



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

FOR MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 AT 5:00 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Marilyn Anderson
Councillor, Nadine Davenport – Chair
Councillor, Deb Tuohey

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

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EXCUSED: Councillor, Jonah Anstett

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Councillor Davenport to order at 5:00 pm

“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Anderson / Tuohey

CARRIED – Unanimous -

3. **MINUTES**

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council

4. **DELEGATIONS**

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5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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6. **BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

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7. **STAFF REPORTS**

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| <p>7.1</p> | <p>CAO Report – Burning Bylaw Survey Feedback</p> <p>CAO Dyck provided Council with a brief summary of the survey results and staff report, cautioning Council to consider all risk factors. Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey indicates the majority of the respondents do not want to allow backyard burning, open burning, or waste burning; • It is 2021, there are various ways to remove yard clippings other than burning • Mayor Roden read a letter to the editor in favour of removing spring clippings rather than burning dated March 1914 • 36% above the age of 65 in VOA have high incidences of COPD • Smoke is triggering anxiety, particularly yard waste • VOA Logo - wellness awaits you, we are promoting this as a place to come and be well – backyard burning does not promote this; • Caution- it takes one ember to start a fire, we have so many older homes and fire risk • Err on the side of safety and caution, not allow for toxins to be released to the air • Some neighbouring communities allow campfires with safety precautions such as: 8L of water, shovel, hose, etc. • Develop rules and have them available also attach rules to the regulations should be required to be signed off • There may be many campfires at the beginning but the novelty likely would wear off. • BC Wildfire fire ban supersede all VAO bylaws • Kids always play in fire even under supervision, propane fires, removes the risk. Climate change is impacting our weather, we are hotter and windier, we need to protect our environment and the health of our community • Point of interest, May in Kamloops was the driest in 120 years. Rainfall and wind is a concern. • Refuse mitigation is a separate issue, but needs to be addressed, perhaps public education is a key factor for consideration. <p>Roden / Tuohey <i>Motion to rise and report to the open meeting to get feed back from the FD regarding regulating campfires.</i> CARRIED - Anderson - Opposed</p> | |
| <p>7.2</p> | <p>CFO Report – Water/Sewer Fee Reassessment CFO Bhalla provided clarity in regards to restaurant classifications Staff is not proposing changing the fee structure, rather classification changes instead. Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase 11+ seat restaurant to 29+ • Don't want to discourage restaurateurs due to fee classification • Caution that charging per seat would be a challenge for staff to develop accurate billing • Should outdoor patios be included in the seat count? | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed car wash structure – this comparison is based on other communities’ fees in the region • Intention is not to increase revenues, the WTP operating fund is balanced • Consider changing car wash fee structure into per bay category • Comment that the car wash is open longer and throughout the cooler season on warm days • CFO provided Council with fee examples for car wash bays from other communities nearby. • Reduce 31+ restaurant rate to \$1500.00 • Comment to consider water usage car wash bay vs restaurant – ie: car wash is 5gal/minute • Slight increase to car wash - \$700/bay • Restaurant seat count excludes outdoor patio spaces • Proposed 3 tier seating: 1-20, 21-50, 51+ • Research actual seating in current restaurants • Research IH classification / seats • Alignment - consider 3 tier classifications • Bring back for further discussion. <p>M/S Davenport / Anderson <i>Motion to Rise and Report</i> Carried - Unanimous</p> | |
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8. CLOSED MEETING

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

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9. TERMINATION

M/S Davenport / Tuohy

That, the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday June 14, 2021 be adjourned at 5:59pm

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Minutes for the COTW Meeting
held Monday June 14, 2021

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Nadine Davenport,
Deputy Mayor, Chair