



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT:

5:00 PM ON MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Barbara Roden  
Councillor, Marilyn Anderson  
Councillor, Nadine Davenport  
Councillor, Deb Tuohey - Zoom

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

Media – 1  
Public – 1

**EXCUSED** Councillor Jonah Anstett

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Deputy Mayor Councillor Tuohey, Mayor Roden chaired the meeting.

*“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**

**M/S Anderson / Davenport**

*THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for Monday April 11, 2022 be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – COTW-2022-01

3. **MINUTES**

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

	None	
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5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**




**6. BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

6.1	<p>CAO Report - Village of Ashcroft Local Government Elections and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 816, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voting machines – some discussion in regards to affordability, research is ongoing, was proven to be previously unaffordable</li> <li>• Tie breaker – discussions regarding resolving tie elections by conducting a run off election or by lot. Council does not wish to amend this portion of the bylaw keeping the tie vote to be determined by lot process.</li> <li>• Additional advance voting – currently the bylaw specifies the number of additional advance voting days as well as when. After some discussion Council agrees that it would be better for the bylaw to enable the Chief Election Officer to make this determination.</li> <li>• Polling place – currently the bylaw indicates the Community Hall as the voting place. Legal opinion indicates it is better to enable the Chief Election Officer to determine the polling station at each election. If the polling station is stated in the bylaw, the bylaw must be amended if prior to moving the polling station, not determining the polling station creates a more fluid bylaw.</li> <li>• Mail in Ballots – many municipalities are moving to this format. Currently do not have the ability to cast a vote by mail. Concerns were raised of someone casting two votes, how is this safeguarded. Council requested more information in regards to process and cost to be brought back at a future Council meeting.</li> </ul>
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**7. STAFF REPORTS**

	None
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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*

	<b>NONE</b>
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**Mayor Roden allowed Questions;**

Cam Tedford  
 Vivian Edwards  
 Anne McKague



**9. TERMINATION**

Motion to Rise and Report

**M/S Roden / Davenport**

*THAT, the Committee of the Whole rise and report to Council with the recommendation that staff look into the ramification of mail in voting and that the polling location and advance voting dates be removed from the bylaw and replaced with "at the discretion of the Chief Election Officer" for both items.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – COTW-2022-02

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*THAT, the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for Monday, April 11, 2022 be adjourned at 5:45 pm.*

CARRIED – Unanimous – COTW-2022-03

Certified to be a true copy of the  
Committee of the Whole Meeting of  
Council held Monday, April 11, 2022

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Daniela Dyck  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden  
Mayor