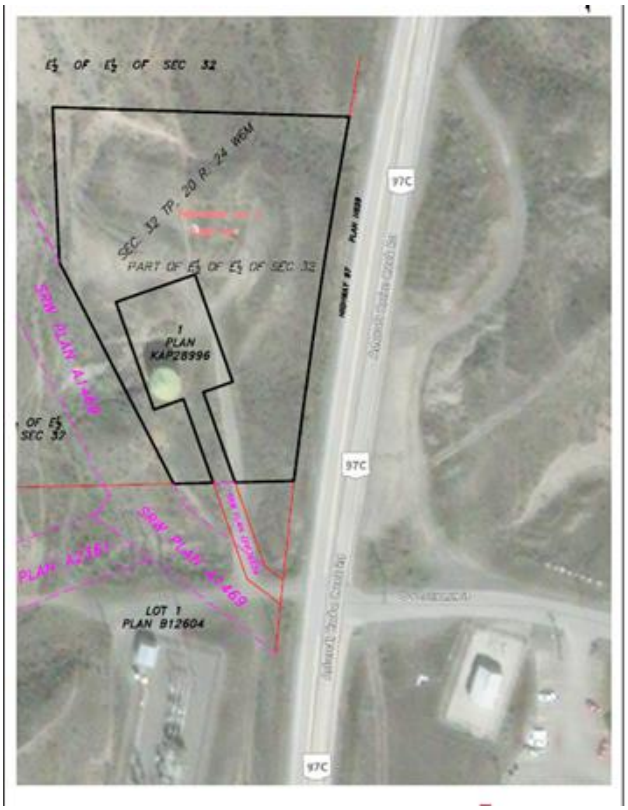
Email
ea@ashcroftbc.ca

Fax
(250) 453-9664

Village of Ashcroft Council gives notice that it will hold a Public Hearing at 601 Bancroft Street, Ashcroft, BC, to consider application of property to be excluded from the Agricultural Land Commission

What is an exclusion application to the Agricultural Land Commission?

Exclusion applications may only be submitted by the Province, local governments, First Nation governments, and other prescribed bodies who own the land under application pursuant to s. 29(1)(a) of the ALC Act. However local governments and First Nation governments may also make exclusion applications for land they do not own within their jurisdiction pursuant to s. 29(1)(b) and (c) of the ALC Act.
The Village is making application on behalf of the property owner to exclude the subject property from the ALC in order to subdivide the property and purchase it for water supply utility services.



All persons who believe that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed ALC Exclusion Application shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the Public Hearing. Additionally, they may make written submissions on the matter (via any of the adjacent options) which must be received at our office prior to 4:00 p.m. on the 19th day of November, 2021. While written submissions are encouraged during this time, anyone wishing to attend the public hearing in person to speak may do so. Alternately, video or telephone option is available by contacting the Village before 2:00 pm on November 22, 2021 to arrange meeting access. The entire content of all submissions will be made public and form a part of the public record for this matter.

How do I get more information?

Copies of the ALC Exclusion Application and all supporting information are available for viewing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday (except statutory holidays) at our office from Nov. 10, 2021 until 4:00 p.m. the day of the Hearing by contacting the Village to book a time for a viewing appointment.

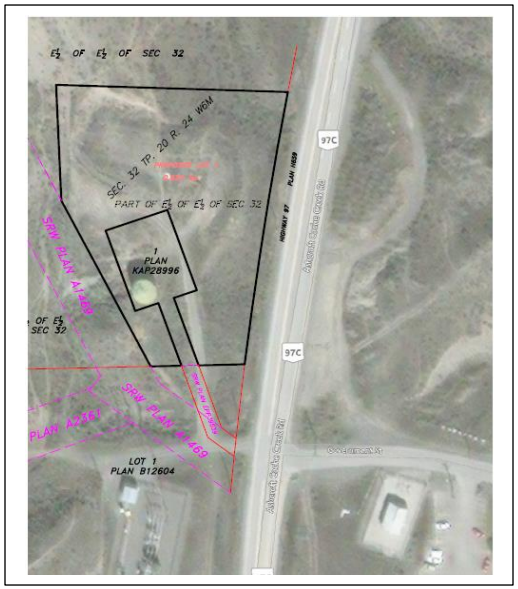
No representations will be received by Council after the Public Hearing has been concluded.

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer

NOTICE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO EXLCUDE LAND FROM THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

EXCLUSION APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Application ID: 63777
Applicant: Village of Ashcroft
Posting Date: November 10, 2021
Proposal: To exclude 0.662 hectares from Desert Hills Ranch adjacent to Hwy. 97C surrounding the water reservoir tower, subdivide and purchase the parcel for future Village utility purposes.



Civic Address: NULL – Proximity to 797 Hwy. 97C
PID: 012-995-011

TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:

Local Government: Village of Ashcroft
Phone: 250-453-9161 **Email:** ea@ashcroftbc.ca
Local Government File Number: 6700-02-2021

NOTE: ALL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED WITH RESPECT TO THIS APPLICATION FORMS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD, AND IS DISCLOSED TO ALL PARTIES INCLUDING THE APPLICANT

Sign must be a minimum of 60 cm by 120 cm

THOMPSON VIEW MANOR SOCIETY
Box 318, 710 Elm Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0
Phone: Manor (Independent Living): 250-453-9223
Email: tvms@telus.net
Lodge (Assisted Living): 250-453-0085
Email: tvlodge_cm@telus.net

October 22, 2021

Thompson View Manor Society is in the planning stages of building a facility to provide additional housing for seniors in our communities.

As you may know, we currently have the Thompson View Manor which provides low-income seniors' housing and Thompson View Lodge which is an Assisted Living facility.

We would like to ask you to provide your thoughts on the need for additional housing for seniors in the community and our Society's ability to provide such services.

Yours truly,

S. J. Holowchuk

Shirley Holowchuk

Secretary, Thompson View Manor Society

RECEIVED
OCT 25 2021
THE CORPORATION VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Box 1137

Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

ashcroftcrs@yahoo.com

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THE CORPORATION VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

October 31, 2021

Her Worship Barbara Roden
Mayor, Village of Ashcroft,
PO Box 129,
Ashcroft, BC V0K1A0

Dear Madam: RE: Grant Application for Christmas Hampers

Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society members and volunteers have provided Christmas Hampers to those community members who would otherwise be unable to afford a complete and healthy Christmas dinner for their families. This program has served the communities of Spences Bridge, Clinton, Cache Creek, Bonaparte, Ashcroft reserve as well as Ashcroft for more than 30 years. In fact one of our members is a descendant of an individual associated with the groups' beginnings.

This year has presented severe hardships for many within our area. Our organization teamed up with several local groups to help those impacted by wildfires. Evacuees were able to receive resources to cover transportation expenses for access to provincial emergency programs in Kamloops and Merritt, food vouchers, activity passes (swimming) and incidentals.

For the past several years our Christmas Hamper campaign donations have covered all of our expenses with a nominal excess that has accumulated in a contingency fund.

This year our fund raising campaign began mid-October, and we typically continue to receive donations well into January. It is our mission to settle all of our financial obligations by year end so as not to inconvenience our suppliers and especially our local businesses. We realize and are grateful for the generosity of our donors but, due to the economic challenges particularly with regard to the increased cost of provisions (for example we were informed that last years turkey that was priced at $30. will cost $36. this year), and fuel (costs more with every fill-up), we may be looking at a shortfall this season.

Since applications for hampers begins mid-November, we are unable to estimate precisely how many individuals and families we will be helping, and what dietary requirements need to be addressed.

Financial support is requested to help defray some of the increased costs we will encounter this season as we look forward to helping those less fortunate enjoy a healthy, traditional Christmas dinner.

We respectfully submit our funding request for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Esther Lang

Chairperson AACRS

Village of Ashcroft
Grant Application - Organizations

Organization Official Name: Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society, Christmas Hamper Program

Mailing Address: PO Box 843,
Ashcroft BC

Phone: 250 453 9085 Fax: Email: ashcroftcrs@yahoo.com

Contact Person: Esther Lang Title: Chairperson

Briefly describe your organizations purpose:
For about 30 years the Christmas Hamper program has provided Christmas Hampers to those in need who apply for one in our area, including residents of Spences Bridge, Clinton, Cache Creek, Bonaparte, Ashcroft Reserve and Ashcroft.

Briefly describe how the requested grant money will be used:
The grant funds will be used to purchase locally produced food items such as; honey, apples, bakery buns and the like.

What amount of Grant-in-Aid is being requested? $ 500.00

Total organization operating budget for current year $ 17,000

Total budget for project the grant is being applied for $ 17,500

Did you receive a Grant-in-Aid last year? Yes X No ___

If yes what was the amount of the grant? $ 500.00

Attachments: Please provide the following to your application (if available):

Financial Statement, Current Year Budget, Project Budget

Forward completed applications to: Village of Ashcroft, Box 129, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0 Or via email to admin@ashcroftbc.ca. Applications are reviewed by Council at the second meeting each month. Applications must be received by the second Friday of each month to be considered in that month.

Village of Ashcroft
Grant Application - Organizations

Office Use Only

Date Application Received: _____

Application confirmed to be complete Date: _____

Checklist: Completed application form _____

Financial Statement _____

Budget for current year _____

Project Budget _____

Category: Arts & Culture _____ Sports & Recreation _____

Museum & Heritage _____ Social/Educational/Environmental/Other _____

Amount of Grant-in-Aid Applied for: $ _____ Approved $ _____

Denied _____

Comments:

Letter sent to applicant regarding decision Date:

Cheque sent to applicant if appliable Date:

In-Kind Contributions Summary

for Christmas Hampers
for year ending 2020

(# of volunteers doing skilled labour x # of hours @ $25.00/hour = (_)

Organizing, updating and training	12	volunteers x	20 hours	= $6,000.
Administration tasks	3			
Interviews for applications	18			
174 hampers (9 locations)				4,150.

Donated materials, transportation, products

Storage compartment and private spaces/garage	12 months @ $50.00	800.
Hamper boxes		1,000.
PPE		1,000.
Donated produce, etc		3,000.
Transport and vehicle mileage		500.
	TOTAL:	$16,450.

Balance Sheet

for Christmas Hampers
as at March 31, 2021

Current Assets	
Cash on hand	.00
Bank account	$3,329.00
Hamper contingency fund	$5,195.00
Capital Assets	
(Supplies in storage)	1,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$9,924.00
Current liabilities	.00
Accounts payable	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.00

Project Budget

for Christmas Hampers 2021

Revenue	
Municipal funding	600.
Donations	17,400.
Private/individual donations	
TOTAL:	$18,000.
Expenses	
Advertising	200.
Office	
stationery, printing etc	850.
Insurance	600.
Produce and supplies	16,350.
TOTAL:	$18,000.

From: Tracy Christianson <Tchristianson@tru.ca>
Sent: October 28, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Mayor, Village of Ashcroft <mayor@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: FW: Seeking a letter of support from the Village of Ashcroft

Dear Mayor Roden and Council of the Village of Ashcroft,
A group of researchers at Thompson Rivers University, are proposing a Regional Centre to support Healthy Aging in Place in rural, remote, and small communities within the Thompson Cariboo, Shuswap Health Service Area. The Canadian Frailty Network is sponsoring three centres across Canada with the goal of the centres to implement the AVOID Frailty program https://www.cfn-nce.ca/research/request-for-proposals-avoid-frailty-regional-centres-for-healthy-aging-grants-competition/. The AVOID Frailty program focuses on prevention and healthy aging initiatives, along with physical activity and social interaction to support older adults to age in-place. This program would be free of charge to older adults.
What we are looking for from the communities in which our Regional Centre would support are two things: 1) a letter indicating the District of Clearwater's support of our proposed centre and services, and 2) in-kind support of your organization. The in-kind support is non-monetary, and examples could include a space donation for hosting our older adults' exercise program, help with recruiting older adult participants, helping to find a volunteer-exercise leader, help sharing and advertising information about the program, etc. We are already working in collaboration with the Executive Director of the Ashcroft HUB Society in Ashcroft, and we are very much hoping that the Village of Ashcroft could also be a partner.
In 2018, I did some rural community consultations within the Interior Health Region and what I learned from the communities was the concern for the aging populations and the need to have services and supports closer to home. This proposed center certainly would go some way to addressing these concerns.
Your letter of support would be needed by November 25, 2021. I have attached a summary of our AVOID Frailty RCHA proposal. If you would like more information or have any questions, we would be happy to meet to discuss with you at your earliest convenience.
Thank you for your consideration and support, as it is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Tracy

Improving Healthy Aging for Older Adults in British Columbia's Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Area

Summary

Urgent action is needed to improve healthy aging in small cities and rural and remote communities. Older adults living in small cities and rural and remote communities often face unique challenges related to social isolation, limited transportation, income, education, and access to health and support services. Research shows that frailty impacts almost one in five rural older adults with increasing age, malnutrition, disability, cognitive impairment, and depression being key risk factors for frailty. Despite this knowledge, few studies examine actions to prevent frailty and support healthy aging in rural and remote communities.

Through our Regional Centre on Healthy Aging (RCHA), we will work with our community partners to implement the AVOID Frailty Program by developing and evaluating an innovative group exercise program to support healthy lifestyles amongst older adults. Specifically, our exercise program will target promotion and maintenance of healthy lifestyles at the individual and community level by providing physical activity, social interaction, and education (diet, falls prevention, cognitive health, vaccinations, and healthcare navigation). Our exercise program will run in different communities by volunteer-leaders who will receive training on hosting safe exercise programs, falls prevention, and education. This program will be community-driven and adaptable to unique needs of each community. Our RCHA will host a digital platform that will include a website, online exercise program, podcast/local radio show interviews (e.g., rural/remote internet challenges) with health/community leaders to support navigation of health and support services (e.g., meal programs, transportation, healthcare, etc.,). Our RCHA will focus on three objectives:

1. Implement the AVOID Frailty Program by developing an innovative volunteer-led group exercise program (both in-person and online) that will support healthy lifestyles through physical activity, social interaction, and education.
2. Develop a digital platform (e.g., website, online exercise program, podcast/radio show) to aid older adults in navigating and accessing health and support services.
3. Establish an evaluation framework to assess our RCHA's AVOID Frailty Program both at the individual (mobility, depression) and community-level (uptake).

Our community, located in BC's Thompson Cariboo Shuswap Health Services Area is particularly well-suited for a RCHA as it is one of Canada's most rapidly aging regions with approximately 30% of the population age 60+ years. Geographically, it is the largest health service area in BC but lacks any large city resulting in fewer health and specialist services. This means that rural and remote residents must either travel to access services or risk foregoing them, which contributes to additional frailty in the region.

Five milestones of our program will include the: i) grand opening of our RCHA; ii) train-the-trainers' sessions; iii) implementation of our exercise program; iv) launch of our digital platform (e.g., website, podcast/local radio interview show); and v) program evaluation. Key deliverables from our project will include: i) our website and podcast/radio show to support navigation of health and support services; and ii) our innovative exercise program which will serve as a model to prevent frailty and support healthy aging in other small cities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

October 29, 2021

Ref: 268537

Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs:

I am pleased to announce that the Province of British Columbia recently launched the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030. Building on actions in our 2018 CleanBC plan, the Roadmap to 2030 is a stronger, more ambitious climate plan to reach our 2030 emissions reductions targets and build a strong, low-carbon economy.

The Roadmap to 2030 includes actions across eight pathways including: low-carbon energy; transportation; buildings; communities; industry; agriculture, aquaculture and fisheries; forest bioeconomy; and negative emissions technologies. Highlights of the Roadmap include:

- New requirements to make all new buildings net-zero emissions by 2030
- A nation leading adoption of zero-emission vehicles with 90 percent ZEVs by 2030 and 100 percent by 2035
- An accelerated shift towards active transportation and public transit
- A commitment to increase the price on carbon pollution to meet or exceed the federal benchmark, with supports for people and businesses
- Requirements for new industry projects to have enforceable plans to reach net-zero emissions by 2050
- Stronger regulations that will nearly eliminate industrial methane emissions by 2035
- Increased clean fuel and energy efficiency requirements
- A Clean Transportation Action Plan will support emission reductions by focusing on efficiency-first transportation options

Local governments across B.C. have consistently shown leadership and commitment to taking action on climate change. Continuing the partnership between local governments and the province is key to achieving our shared goals. The Roadmap to 2030 highlights the prominent role that communities have in reaching those goals and commits to establishing a new program in 2022 to support local government climate actions through flexible, predictable funding.

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs Office of the Minister

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9056 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2
Phone: 250 387-2283
Fax: 250 387-4312

Location:
Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

http://www.gov.bc.ca/muni

The expanded climate actions in the Roadmap to 2030 will accelerate our transition to a net-zero future and ensure we meet B.C.'s legislated greenhouse gas target of 40 percent below 2007 levels by 2030. To learn more and to read the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, please visit: www.cleanbc.gov.bc.ca and read the news release.

I would also like to share with you the 2021 Climate Change Accountability Report. The report includes detailed information on CleanBC progress over the 2020-2021 period to reduce carbon pollution, prepare for climate impacts and create low-carbon economic opportunities for people across B.C. It also includes emissions data for the 2019 reporting year.

Sincerely,

Josie Osborne
Minister

pc: Chief Administrative Officers

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Dear Valued Supporter

Please find enclosed a copy of Volume XVI of the BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion's **Annual Military Service Recognition Book** recognizing Veterans in BC and the Yukon who so valiantly served our Country, as well as interesting military history. We have also enclosed a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging your organization's generous support.

You will find the advertisement you purchased during our last Telephone Appeal printed inside, along with another copy of your invoice, if you have not yet forwarded your payment.

Your ongoing support for this important project for the **BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion** is sincerely appreciated. Proceeds raised will be used to improve services to Veterans and the more than 145 Communities that we serve. Proceeds are also directed to programs and services sponsored by The Royal Canadian Legion in communities throughout British Columbia and the Yukon. The Royal Canadian Legion is one of the single largest contributors to a vast array of community charitable programs which touch every aspect of life, every age group, and every citizen in some way.

We look forward to your continued support of this important Legion project when you are contacted for our next publication.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at **1-800-964-9074**, if you require additional information.

Once again, **Thank You!**

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Sunvalley News Launches Online Community TV Channel – Sunvalley TV

CACHE CREEK- October 25, 2021 – After a year in production, Sunvalley News is taking its next steps in community TV programming with the launch of Sunvalley Online Television serving the St'át'imc Nation, Nlaka'pamux Nation, and Secwépemc Nation, and rural communities in the Gold Country region. The new channel will give a fresh and diverse perspective on the people, places, and events that make our communities unique.

"With over 90,000 thousand viewers reached on Sunvalley News' social media channels, this summer, the logical next step is to start a community TV channel for the people to share their stories, from their perspective" says Dana Foster, the founding news reporter and host of Sunvalley News "Our channel is just getting started and we will continue to grow the channel and develop programs that showcase the talent, creativity, and passion of the Gold Country region residents over the coming years."

Sunvalley News will continue to focus on local and Indigenous news, issues, interviews, and events that affect the communities that we serve.

Our local newscasts, *News at Noon* and *Live at Five* is hosted by Metis-Cree News Host/Reporter Dana Foster and provides viewers with weather, roads, sports, and community (events, birthdays, engagements, funeral, weddings) current events, information, and announcements.

Interview topics on education, technology, faith, business, economic development, and agriculture, economy, tourism & history, Indigenous & local cultures, music & arts, sports & health, disabilities, health, and addictions can also be found on our news channel.

If you have a news story or have a media news release, please email: **info@sunvalleynews.ca**

Additionally, the new society is looking for a few community members to serve on its' community-based online television and news channel as new Board Directors. This is an opportunity is for community members to get involved in planning and evaluating community online news and television, the training of community members in the utilization of new media and managing a news and media organization... while making a major contribution to the quality of life throughout our communities in the Gold Country region through the delivery of regular and specialty community programming.

We invite all community members, organizations in the Gold Country region to learn more about our society and/or to become a board member by joining us from 7:30 – 8:30 pm on November 2nd, 2021, for an online meeting. To join community members can send in their application by visiting www.sunvalleyonlinetv.ca

Sunvalley Online TV is launching with two original programs under the volunteer tv broadcasting program– Sunvalley Circuit. *"Our History"* will focus on the untold stories of the Indigenous groups in our desert communities in the Gold Country region with interviews, storytelling, drumming, and songs to also be featured. Second, *"The Tumbleweed Music Show"* will provide an in-depth look at the local music scene and feature music performances and interviews with musicians in our rural and Indigenous communities.

Community volunteers will learn on-camera skills, and how to host and produce their own show by applying to become a volunteer host for one of our two new exciting tv shows. Sunvalley

Circuit volunteer program is open to everyone who is interested in news creation and video production as the mission of our tv and news channel is to share the knowledge of our community through news reporting and storytelling, talk shows, and documentaries.

We will challenge all our volunteers and community producers to maintain a light level of community content creation, and to have fun while learning digital broadcasting skills, social media skills, programming, and production skills. We strive for each person to always respect the community we serve in the capacity of community tv digital content creation.

We invite all community members, organizations, and students in the Gold Country region to learn more about the Sunvalley Circuit volunteer program by joining us from 7:30 – 8:30 pm on November 4th, 2021, for an online meeting. To join community members can send in an application by visiting sunvalleyonlinetv.ca

Viewers will be able to tune into community news and tv content on www.sunvalleyonlinetv.com or on www.sunvalleynews.ca and our social media channels.

For media inquiries, please contact:

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CIRCULAR

October 29, 2021

To: All local government chief administrative officers and corporate officers

Re: Bill 26

As you may be aware, on October 26, 2021 Bill 26 was introduced in the Legislature. The Bill proposes amendments to various sections in the *Community Charter*, *Local Government Act*, *Islands Trust Act*, *Vancouver Charter*, *Municipal Replotting Act*, *Powell River Incorporation Act*, *Cultus Lake Park Act*, *University Endowment Land Act*, and the *Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act (No.4)*.

The purpose of this circular is to provide an overview of some of the more significant changes in the Bill, including changes to public notice requirements, public hearing requirements, and a new requirement to consider a code of conduct.

If passed, some of the proposed changes will come into effect immediately (public hearings), while others (public notice and codes of conduct) will not come into force until a regulation is passed, likely in early 2022. For more information about the other proposed changes in the Bill please view the Information Bulletin.

We encourage local governments to begin thinking about how they might incorporate the proposed changes into local government business.

Public Notice

Proposed changes to section 94 of the *Community Charter* would add an option for local governments to adopt a bylaw to provide for alternative means of publication. This change recognizes that local governments are in the best position to determine how to notify and engage community members and provide greater flexibility for them to reach a wider audience.

Where the existing rules are working well for communities there will be no need to change – they can continue to use newspapers for notice. This method of publication will remain the default.

Local governments that want to create their own public notice scheme will need to adopt a public notice bylaw. Prior to adopting a bylaw, local governments must first consider principles of effective public notice which will be defined through regulation which include considerations like accessibility, suitability and reliability.

These changes will be brought into force by regulation in 2022. Once the legislation is in force and the principles of effective public notice have been considered, councils and boards will be able to choose two or more ways (e.g., local government website and newspaper) to meet their statutory public notice obligations.

Additional guidance material will be provided to local governments when the changes are brought into force. There are also several consequential amendments – including changes to regional district and Islands Trust public notice requirements that are summarized in Attachment 2.

Code of Conduct

The legislation would establish a new requirement for all local governments to publicly consider the development of a code of conduct. The change seeks to create a regular process for elected officials to engage in conversations about shared expectations for conduct as they carry out their responsibilities and govern together. This is a next step in ongoing work that the province, the Union of BC Municipalities and the Local Government Management Association have committed to doing together, and the approach was supported by a special resolution endorsed at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in September 2021.

Within six months of a general local election all municipal councils and regional district boards will have to consider, at an open meeting, whether to establish a new code of conduct or revise an existing one. Principles to guide these discussions will be established by regulation.

If a local government decides not to establish or revise a code of conduct, they will need to make their reasons for this decision publicly available upon request. They will also have to reconsider their decision before January 1 of the year of the next general local election.

These changes will not take effect until a regulation to bring them into force is passed – likely in spring 2022. Additional guidance material will be provided when the changes are brought into force.

Public Hearings

The proposed changes to section 464 of the *Local Government Act* remove the default requirement for local governments to hold public hearings for zoning bylaw amendments that are consistent with the official community plan (OCP). Instead, approval of such zoning bylaws would proceed by default without public hearings, thereby removing the need for local governments to go through the process of waiving these hearings (as currently is required).

In order to maintain transparency in such cases, the amendments will require that a local government provide public notice of the zoning bylaw before the bylaw is considered at first reading by a municipal council or regional district board.

Under the proposed changes, local governments will still have the option to hold a public hearing on a zoning bylaw that is consistent with the OCP, if they so choose.

These proposed amendments are some of the first changes stemming from the Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR), which aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of development approvals to increase housing supply. For more information about these changes see the News Release.

Delegation of Authority for Development Variance Permits

Proposed changes to sections 489 and 499 of the *Local Government Act* would enable local governments to delegate development variance permit (DVP) decisions to staff, if the proposed variance is minor and pertains to matters specified in legislation, including:

- zoning bylaws respecting siting, size and dimensions of buildings, structures and permitted uses;
- off-street parking and loading space requirements;
- regulation of signs; and
- screening and landscaping to mask or separate uses or to preserve, protect, restore and enhance natural environment.

These legislative changes respond to feedback received during the DAPR consultations that many technical DVP decisions made by local government councils and boards could be reasonably considered by staff. These changes are designed to support increased efficiency of decision making in development approval processes. The enabling nature of this amendment provides local governments with autonomy in deciding whether to delegate DVP decisions to staff.

Local governments that delegate the power to issue a DVP to staff will be required to include in their delegation bylaw:

a. Criteria for determining whether a proposed variance is minor
b. Guidelines that the delegate must consider in deciding whether to issue a DVP

These requirements provide local governments with flexibility in determining what constitutes a minor variance and guiding a delegate that is exercising the power to issue a DVP. This approach helps retain council and board oversight of delegated decisions and establishes a fair application process for all applicants. The proposed legislative changes maintain consistency with the approach the *Local Government Act* takes for other delegated land use permits by providing that an applicant who is subject to a decision of the delegate is entitled to have the local government reconsider the matter. However, delegates that exercise the power to issue a DVP will not be required to provide notice under section 499 of the *Local Government Act*.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed amendments to public notice provisions or the new requirement to consider a code of conduct, please contact our Governance and Structure Branch. You can reach the Governance and Structure Branch by phone or email at: 250 387-4020 or LGGovernance@gov.bc.ca.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes to public hearings and delegation of development variance permits, please contact our Planning and Land Use Management Branch. You can reach the Planning and Land Use Management Branch by phone or email at: 250 387-3394 or PLUM@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Tara Faganello
Assistant Deputy Minister and Inspector of Municipalities
Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

<u>Attachment 1</u>: FAQs

Public Notice

Are local governments required to adopt a public notice bylaw?

No. Under the new local choice framework, local governments may choose to adopt a public notice bylaw *or* if they don't adopt a bylaw, the default notice provisions in section 94.1 of the *Community Charter* apply – these are the same publishing requirements that applied to public notice before amendments were made.

If a local government adopts a public notice bylaw, can one of the means be publishing in the local newspaper?

Yes. In some communities, local newspapers are still a regularly published resource. In those communities, local governments may choose to continue to use the default public notice requirements *or* choose to adopt a public notice bylaw that includes newspaper publication as one of the two required means of providing notice.

When can local governments start thinking about adopting a public notice bylaw?

It is anticipated that the amendments to the legislation will not come into force until sometime in 2022. Before deciding on the means of public notice to be included in a bylaw, the local government must consider the principles of effective public notice. These will be outlined in a regulation and are likely to include considerations such as: are the means easy to access; can information be easily retrieved in the future; is the source well-established and reliable.

Will guidance material be available for the new public notice options?

Yes. Detailed guidance material will be made available to inform local governments of the changes and the public notice options available. Ministry staff will be engaging with local government staff in the development of these materials, which will be available in early 2022 when the amendments are anticipated to be brought into force.

Code of Conduct

Are local governments required to adopt a code of conduct?

There is no requirement for municipal councils or regional districts to adopt a code of conduct, but they must publicly consider and decide whether or not to adopt one or review an existing one. If they choose not to create or review a code of conduct, they must be prepared to make available their reasons for this decision.

What do local governments need to consider before deciding whether to establish or review

a code of conduct?

Municipal councils and regional district boards must consider the prescribed principles of codes of conduct and any other prescribed matters before making their decision. The prescribed principles will be outlined in a regulation and it is anticipated they will be similar to the foundational principles of responsible conduct. Further information and guidance on consideration for codes of conduct will be made available when the new sections come into force.

When would the consideration of a code of conduct need to occur?

The first-time local governments would be required to consider and make a decision about adopting a code of conduct or reviewing an existing one, would be within six months of its first council meeting following the 2022 general local election. If a local government decides to adopt or review a code of conduct, they would not be required to reconsider their code of conduct again until after the next general local election.

However, if a local government decides not to adopt or review a code of conduct, they will be required to revisit this decision sometime before January 1 of the year of the next general local election.

Public Hearings

Would the public still have the opportunity to provide input on a rezoning where a public hearing is not required?

Under the proposed amendments, local governments will, by default, proceed without a public hearing process when the rezoning (zoning bylaw amendment) is consistent with the OCP. There would already have been a public hearing for the OCP itself during the course of its approval. However, to further maintain transparency, local governments will be required to provide notice to affected property owners that the zoning bylaw is proceeding to first reading.

While the proposed amendments do not require the local government to provide an opportunity for the public to be heard or to consider written submissions in such cases, as with other proposed bylaws, members of the public are always able to contact their council on any matter through, for example, writing a letter or attending a council meeting. These avenues will remain. When local governments make rezoning decisions without public hearings, they also have the option to undertake other kinds of early public engagement, such as information sessions early in the rezoning application processing stage.

If a local government does *opt in* to holding a public hearing when it is not required, what are the procedural requirements that it will need to undertake?

If a local government chooses to hold a public hearing on a rezoning for which a hearing is not

required, it will follow the normal public hearing procedures under existing section 465 of the *Local Government Act*, including providing advance public notice that a hearing will take place. Open meeting rules under local government legislation require these types of matters to be considered at meetings open to the public.

Will guidance material be available for the new public hearing amendment?

Yes. Guidance material will be developed on local government processes and notice in situations where public hearings are not required.

Delegation of Authority for Development Variance Permits

Will guidance material be available on the delegation of authority for DVPs?

Yes. Guidance material will be provided after the changes are brought into force.

<u>Attachment 2</u> – Consequential Amendments Related to Public Notice Changes

Local Government Act

- All references to publication in a newspaper (except s.659(5)) have been removed from the *Local Government Act* and replaced with the requirement to post in accordance with section 94 of the *Community Charter*. This means that all public notices must be posted in the public notice posting places and published in accordance with either section 94.1 or 94.2 of the *Community Charter*.
- Notice for regional district special meetings has changed to twenty-four hours notice (unless waived by unanimous vote). The notice must be posted at the regular meeting place and the public notice posting places and sent to each Director. There is no longer a requirement to mail notice to Directors five days before.
- Before a regional district procedure bylaw can be amended, repealed, or substituted, notice must now be provided in accordance with section 94 of the *Community Charter*. There is no longer a requirement to mail notice to Directors five days before.

Community Charter

- Reference to publication in a newspaper in section 208(3) has been removed and replaced with the requirement to post in accordance with section 94 of the *Community Charter*. This means the notice must be posted in the public notice posting places and published in accordance with either section 94.1 or 94.2 of the *Community Charter*.

Municipal Replotting Act

- Notice of a replotting scheme must now be published in accordance with all of section 94 of the *Community Charter*, not just 94(1)(b).

Islands Trust Act

- Trust Council and Local Trust Committees must now include public notice posting places in their procedure bylaws.
- Reference to publication in a newspaper in section 49.6(2) has been removed and replaced with the requirement to post in accordance with section 94 of the *Community Charter*. This means the notice must be posted in the public notice posting places and published in accordance with either section 94.1 or 94.2 of the *Community Charter*.

Vancouver Charter

- Notices under Part 1 [Electors & Elections] & Part 2 [Assent Voting] must now be published in accordance with section 3 [requirements for public notice] of the *Vancouver Charter*.

From: Cyrus Reporter <cyrus.reporter@cn.ca>
Sent: November 3, 2021 6:59 AM
To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: CN and Progress Rail Advance Sustainability Efforts with Renewable Fuels Partnership

Dear Ms. Dyck:

CN today announced that it is partnering with Progress Rail and Renewable Energy Group to test high-level renewable fuel blends in support to CN's sustainability goals. It is an important step in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from CN's existing locomotive fleet, while alternative propulsion locomotive technologies are being developed.

Rail already has the potential to reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector by up to 75% when compared to trucks. Looking to 2030 and beyond, reducing fossil carbon emissions associated with rail transportation will continue to require innovative fuel-efficient technologies.

Please, do no hesitate to reach out to me should you have any question about this matter.

Sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

CN AND PROGRESS RAIL ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS WITH A RENEWABLE FUELS PARTNERSHIP

Renewable fuel blends present immediate opportunity to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions

MONTREAL, November 3, 2021 – Canadian National Railway Company (CN) and Progress Rail, a Caterpillar Company are partnering with Renewable Energy Group (REG) to test high-level renewable fuel blends including both biodiesel and renewable diesel in support of the companies' sustainability goals. Trials and qualifications of up to 100% bio-based diesel fuel are important steps in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from CN's existing locomotive fleet, while alternative propulsion locomotive technologies are being developed.

This program will allow CN and Progress Rail to better understand the long-term durability and operational impacts of renewable fuels on locomotives, especially in cold weather and plan needed modifications to fully leverage their usage over the next decade.

Rail has the potential to reduce the environmental impact of transportation services, as shipping heavy freight by rail can reduce carbon emissions by up to 75% when compared to trucks. Looking to 2030 and beyond, reducing fossil carbon emissions associated with rail transportation will continue to require innovative fuel-efficient technologies, the greater use of cleaner sustainable fuels, and designing innovative low emission supply chain solutions through investments and collaboration.

"CN is committed to adapting our business to changing climate conditions. The successful testing and procurement of renewable fuels is part of a portfolio of initiatives to meet our 2030 science-based target. The extent of our ability to fully deploy and implement new technologies will require collaboration between locomotive manufacturers and fuel producers."

- Jean-Jacques Ruest, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN

"As part of our commitment to make a meaningful, positive impact on the environment, Progress Rail provides a wide range of products and services that offer fuel flexibility. We are proud to partner with CN to help support their sustainability goals, as well as our own."

- Marty Haycraft, President & CEO of Progress Rail

"Bio-based diesel is delivering fossil carbon reductions, and we are proud to work with CN and Progress Rail on this effort that highlights the potential of our fuels as a sustainable solution for the rail industry. Sustainability is a driving force in today's market, and REG

is delivering by converting renewable resources into cleaner fuels, providing sustainable solutions to our forward-leaning customers like CN and Progress Rail."

- Cynthia 'CJ' Warner, REG President & CEO

About CN

CN is a world-class transportation leader and trade-enabler. Essential to the economy, to the customers, and to the communities it serves, CN safely transports more than 300 million tons of natural resources, manufactured products, and finished goods throughout North America every year. As the only railroad connecting Canada's Eastern and Western coasts with the U.S. South through a 19,500-mile rail network, CN and its affiliates have been contributing to community prosperity and sustainable trade since 1919. CN is committed to programs supporting social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

About Progress Rail

Progress Rail, a Caterpillar company, is one of the largest integrated and diversified providers of rolling stock and infrastructure solutions and technologies for global rail customers. Progress Rail delivers advanced EMD locomotives and engines, railcars, trackwork, fasteners, signaling, rail welding and Kershaw Maintenance-of-Way equipment, along with dedicated locomotive and freight car repair services, aftermarket parts support and recycling operations. The company also offers advanced rail technologies, including data acquisition and asset protection equipment. Progress Rail's deep industry expertise, together with the support of Caterpillar, ensures a commitment to quality through innovative solutions for the rail industry. Progress Rail has a network of nearly 200 locations across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Australia, China, India, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit progressrail.com and follow @Progress_Rail on Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn and Facebook.

About Renewable Energy Group

Renewable Energy Group, Inc. is leading the energy and transportation industries' transition to sustainability by converting renewable resources into high-quality, sustainable fuels. Renewable Energy Group is an international producer of sustainable fuels that significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions to immediately reduce carbon impact. Renewable Energy Group utilizes a global integrated procurement, distribution and logistics network to operate 12 biorefineries in the U.S. and Europe. In 2020, Renewable Energy Group produced 519 million gallons of cleaner fuel delivering 4.2 million metric tons of carbon reduction. Renewable Energy Group is meeting the growing global demand for lower-carbon fuels and leading the way to a more sustainable future.

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To: Daniela Dyck <cao@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: CN Advances Sustainability efforts with Wabtec's Battery-Electric Locomotive

Dear Ms. Dyck:

CN is proud to announce its purchase of Wabtec's FLXdrive battery-electric freight locomotive, the first 100% battery heavy-haul locomotive in support of CN's sustainability goals. For its first battery-electric freight locomotive, CN plans to partner with Wabtec to put in service its next-generation FLXdrive technology, which can reduce fuel consumption and emissions by 30%. This was made possible through a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CN is the most fuel-efficient railway in North America, using approximately 15% less locomotive fuel per gross ton mile than the industry average. The continuing successful development and availability of innovative propulsion technology is part of a portfolio of carbon reduction initiatives.

Please, do no hesitate to reach out to me should you have any question about this matter.

Sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

CN ADVANCES SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS WITH WABTEC'S BATTERY-ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE

Through Innovation, the Company is Committed to Play a Key Role in the Transition to a Low Carbon Economy

Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Will Contribute to Improving Air Quality

MONTREAL, November 4, 2021 – CN (TSX: CNR) (NYSE: CNI) is proud to announce its purchase of Wabtec's FLXdrive battery-electric freight locomotive, the first 100-percent battery heavy-haul locomotive for the region in support of CN's sustainability goals. This new technology is a key component in achieving an effective transition to a lower carbon future. Recognizing the potential of the initiative, Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection awarded financial support for the initiative under the Marine and Rail Freight Movers Grant Program.

For its first battery-electric freight locomotive, CN plans to partner with Wabtec to put in service its next-generation FLXdrive technology, which can reduce fuel consumption and emissions by up to 30 percent. The anticipated efficiencies and emission reductions from the technology will be significant and help open the door to new alternatives beyond the diesel-powered locomotives used today.

"As part of our sustainability strategy to reduce freight transportation emissions through innovation, we plan to continue to lead the sector by deploying low and no carbon technologies. At CN, we believe rail has a tremendous potential to reduce the environmental impact of transportation. As a mover of the economy, CN is committed to playing a key role in the transition to low-carbon economy."

- Jean-Jacques Ruest, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN

"The FLXdrive is a defining moment for the freight rail industry, and Wabtec is proud to partner with CN to accelerate the industry toward low- to zero-emission locomotives,"

- Rafael Santana, Wabtec President and Chief Executive Officer

"I am excited to see that the Canadian National's (CN) Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad (B&LE) Company has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to help with the purchase of a new innovative Wabtec battery-electric locomotive. As a member of a family that has proudly worked for Bessemer for four generations, I am thrilled by this opportunity to accelerate the future of rail by

promoting cleaner and more efficient transportation. I would like to offer my congratulations to CN's B&LE and Wabtec as they work together to create sustainable and efficient railroads for future generations."

- Pennsylvania State Rep. Parke Wentling (R-17th District)

CN is the most fuel-efficient railway in North America, using approximately 15% less locomotive fuel per gross ton mile than the industry average. In 2020, CN's actions to reduce emissions, mitigate climate risks and to develop the low-carbon economy resulted in CN being one of only three Canadian companies listed on CDP's prestigious Climate A List. The continuing successful development and availability of innovative propulsion technology is part of a portfolio of carbon reduction initiatives.

In April 2021, the Science-Based Target Initiative ("SBTi") approved CN's commitment to reduce scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gases ("GHG") emissions by 43% per million gross ton miles by 2030 from a 2019 base year. CN furthermore commits to reduce scope 3 GHG emissions from fuel and energy related activities by 40% per million gross ton miles by 2030 from a 2019 base year. CN's Climate Action Plan and its new level of ambition target support the Paris Agreement.

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About WABTEC

Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) is focused on creating transportation solutions that move and improve the world. The company is a leading global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions and value-added services for the freight and transit rail industries, as well as the mining, marine and industrial markets. Wabtec has been a leader in the rail industry for over 150 years and has a vision to achieve a zero-emission rail system in the U.S. and worldwide. Visit Wabtec's website at: www.wabteccorp.com.

About the SBTi

SBTi is a collaboration between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact, World Resources Institute and the World Wide Fund for Nature that defines and promotes best practice in science-based target setting and independently assesses companies' targets. For more information, please consult their website: https://sciencebasedtargets.org/.

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November 5, 2021

Dear Rights-Holders and Partners,

At the November 2nd meeting, the Board of Education reviewed the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies and discussed how to proceed in determining if the board should develop a vaccination policy. The board decided to apply this decision making framework to guide this process.

While there are a number of steps in this framework, the Board of Education has directed staff that they want this process to move in a timely manner. As the board proceeds, the discussions and decisions may occur in open or closed meetings depending on the subject matter.

The board will provide regular updates on decisions made during this process.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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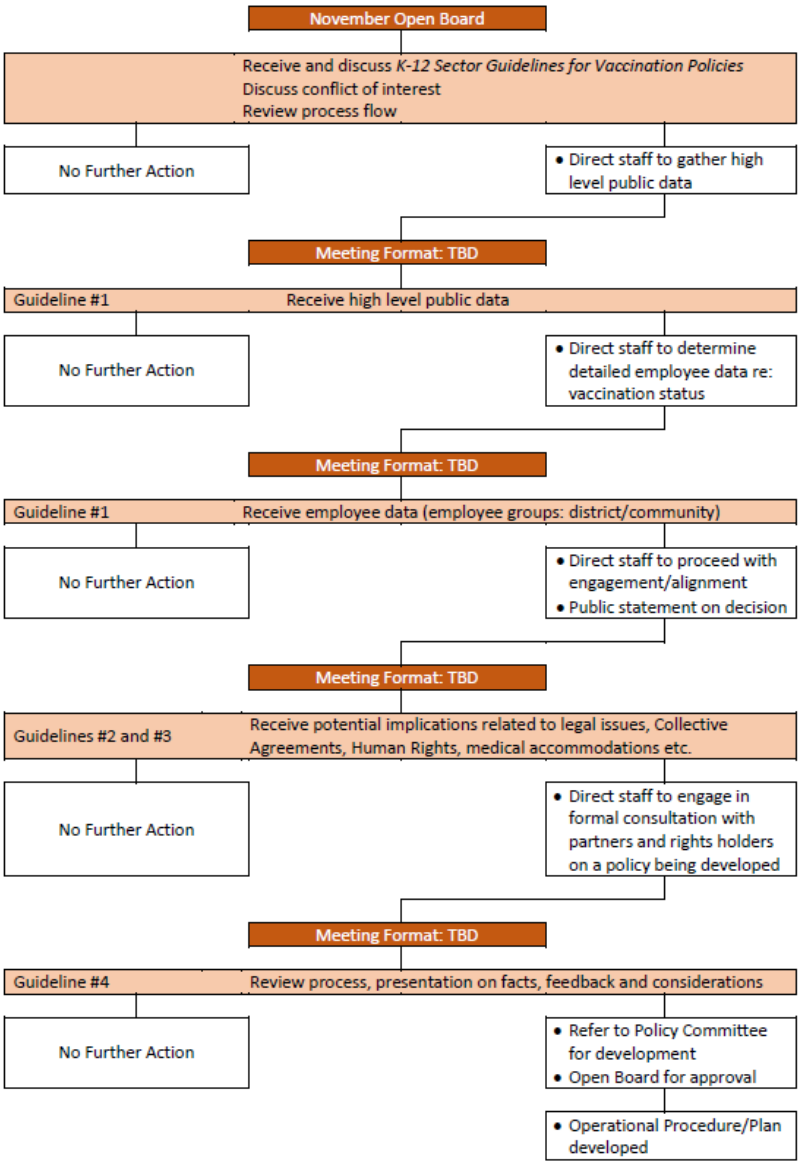

Gold Trail respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territory of the Nlaka'pamux, St'at'imc and Secwépemc First Peoples.

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Interior Health

- Kootenay Boundary COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics
- Annual influenza vaccine campaign kicks off in IH
- Temporary change to hours at Keremeos emergency department

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker - 20+A2:F1921		October			
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2020 MOTIONS				
R-2020-160	"That Council approve staff to research and develop an updated Business License Bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft and bring it back to Council for consideration."	CAO/EA/AA	Research and draft ongoing		in-progress
	2021 MOTIONS				
R-2021-80	"That Council direct staff to develop a communication strategy for public engagement and not amend Bylaw No. 834, and include a guideline of what and how information can be communicated by Council on social media."	CAO	Develop a communication strategy for public engagement including guideline for information communicated by Council on social media		in-progress
R-2021-195	CAO Report – Water and Sewer Rate Changes - That, items 5.2 and 5.3 be deferred to a future meeting and that legal advice be requested.	CAO	Request for clarification submitted to lawyers, waiting for written response. Legal opnion presented to Council in a Closed Meeting. To be brought back to Council at a future date for full fees and charges review.		completed
R-2021-222	That, the Village support the request for a donation of 10 cases water and 10 cases of juice boxes for the annual Halloween Party coordinated by Bonaparte FN Headstart program.	CAO	Contact Headstart coordinator to coordinate the donation		completed
R-2021-223	That, Council endorses the proposal from Craig Baird of Canadian History Ehx. and purchase one podcast episode for $250 featuring Ashcroft.	CAO	Arrange purchase of one podcast		completed
R-2021-232	That, Council approves the installation of public art at the Ashcroft Skate Park to be completed in the spring of 2022 as per Public Art Policy A-01-2021.	CAO	A letter be sent advising Council's approval		completed
R-2021-233	That, Council direct staff to amend and consolidate the Outdoor Burning Bylaw No. 811, 2017 to allow regulated campfires within the village boundary, and that, the fees for ceremonial burning be removed, and further that, only the Fire Department and the Village is able to apply for a permit to burn fuel loads within the community.	CAO	Amend Bylaw and bring back to Council for first three readings.		in-progress
R-2021-234	That, Council adopt the 2020 Annual Report as presented.	CAO	Finalize and post to Website		completed
R-2021-237	That Council approve the Fire Department free ice time request as presented.	EA	A letter be sent approving the Fire Department's Request for free ice time.		completed

Community Garden – Heritage Park and Tree Assessment WG

Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 1:00 pm

In Attendance: Brian Bennewith, Chair
Councillor Marilyn Anderson
Councillor Deb Tuohey
Daniela Dyck, CAO
Kris Hardy, EA
Andrea Walker, CiB

Brian called the meeting to order @ 1:05 pm

Village of Ashcroft Minutes of May 26, 2021 – Brian gave clarification that the review of 5 trees in the Tree Assessment are a high priority

1. **Discussion**

   a) **Community Garden – Rules and Regulations**

   - Brian asked if there were any revisions or questions regarding the Draft Rules & Regulations and everyone is in favour of accepting the Rules & Regulations as presented.

   Community Garden – Construction & Water Update

   - Raised beds are 4 ties high and will remain 4 ties high
   - All bases for beds are in place
   - Riteway Fencing was to be here at the end of the month to fence garden; Brian will follow up with them to see what their revised timeline is
   - Water line was installed over to the site; underground irrigation has been installed to each box
   - 3 benches are ordered to go under gazebo area (sponsors names will be on benches)
   - Top soil will be placed in each box by the Village crew
   - The project is 100% fully funded by 2 grants – NDIT & Community Foundations of Canada. An extension has been granted to June of 2022. Daniela will ask Yogi to do a spreadsheet for cost analysis
   - Volunteers – 2022 Grads were asked about doing volunteer hours and as of yet there has been no response
   - Koppers very generously donated and delivered all the garden bed ties
   - Other priorities for fall and winter are underway and work will continue with the garden as weather and time permits

b) Heritage Park & Pond Revitalization

- Priorities #1, #2 & #3 – Hostas garden along Railway Avenue, Rose Garden south end of caboose, and garden area by flume have all been completed
- Two concrete pads for area of previous rose garden have been completed and benches ordered
- Gingko tree was planted where the rose garden was removed – Andrea suggested the Gingko tree be removed, relocated in park and replaced with a shade tree
- Memorial trees were discussed – Daniela is looking into a list
- Andrea advised that the CiB committee discussed the day lily bed along the boardwalk not receiving enough water. It was suggested removing the day lily bed and replacing with gravel due to the lack of water. This would make for easier maintenance.
- Andrea advised signage replacement by CiB was not undertaken this year. Kris to look up pictures from previous years and send to Andrea. At the time a decision can be made to keep the signs the same or change them up
- Power has been installed in the parking lot area for 2 EV stations.

2. Next Steps

- Brian has spoken with Sirocco Landscape regarding pond design. Daniela and Brian met with representatives to discuss a new design plan for pond area. Hope to have a pre-design forwarded to Brian shortly. Sirocco is very impressed with Heritage Place Park and will provide a 3 dimensional design right down to the waterwheel. This will be brought back to the WG to discuss. Depending on cost/funding this may be done in 2023. Sirocco looking into implementing a phased in process for upgrading the whole of Heritage Park.
- Andrea asked about the condition of the soddy. Brian to look at having the soddy assessed in 2022.
- CiB to bring forth recommendations for next meeting.
- Tree Inventory & Assessment report should be available for the next meeting.
- Sirocco Landscapes' 3-D plan of the park should be available for the next meeting.
- Marilyn advised that the Ec Dev WG would like to have a Christmas tree planted at Heritage Park with the possibility of hosting a community event for decorating the tree; this could be phased in over a few years to increase the decoration each year. Daniela suggested the need for brainstorming ideas for increasing Christmas light display at Heritage Park and the need for a possible power upgrade. Currently power is at the gazebo, caboose and the waterwheel.

3. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2021 @ 1:30 pm

Adjournment

Time: 2:05 pm

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussion held.

Kris Hardy, Executive Assistant

Potable Water to AIB – Working Group

Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 2:30 pm

In Attendance: Daniela Dyck, Chair
Yogi Bhalla, CFO
Councillor Marilyn Anderson zoom
Councillor Nadine Davenport zoom
Brian Bennewith, DPW
Kris Hardy, EA

1. **WG Meeting Notes – June 22, 2021**
   Previously distributed and received for information by Council.

2. **Discussion**
   a) **Update AIB Zoom Meeting – October 20, 2021**
   AIB invited Mayor Roden, CAO Dyck, CFO Bhalla and DPW Bennewith to a zoom meeting to discuss cost methodology and cost equivalency for providing potable water to AIB residents.
   At the request of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) AIB contracted a third-party consultant from Fiscal Realities to review and present options and Lisa Clark from Urban Systems was in attendance as AIB's engineer.
   For transparency purposes, staff provided highlights of the meeting to the working group as follows:
   - Fiscal Realities has facilitated service agreements between First Nations and other governments for over 20 years.
   - The proposal suggested that AIB water users pay the same as residents of Ashcroft for consumption.
   - Water revenue funds, sources of water operations and infrastructure funding, general operations and water operations were highlighted to propose that AIB water users pay proportionately the same as VOA water users for capital costs, operating costs and infrastructure contribution.
   - Proportionate Tax Equivalency should be applied to grants received by the Village and be taken into consideration prior to allocating capital costs to AIB as they will also be users of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
   - AIB anticipates the average daily demand to be 6.3% of WTP capacity and 7.8% for maximum daily demand. The current fee proposal based all AIB capital costs at the maximum daily demand at 7.8%
   - AIB invited the Village to participate in a future meeting with ISC to understand the funding criteria for AIB and methodology and equivalency cost arguments.
   - Staff will coordinate a future meeting

To summarize, Fiscal Realities proposes that AIB users pay the same rate as the Village's bylaw charges the residents of Ashcroft for annual water fees, and that the proportionate capital costs include consideration of previously received grant funding to construct the WTP.

b) Discussion Water Treatment Capacity

- The recent heat dome and summer season stretched capacity of the WTP. Staff has proposed that the Village fill the empty spaces on the existing 2 trains of membrane filtration to meet the rising demand.
- Rising utility and supply costs are affecting the WTP budget as costs are increasing.
- If the AIB water project moves forward a third train for membrane filtration is required. This expense would be 100% AIB.

To provide water to AIB the Villages position maintains:

- Water should be metered at the source where the water leaves VOA boundary and the water should be charged at cost to AIB users per cubic meter.
- When determining operational costs, the CFO anticipates increases and adjusts the budget accordingly. If there is a revenue shortfall for the cost of treating and distributing water, the cost remains with the residents of Ashcroft as reserve funds or other taxation sources cover the shortfall.
- If we charge AIB as per the Fees and Charges Bylaw, shortfalls are absorbed by the residents of Ashcroft.
- The cost of providing water to AIB must be net zero to the residents of Ashcroft. The only way we can ensure this is to charge by volume and meter the actual water supplied to AIB.
- The proposed costs by Fiscal Realities are comparable to the costs estimated by the CFO based on volume. No profit margins are applied to the formula this is a net zero calculation based on estimated water demand as provided by AIB.
- Concern regarding WTP capacity if AIB requires an increase in maximum daily demand. Both communities are growing, can the WTP meet potential increased demand from both communities?

Other Discussion:

- Concerns regarding jurisdictional boundaries, a VOA Bylaw is not considered as law outside Village boundaries. How can a VOA Bylaw impose restrictions, undergo Bylaw amendments or rewrites if it is applied to AIB service users. Would bylaw amendments require AIB approval?
- Providing potable water to reserves is a federal government initiative, consider inviting MP Brad Vis to participate in the discussions, perhaps he will be able to help us find a solution.
- Staff requested examples of other service agreements from AIB and Fiscal Realities. Contact water users to see if the agreements are successful.

c) Merge Water to AIB and North Ashcroft Reservoir Working Groups – not discussed carry over to next meeting**.**

3. <u>Next Steps</u>

Contact MP Vis and invite him to meet with us.
Contact communities with water agreements and learn from their best practices

Contact AIB and schedule a meeting with ISC
Ask Council to direct staff to research and prepare a report detailing costs, actuals risk and options.

Recommendations:

1. That, Council direct staff to invite MP Brad Vis to a meeting and include him in the AIB water discussions.
2. That, Council direct staff to research and prepare a report that includes, costs, actuals, risk and options to be brought back to the next Council meeting for consideration.

4. <u>Date for Next Meeting</u>

TBD

5. <u>Termination</u>

The meeting concluded at 3:30 pm.

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussion held.

Daniela Dyck
Chief Administrative Officer

STORM DRAINAGE / RUN OFF - ASSET MANAGEMENT
Working Group
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – 9:00 am

In Attendance: Yogi Bhalla, Chair
Brian Bennewith, DPW
Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor Jonah Anstett
Kris Hardy, EA

1. **March 24, 2021 Meeting Notes**

2. **Discussion**

   - **Update on Meeting with Urban Systems and Drainage Study**

     - A site visit took place with Yogi, Brian and engineers from Urban Systems Ltd. identifying the drainage concerns in Ashcroft
     - Interfacing with Ministry of Highways is necessary as the water run off problem originates on their jurisdiction to our side
     - All areas of concerns were discussed and addressed with Urban Systems and they are doing a GPS survey and develop a model and submit to the Village.
     - Appropriate pipe sizing for developments
     - This model will let us know if CN Rail tracks drainage is adequate or a larger pipe will need to be installed
     - A credible legal third party engineering report will give us liability protection
     - Flow debris are now common and debris mitigation was discussed
     - Priority is North Ashcroft
     - Infrastructure grant funding is available and the deadline is February 2022

3. **Next Steps**

   WG will meet again after receiving Urban Systems' report.

4. **Date for Next Meeting**

   TBD

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am

The foregoing is based on the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.

Kris Hardy, Executive Assistant

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AVFD – Sustainability Working Group

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – 2:15 pm

In Attendance: Barbara Roden, Mayor
Daniela Dyck, CAO
Brian Bennewith, DPW
Kris Hardy, EA
Josh White, Fire Chief
Kevin Beenham, Volunteer Firefighter
Tyler Fitzpatrick, Volunteer Firefighter

Excused: Nadine Davenport, Councillor

1. **Review of Meeting Notes**

   a. Notes of the meeting held June 7, 2021 approved as presented.

2. **Discussion**

   a. Review Proposed Constitution Edits - Additions
   - Addition of Lieutenant position- as requested by the Fire Department
   - Develop job descriptions for officer positions to be added as an appendix and signed off by Council. The Constitution should be a living document.
   - Amend Constitution to include: 2 Deputy Fire Chief Positions Deputy Chief 1 (operations) and Deputy Chief 2 (administrative)
   - It will be at the discretion of the Fire Chief whether or not there will be 1 or 2 deputy chiefs and who assumes the leadership of Fire Chief in his absence
   - Remuneration now December 1 – November 30 as requested by the Fire Department

   b. Review Draft Fire Department Bylaw – Additions/Omissions
   - 3. include NFPA (National Fire Protection Association Code)
   - Add (s) to all references to the Deputy Fire Chief ie: Chief(s)
   - 202 1. Fire Chief – add report to Administrator or Designate
   - 202 3. Change “may” to “shall” enforce
   - 203 1. Officers – remove “except those duties pertaining to the Local Assistant Fire Commissioner”
   - 204 1. a) remove “to a maximum of up to ___ years of age;”
   - 204 6. remove “at their own expense”; add “at such time as the Fire Chief may require”
   - 204 7. add “Every member will be subject to an annual Criminal Record Check & Driver’s Abstract”
   - Change name to Ashcroft Fire Rescue – Fire Chief to confirm change with the Fire Department membership
   - 204 10. Add “by the Fire Chief”

- 205 2. “the call, unless the Fire Chief has received approval for additional members to attend the call from the Administrator or designate”
- 206 3. Add Administrator and Chief Financial Officer
- 301 1. Add Ashcroft, “after consultation with the Fire Department”

c. Code of Conduct
- Remove “15.” Entirely

d. Schedule B
- 2. Add “rescue outside municipal boundaries will be paid by EMBC”

e. Daniela will talk to Yogi about setting up a meeting with the FD Treasurer for Yogie to implement a plug and play payroll system to make it easier for the FD Treasurer to input the FD pay.

3. <u>Next Steps</u>

- Constitution will be brought to Fire Department for approval and then to Council for their approval as well

- The Fire Department will review the Bylaw and forward any recommended changes to the Village by November 18, 2021 prior to the Bylaw going to Council for first two readings.

4. <u>Date for Next Meeting</u>

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 @ 9:00 am

5. <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

The foregoing is based on the writer’s interpretation of the discussions held.

Kris Hardy, Executive Assistant
Village of Ashcroft

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: **November 8, 2021**

TO: **Council**

FROM: **Mayor Roden**

Assigned Committees:
Finance Committee
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)
Historic Hat Creek Ranch
Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
TNRD
Municipal Insurance Association (MIA)

Alternate Committees:
Health Care
Communities in Bloom (CiB)

Working Groups:
Economic Development/Tourism WG
Storm Drainage & Run Off WG
Trails Master Plan WG
Fire Department Sustainability WG

October 25: Gold Country video
Did some supplementary filming for the Gold Country Communities Society familiarization video for Ashcroft. Preliminary filming was done in September; the crew was in Ashcroft on Oct. 25 and 26 with actress Mavourneen Varcoe-Ryan, filming at a variety of Ashcroft locations.

October 26: Meeting with RCMP
Met with Staff-Sergeant Jay Wessel, who said that a request for additional staffing at the Ashcroft Detachment have been approved and will result in one additional general duty member, bringing the detachment to six GD members in addition to three traffic members. The new position will be a corporal, meaning GD will have a sergeant, a corporal, and four constables. Wessel wanted to thank council and staff for their continued support for a new GD member at the detachment, in the form of letters and requests to “E” Division and the Province, as well as several meetings.

October 27: Friends of Historic Hat Creek board meeting
Tourism Kamloops and Destination BC were at the site on Oct. 4 to take photos, film, and aerial shots to add to their website and publications to help promote the Cache Creek/Ashcroft area. Work is going ahead on a deck extension at the site. The gift shop will once again be open on several days in the run-up to Christmas; tentative hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekends starting Nov. 19 and going through Dec. 11.

November 1: Interior Health Zoom meeting
Met via Zoom with IH officials to discuss the challenges surrounding the Ashcroft emergency department and the possibility of a better/more consistent schedule in the near future.

November 3: Storm Drainage/Run Off/Asset Management working group
Engineers have been on a site visit to look at the issues in North Ashcroft, specifically where water/debris/mud run-off from Elephant Mountain now comes across Highway 97C. Next steps will be a GPS survey and then development of a plan which addresses all areas of concern, including pipes and drainage.

November 3: AVFD Sustainability working group
The group, including Fire Chief White, met to discuss a few small revisions to the Constitution, which will be amended and brought back to council, and go over the draft Fire Department Bylaw. That document will now be taken back to the fire department for consideration before coming to council for first two readings.

November 4: Mayors' vaccine roundtable
As they coordinate public vaccine clinics throughout the region, Interior Health has established a regular roundtable with IH clinical operations leadership and area mayors to answer questions and give operational guidance around the COVID-19 vaccine.

November 4: TNRD regular board meeting
The meeting took place after this report was filed. There were no items on the agenda as presented that directly pertained to Ashcroft or area.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roden,
Mayor