



**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, MARCH 25, 2019**

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

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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EXCUSED: Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Marcie Down, Executive Director, Gold Country Communities Society – Update on Activities

Ms. Down provided Council with the history of the organization and an overview of the projects and activities that Gold Country Communities Society is undertaking this year. They have a large photo bank that is available to member municipalities as well as many YouTube videos. She confirmed that the Fam Tour will take place in the spring and the Annual Symposium has been delayed until the fall. She reviewed the annual visitor numbers and was able to confirm that the closure of the Visitors Centre in Merritt caused a significant reduction in local visits. She thanked Council for being part of the Bead Trail and for their continued support of Gold Country. Council thanked her for her presentation.

2.2. Mayor Barbara Roden – SILGA Update

Mayor Roden, speaking as a Director on SILGA, provided a brief history of the organization as well as their current mandate and projects. The annual conference will be held in Penticton in May and it is a valuable event as it brings together the regional communities who share common concerns and by working together we have a much stronger voice with the higher levels of Government.

2.3. Sandy Agatiello & Nancy White, Ashcroft Moving Forward (AMF) – Emergency Preparedness in Ashcroft

Ms. Agatiello and Ms. White provided Council with an update on the activities that AMF have undertaken in the past year. They are updating their fan out lists, have expanded their surveys to include residents who have pets and are endeavouring to develop a transportation plan. They would like to hold some community meetings to educate the

public, especially seniors, on what they can do to prepare for an emergency. Ms. Agatiello referred to an August 2017 document that designated muster stations in North Ashcroft and the downtown area. She requested the Village to purchase signs for these stations. They requested that Council establish an Emergency Preparedness Committee that would be composed of members of the public as well as Council. Council thanked them for their presentation.

2.4. Janet Quesnel, Ashcroft & District Curling Club – Season Update

Ms. Quesnel provided Council with an overview of the 2018/19 curling season. They hosted 4 significant events, held a Ladies Night, held a successful raffle and were able to introduce several youths to the sport. The club has booked a representative from the Optimist Club to come and hold a weekend training event for young people in November. Ms. Quesnel advised that the Club understands that the village is arranging to have a thorough inspection done of the facility however they would like to meet and start discussing a lease for the next year. There are many upgrades and repairs that need to be done and they would like to start on these projects as soon as possible. Council thanked her for the update and advised that the club would be notified as soon as the inspection are received.

3. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Tuohey / Councillor Anstett

“That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council terminate at 7:05 pm.”

Carried.

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Meeting of Council held Monday, March 25, 2019.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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