



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor John C. (Jack) Jeyes
Councillor Helen A. Kormendy
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor Wm. Alfred Trill

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

Press and Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Doreen E. Lambert
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jeyes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **MINUTES**

2.1. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 23, 2018**

Mayor Jeyes declared the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, July 23, 2018 adopted as presented.

2.2. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 23, 2018**

Mayor Jeyes declared the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 23, 2018 adopted as presented.

3. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

3.1. None

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Deborah Tedford – Request use of Heritage Place Park Gazebo for annual Terry Fox Run, Sunday, September 16, 2018

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village approve the use of Heritage Place Park for the annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday, September 16, 2018.”

Carried. (01-08-18)

4.2. Teck Highland Valley Copper – Community Investment Donation for the Rainbow Cross Walk Project

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the Village send a letter of thanks to Teck Highland Valley Copper for their donation towards and support of the Rainbow Cross Walk Project.”

Carried. (02-08-18)

4.3. Valerie Freestone, Concerns with drainage along 5th Street

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That Staff review the drainage situation with the Public Works Foreman and report back to Council on possible solutions.”

Carried. (03-08-18)

4.4. Ashcroft & District Fall Fair Association – Request for Annual Grant in Aid

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village of Ashcroft provide a Grant in Aid in the amount of \$500 to the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair Association to be used to offset the costs of the 2018 event.”

Carried. (04-08-18)

4.5. Thompson-Nicola Regional District – Request for Letter of Support Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Cache Creek Eco-Depot Development Project

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the Village of Ashcroft send a letter of support to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to be included in the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding application for the development of a Cache Creek area Eco-Depot.”

Carried. (05-08-18)

4.6. Ashcroft Terminal & PSA News Release – Announcement of partnership agreement

“That the Village send a letter to Ashcroft Terminal, A Member of the PSA Group, congratulating them on their investment in Ashcroft and further that Council is looking forward to working with them.”

Carried. (06-08-18)

4.7. Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser Nicola – Forwarding constituents concerns regarding CN Train Whistles

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That when Council meets with representatives from CN the concerns regarding train whistles be included on the meeting agenda.”

Carried. (07-08-18)

4.8. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Green Communities Committee – Recognition for Achieving Corporate Carbon Neutrality for 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the correspondence recognizing the Village for achieving corporate carbon neutrality for 2017 be received and filed and further that this be included in a future newsletter.”

Carried. (08-08-18)

4.9. 347 RCSCC Avenger – Request for letter of support to have Royal Canadian Air Force flyby on Sunday, November 11, 2018

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village provide a letter of support to the local 347 RCSCC Avengers for their request to have the Royal Canadian Air Force flyby on Sunday, November 1, 2018.

Carried. (09-08-18)

4.10. Canadian Red Cross – Invitation to “Managing the New Normal” session, September 13, 2018 at UBCM

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the invitation to attend a Canadian Red Cross informational session on Managing the New Normal on September 13, 2018 be received and filed.”

Carried. (10-08-18)

4.11. Information Correspondence Listing for July 23, 2018

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the information correspondence listing for July 23, 2018 be received and filed.”

Carried. (11-08-18)

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. **Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw – Summary of legal opinion**

M/S Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Roden

“That Council approve the amendments to the draft Zoning Bylaw No. 821 to include definitions and prohibited uses related to retail cannabis operations.”

Carried. (12-08-18)

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1. **FCM Municipal Asset Management Grant – Authorization for staff to submit a funding request**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That staff be directed to submit a funding application to the Federation of Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program in the amount of \$36,880 and further that the Village’s share of the project will be covered by operating funds.”

Carried. (13-08-18)

6.2. **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Authorization for staff to submit a funding request for replacement of Lift Station #1**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village of Ashcroft submit a funding application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure* program in the amount of \$1,380,000 to replace lift station #1 as outlined in the Preliminary Design report dated August 2018 and further that the Village’s share of the program can be funded by the transfer of existing reserve funds.”

Carried. (14-08-18)

6.3. **Tree of Heaven Nuisance Tree – Staff proposal to eliminate tree within Village limits**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village of Ashcroft develop a trial program to eliminate the Tree of Heaven from private and public properties within the Village boundaries.”

Carried. (15-08-18)

6.4. **Ashcroft & District Fall Fair – Table with Fire Smart information**

MS Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Trill

“That staff provide all of the emergency preparedness information booklets that we have on hand to the Ashcroft Moving Forward Group for distribution at the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair on September 16, 2018.”

Carried. (16-08-18)

6.5. Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Evacuation Route Planning Application

M/S Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Roden

“That staff be authorized to obtain a work program and budget to prepare a funding application for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Evacuation Route Planning Stream and further that this information be brought back to Council for approval prior to further action being undertaken.”

Carried. (17-08-18)

6.6. Village of Ashcroft Indemnification and Council Remuneration Bylaw – Presentation for discussion purposes – Presentation for discussion purposes

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That Council approves the staff suggestions regarding the Village of Ashcroft Indemnification and Council Remuneration Bylaw and further that this bylaw be brought forward for first three readings at a later meeting.”

Carried. (18-08-18)

6.7. Review of Council Remuneration Rates – Impact of Legislation Changes to eliminate tax free portion

M/S Mayor Jeyes / Councillor Trill

“That staff be directed to investigate options for increasing the council stipend to ensure that their net pay is not impacted by the elimination of the one-third tax free portion.”

Carried. (19-08-18)

6.8. Request to install LED sign within downtown Ashcroft

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That staff be directed to investigate how the Official Community Plan and/or the Zoning Bylaw can be amended to include LED signage within the downtown business section of the community.”

Carried. (20-08-18)

7. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1. Introduction and First Three Readings

7.1.1 Bylaw No. 824, Village of Ashcroft Indemnification and Council Remuneration Bylaw, 2018

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That the Village of Ashcroft Indemnification and Council Remuneration Bylaw, No. 824 be tabled until the staff report on council remuneration has been presented and adopted.”

Carried. (21-08-18)

7.2. Second Reading

7.2.1. Bylaw No. 822, Official Community Plan

7.2.2. Bylaw No. 821, Zoning Bylaw

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That second reading of the Official Community Plan, No. 822 and Zoning Bylaw, No. 821 be tabled until staff has brought back a report on LED signage including sizes and locations.”

Carried. (22-08-18)

7.3. Third Reading

7.2.1 None

7.4. Reconsideration and Final Adoption

7.4.1. None

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

8.1. Finance Committee – Mayor Jeyes, Councillor Roden & Councillor Kormendy

The Chief Financial Officer provided Council with a detailed presentation on the current financial statement to July 31, 2018 as well as the comprehensive Asset Management Plan.

8.2. Cache Creek Environmental Assessment Committee – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Kormendy

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 3:00 pm.

8.3. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Councillor Trill & Councillor Kormendy

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 in 100 Mile House.

8.4. Gold Country Communities Society – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

Mayor Jeyes provided a summary of the Gold Country Communities Society meeting held in Savona on Friday, August 24, 2018.

8.5. TNRD – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Kormendy

Council reviewed The Current – Highlights of the Board of Directors' Meeting held July 19, 2018 and The Current – Highlights of the Board of Directors' meeting held August 16, 2018. Mayor Jeyes provided an overview of the recent board meeting and tour of the North Thompson communities.

8.6. Tourism – Councillor Roden & Councillor Lambert

Councillor Roden advised that tourism numbers are down. The provincial messaging stating that the entire Province of British Columbia is under a State of Emergency is keeping visitors, especially European ones, away.

8.7. School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Mayor Jeyes

No report.

8.8. Economic Development & Chamber of Commerce - Councillor Roden & Mayor Jeyes

No report.

8.9. Historic Hat Creek– Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Trill

Mayor Jeyes advised that the number of visitors at Historic Hat Creek are higher than 2017 figures but generally not as high as 2016. Repairs to Highway 99 are keeping most bus tours away from the site.

8.10. Heritage – Councillor Roden & Councillor Kormendy

Councillor Roden provided an overview of visitors to the Ashcroft Museum. The season started out with higher than average number of visitors but this has decreased as the season went on. The weekly Kids Program was a huge success. She also advised that the annual Heritage Event at the museum was very successful.

8.11. Transit – Councillor Kormendy & Councillor Roden

Councillor Roden suggested that the Transit Committee request that the monthly trip to 100 Mile House be moved from the first Monday of the month to the last Monday. During July – September the statutory holidays prevent the 100 Mile House trip from taking place.

8.12. Wellness & Music (Kids) Festival – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

No report.

8.13. Seniors' Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Councillor Roden

No report.

8.14. Communities in Bloom – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

No report.

8.15. Health Care – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Lambert

Council received the Press Release from Interior Health Board announcing Susan Brown has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer.

MS Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Trill

That Council invite Ms. Brown to meet with Council and provide an overview of the Interior Health operations in our area as well as goals and objectives.

Carried. (23-08-18)

8.16. Bifuka Sister City Relationship – Councillor Kormendy & Councillor Lambert

Mayor Jeyes provided Council with an update on his recent attendance at a garden party to bid farewell to the Consul General of Japan. He advised that she has resigned and has taken a position with the United Nations.

8.17. Other

Councillor Roden reported on a SILGA retreat that she had recently attended. The agenda covered a number of topics including the policy to sponsor youth to attend the UBCM Convention, future convention sites, the outreach program to communities following the 2018 general local election and a number of tourism initiatives.

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That Council accepts the verbal and written reports as presented.”

Carried. (24-08-18)

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. None

10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORTS

10.1 None

11. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the gallery.

12. **INCAMERA**

12.1. **Meeting to move In-Camera under Section 90.1 e – Acquisition, Disposition or Expropriation of Village Property**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the regular meeting move In-Camera to discuss two items, one under Section 90.1. (e) and one under Section 90.1.(c).”

Carried. (25-08-18)

13. **TERMINATION**

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That the regular meeting of council terminate at 9:05 pm.”

Carried.

John C. (Jack) Jeyes, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held Monday, August 27, 2018.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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