



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY August 26, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Roden
Councillor Marilyn Anderson
Councillor Nadine Davenport
Councillor Debra Tuohey

Ygoinder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
S. Daniela Dyck, Deputy Corporate Officer

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EXCUSED: Councillor Jonah Anstett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Pathways to Wellness – Walking Path at Evans Road

Jim Duncan, spokesperson for the committee provided a brief overview of the proposed project to develop a 3km walking path along Evans Road, Mr. Duncan stated that the proposed plan aligns with the Village of Ashcroft OCP and Ashcroft's brand "Wellness Awaits You". Mr Duncan presented a petition to Council with over 100 signatures in support of the pathway. On behalf of the committee Mr. Duncan requested two resolutions of Council:

1. "That Council directs staff to forward a Letter of Support to the ad hoc task force Pathways to Wellness approving in principle the objectives of the project and providing in-kind donations that would allow the project to move forward."
2. "That Council directs staff to research, prepare a report and report back to Council on the process of how to acquire Provincial land along Evans Rd. for the purpose of creating a natural park and accessing the river for the general public."

Members of the public - questions and comments:

1. What is the process to acquire property?
 2. Does the project require Department of Fisheries approval?
 3. Pedestrian safety – size of no-posts
 4. How much maintenance will this add to the PW department?
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5. Path previously considered by Council, site deemed too narrow and was not pursued.
6. Concerns regarding winter liability, grading and salting would be required
7. Public access – spring, summer and fall only, path closed for winter.

2.32 Other:

Members of the public made further comments as follows:

1. Suggested edit to the Strategic Plan regarding digital sign
2. Legal status of Evans Road – private or public
3. Status of burned out house on Brink St.
4. Status of new CAO

3. TERMINATION

M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson

“That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for August 26, 2019 be terminated at 6:32 pm.”

Carried.

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the
Committee of the Whole Minutes of Council
held Monday, August 26, 2019.

S. Daniela Dyck, Deputy Corporate Officer

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