



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE  
OFFICE AT 4:30 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020**

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PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Roden  
 Councillor Marilyn Anderson  
 Councillor Jonah Anstett – via team player  
 Councillor Nadine Davenport – via team player  
 Councillor Debra Tuohey

Daniela Dyck, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
 Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer  
 Brian Bennewith, Public Works Foreman

EXCUSED: Media & Public – Meeting closed to the public due to COVID-19. Livestreamed, email comments / questions accepted.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Roden advised the gallery that the meeting was being recorded by the HUB Online Network.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended*

**M/S Roden / Tuohey**

*“That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 be adopted as presented.”*

CARRIED – Unanimous (R-2020-92)

3. **MINUTES**

3.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 23, 2020 M/S Roden / Anderson <i>“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 23, 2020 be adopted as amended.”</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-93)
3.2	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, March 23, 2020 M/S Roden / Anderson <i>“That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, March 23, 2020 be adopted as presented.”</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-94)

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1	N/A	
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5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
5.1	WRAPS Grant in Aid Request M/S Tuohey / Anderson Mayor Roden recused herself as a member of the Society she is in a conflict of interest. <i>"That Council provide a grant in aid in the amount of \$500 to WRAPS"</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-95)
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
5.2	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Letter to Families regarding COVID-19	
5.3	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Board of Education – Suspension of all In-House Classes due to COVID-19	
5.4	EMBC Letter – Local Plans in Place for Facilities	
5.5	Dag Sharman, BC Hydro Community Relations Manager – Introduction of BC Hydro COVID-19 Relief Fund and Customer Assistance Program	
5.6	Information Correspondence Listing M/S Roden / Anderson <i>"That the information correspondence list be received and filed."</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-96)

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1	Motions List M/S Roden / Davenport <i>"That the motions list be received and filed."</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-97)
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7. **NEW BUSINESS**

*Business arising from the current Council Meeting may be added to the agenda for discussion*

7.1	N/A	
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8. **BYLAWS**

8.1	Council Procedure Bylaw No. 834 Final Adoption M/S Tuohey / Anderson <i>That Council adopt the "Village of Ashcroft Council Procedure Bylaw No. 834, 2020".</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-98)
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9. **STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
9.1	Community Forum Cancellation M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>"That Council approve the cancellation of the scheduled Community Forum on April 16, 2020."</i>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-99)
9.2	Town Hall – Virtual M/S Roden / Tuohey	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-100)

	<i>"That Council approve the rescheduling of the May 4, 2020 Town Hall Meeting to a virtual platform unless the COVID-19 restrictions for public gathering has been lifted, provide opportunity to receive questions or comments in advance from the public; and further that the meeting format change be advertised."</i>	
9.3	<p><b>Essential Services – MAA – Report</b> M/S Roden / Tuohey</p> <p><i>"That Council approve the Village of Ashcroft participation in the proposed TNRD inter-community Essential Services Mutual Aid Agreement subject to a provision being made for reimbursement for applicable expenses such as a schedule of applicable expenses for reimbursement."</i></p>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-101)
9.4	<p><b>WSP Whistle Cessation Report</b> M/S Roden / Davenport</p> <p><i>"That Council receive the WSP Whistle Cessation and Old Cariboo Road Inspection Report for information as presented." Clarification re: Who is obligated to cover the costs of the crossing upgrade? This report will come back for Council discussion at a later date when the Public is able to attend the meeting.</i></p>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-102)
9.5	<p><b>Approval of Audited Financial Statements</b> M/S Anderson / Tuohey</p> <p><i>"That Council approve the 2019 Audited Financial Statements"</i></p>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-103)
9.6	<p><b>Rescind Budget and Approve Revised</b> M/S Roden / Anderson</p> <p><i>"That Council rescind the 2020 budget approved at the Special Meeting of Council on February 10, 2020 (S-2020-05) and approve new revised 2020 budget." CFO Clarified the budget change: removal of 2.5 % tax increase due to COVID-19 challenges to residents, zero anticipated revenues from recreation/parks. The Village will be operating with less staff no DCO position and we are not able to hire all summer staff due to social distancing. <b>Budget is balanced</b></i></p>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-104)
9.7	<p><b>Curling Club Upgrades</b> M/S Roden / Tuohey</p> <p><i>"That Council approve the dual compressor system quote from Norlock Refrigeration in the amount of \$152,900, and that staff move forward with the Ice Plant replacement." Roof and electrical upgrades will also be required, not included in the quotes above. Estimated cost of roof and electrical upgrades is \$20,000</i></p>	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-105)
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
	N/A	

## 10. COUNCIL REPORTS

10.1	Mayor Roden - Report	
10.2	Councillor Anderson	
10.3	Councillor Anstett - Report	
10.4	Councillor Davenport	
10.5	Councillor Tuohey - Report	



**11. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

11.1	N/A	
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**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

*Any member of the public may ask a question of Council if that question pertains to any item on the current Council Agenda. The order of which people from the gallery may ask questions is at the sole discretion of the Mayor; that person has not already asked a question; additional questions may be asked if no other member of the public desires to ask a question; and no longer than 15 minutes has elapsed since Question Period has commenced.*

Due to COVID-19 restrictions comments and questions were received by email or phone prior to the meeting and are listed below:

Resident: Received through the media

Question concerning property damaged by fire on Brink Street – Not an agenda item;

Question regarding promotion of an educational program regarding water conservation – not an agenda item.

Non-Resident: Received via email

Clarification of item 3.1 Resolutions released from Closed Meeting attachment;

Clarification of item 3.2 COTW Minutes regarding members of the public;

Comment regarding item 6.1 Motions list – Digital static sign;

Clarification of item 8.1 Staff Report to Council public hearing;

Comments regarding item 9.4 WSP Whistle cessation, who is responsible for cost of upgrades the Village or CN?

Meeting will be up on the HUB online tomorrow morning

**13. CLOSED MEETING**

**Roden / Anderson**

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

13.1	(a) personnel; (k) provision of municipal services	Carried Unanimous (R-2020-105)
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**14. TERMINATION**

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*“That the regular meeting of Council for Tuesday April 14, 2020 be adjourned at 6:07*

CARRIED – Unanimous – (R-2020-106)