



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

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

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

Press and Public

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

2. **MINUTES**

2.1. **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, February 25, 2019**

Mayor Roden declared the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, February 25, 2019 adopted as presented.

2.2. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 25, 2019**

Mayor Roden declared the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 25, 2019 adopted as presented.

3. **DELEGATIONS**

3.1. **Regina Sadilkova, Director of Development Services and Pat Luscombe, Chief Building Inspector, Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) – Update and Overview of the Building Services Function**

Mayor Roden welcomed Ms. Sadilkova and Mr. Luscombe to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation. Council was provided with an overview of the history of building permits in Ashcroft, which have remained fairly consistent. The Village contracts with the TNRD to provide building inspection services for a very reasonable fee. The Province has adopted the new 2018 BC Building Code and the changes were highlighted. It was suggested to Council that our Village of Ashcroft Building Regulations Bylaw No. 793 could be amended to ensure that the fee schedule remained aligned with the TNRD fees. The increases are minimal and would not significantly increase the cost of construction within the Village.

Council thanked Ms. Sadilkova and Mr. Luscombe for their presentation.

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**4.1. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Approval of 2019 Business Façade Improvement Program up to \$15,000**

**M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson**

“That the correspondence from Northern Development Initiative Trust approving the 2019 Business Façade Improvement Program be received and filed.”

**Carried. (01-03-19)**

**4.2. Teck Highland Valley Copper Partnership – Tailings Management at Teck Highland Valley Copper Operations**

**M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Davenport**

“That the correspondence from Teck Highland Valley Copper Partnership regarding the tailings management at the Highland Valley Copper operations be received and filed.”

**Carried. (02-03-19)**

**4.3. RCMP Day Vernon Committee – Request for support to declare February 1<sup>st</sup> as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Appreciation Day**

**M/S Councillor Anstett / Councillor Anderson**

“That the Village of Ashcroft send a letter of support to the RCMP Day Vernon Committee endorsing the declaration of February 1<sup>st</sup> as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Appreciation Day.”

**Carried. (03-03-19)**

**4.4. Information Correspondence Listing for March 11, 2019**

**M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett**

“That the Information Correspondence listing for March 11, 2019 be received and filed.”

**Carried. (04-03-19)**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5.1. None**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1. **Annual Community Appreciation Barbecue – Ashcroft Community “Thank You” Event**

**M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anderson**

“That Council rename the Annual Community Appreciation Barbecue to the Ashcroft Community Thank You Barbecue as suggested by Kiera Bolton and further that the Village have Thank You postcards made up that can be passed along to various residents and visitors.”

**Carried. (05-03-19)**

6.2. **Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) – Gift Basket for 2019 Conference**

**M/S Councillor Anderson / Councillor Anstett**

“That the Village of Ashcroft provide a gift basket for the 2019 SILGA Conference in the amount of \$75 and further that \$100 in Ashcroft Dollars be included in the gift basket.”

**Carried. (06-03-19)**

7. **BYLAWS**

7.1. **Introduction and First 3 Readings**

7.1.1. None

7.2. **Reconsideration and Final Adoption**

7.2.1. None

8. **REPORTS**

**Council Reports**

8.1. **Finance Committee**

Mayor Roden, Councillor Anderson, Councillor Davenport

Mayor Roden reminded Council that CFO Bhalla would be reviewing the 2018 Financial Statements with them at 4:30 pm on Monday, March 18, 2019

8.2. **Northern Development Initiative Trust**

Councillor Anstett Alternate – Councillor Anderson

Councillor Anstett advised he would be attending the next meeting on Tuesday, March 19 in 100 Mile House.

**8.3. Gold Country Communities Society**  
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Davenport

No report.

**8.4. Historic Hat Creek**  
Councillor Roden Alternate – Councillor Anderson

Mayor Roden advised Council that the weight restrictions on Highway 99 have been modified to allow tour bus traffic which is a welcome announcement for Historic Hat Creek and area. There are several employment opportunities listed on the website for the 2019 season.

**8.5. Cache Creek Environmental Assessment**  
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

No report.

**8.6. Thompson-Nicola Regional District**  
Mayor Roden Alternate – Councillor Anstett

Mayor Roden commented on how informative the Table Top Emergency Exercise had been that was arranged by the TNRD. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

**8.7. Tourism**  
Councillor Davenport Alternate – Councillor Anstett

Councillor Davenport reported that she had reviewed the comments in the visitor centre log books and they were all very positive. She commented that more promotion of local businesses should be done when our visitors come to town.

**8.8. Economic Development**  
Councillor Davenport Alternate – Councillor Anstett

Councillor Davenport advised there would be a meeting to further discuss the formation of a regional Chamber of Commerce however she was not sure of the date.

**8.9. Heritage**  
Councillor Tuohey Alternate – Mayor Roden

Councillor Tuohey reported on the annual Heritage Event that was held on March 10. It was held in Cache Creek for the first time and there were approximately 40 in attendance.

**8.10. Transit**  
Councillor Anstett Alternate – Councillor Davenport

Councillor Anstett advised the next meeting would be held on April 2 at the Cache Creek Village Office

**8.11. Communities in Bloom**  
Councillor Tuohey Alternate – Mayor Roden

Councillor Tuohey advised that Ms. Walker was back from vacation. There was a meeting scheduled for Friday, March 15 at 9:30 am with staff and CIB representatives.

**8.12. Health Care**  
Councillor Anderson Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

Councillor Anderson advised she had listened in on a teleconference that discussed the challenges of health care in rural areas. The next WHAC meeting will be on March 18 and she will have a further report for the next meeting.

**8.13. Seniors' Liaison**  
Councillor Anderson Alternate – Councillor Tuohey

No report

**8.14. Other**

Mayor Roden advised that she had attended a Town Hall meeting with Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party.

Mayor Roden advised Council that she has been appointed to the UBCM Operation Lifesaver Committee that will discuss railway safety.

**M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Davenport**

"That Council receive the verbal and written reports as presented."

**Carried. (07-03-19)**

**9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**9.1 Notes from the Planning Session held on Monday, February 11, 2019**

Council received the notes as presented.

**9.2 Desert Mesa Lions Club – Rental of Drylands Arena for Annual Fall Fair, September 8, 2019**

**M/S Mayor Roden / Councillor Anstett**

"That Desert Mesa Lions Club be permitted to rent the Drylands Arena for the period September 5 – 8, 2019 for the 2019 Fall Fair subject to the appropriate insurance and rental fees being received prior to September 5, 2019.

**Carried. (08-03-19)**

**10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORTS**

**10.1 None**

**11. QUESTION PERIOD**

Mr. May questioned why the Planning Session was not open to the public when the notes do not indicate that personnel or property issues were discussed. He was advised that those items had come up during discussion but were omitted from the notes due to the in-camera nature of the discussions.

Council directed staff to investigate the bylaw changes that were suggested by Ms. Sadilkova and Mr. Luscombe earlier this evening.

Councillor Tuohey advised that the Community On-Line Channel Project had developed their Mission Statement and their goals and objectives. This is an exciting community project and appears to be the first of its kind.

Council directed staff to investigate the agenda for a workshop to discuss the formation of a Community Emergency Committee.

Council was advised that the Heat Alert and Response System project is moving forward. The CAO is attending a National HARS conference in Kelowna on March 12 and will present the progress made with our project.

**12. INCAMERA**

12.1. None

**13. TERMINATION**

**M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anderson**

“That the regular meeting of council terminate at 6:00 pm.”

**Carried.**

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**Barbara Roden, Mayor**

Certified to be a true and correct copy of  
the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council  
held Monday, March 11, 2019.

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**J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer**

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