



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

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

Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
 Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
 Brian Bennewith, Director of Public Works

Media – 1
 Public – 6

EXCUSED: Councillor, Marilyn Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday August 22, 2022 to order at 6:00PM. *“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”*

1. 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 Monday, August 22, 2022 be adopted as amended to include two items under Action Correspondence: item 7.3 Letter of Support Request from the Equality Project and item 7.4 Invitation to Attend the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association AGM in November.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-198

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 25, 2022 M/S Jonah / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 25, 2022 be adopted as amended.</i> <i>Edit Barn Dance under Public Input as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn dance – Clarification requested in regards to business operations during the event. 	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-199
2.2	Minutes of the Public Hearing held Monday, July 25, 2022 M/S Davenport / Tuohey <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Public Hearing held Monday, July 25, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-200

3. DELEGATIONS

<p>3.1</p>	<p>John van Beers, Parking Access to his property at 124 3rd Street Mr. Van Beers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owns property directly across from the liquor store • Would like to know what the Village position is in regards to parking in front of his property • Parking is required for his business use • Mr. Van Beers has reminded people that park in front of his property not to block access, this has led to confrontations • RCMP has been involved • RCMP consulted with village in regards to the parking incidents and Mr. Van Beers was advised by RCMP of the conversation • Feels that the village is not supportive of the situation • Mr. Van Beers has met with senior staff at the office and at his property to discuss his concerns • A draft Agreement was forwarded to Mr. Van Beers as a solution to construct a sidewalk with driveway access (1 single, 1 double drop down) • Mr. Van Beers feels parking is not adequate under the proposed agreement and is not what he believes was agreed to • Historically the property was a gas station, car dealership, garage • Mayor Roden clarified that the Village is proposing a sidewalk to be constructed with 1 single access to parking (former Seeds of Tyme building) and one double access at the garage • Mr. Van Beers noted his previously proposed idea to paint no parking on road in front of his property • Requests the Village forward their position in writing <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query in regards to signing of the draft agreement • Query in regards to current business license status
<p>3.2</p>	<p>RCMP, Cpl. Lepine - Quarterly update Ashcroft Detachment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic enforcement increase since March 2022 (beginning of RCMP fiscal year) • 121 motoring public excluding highway patrol in detachment coverage area • 2 new recruits • Areas of note in the community Elm St, stop sign at Government, stop sign at Ranch, Mesa Vista 30km zone • Calls for service 1196 compared to last year 1326 at the same time • Last year's calls for service may have generated more files • COVID restrictions across the province had a higher call volume • Charges to date going forward to crown 38 – 46 last year at the same time • Have been operating at a deficit for some time will be fully staffed this fall • Corp. Benfeld joining team from Lillooet, 4 Constables, 3 traffic members and Commander Lepine • Traffic members do not do any other police work, they do provide some assistance but mostly deal with motoring public • Detachment is in planning for the fall and cooler weather conditions • Working and planning on homelessness issues (Ashcroft does have a small homeless population) Would like to work with partners to get ahead of the homeless situation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see working towards permanent residency as long-term solution for homelessness • Lower income housing landlord tenant issues have seen an increase in calls for service • Congratulated the organizers of the music in the park • A few concerns of underage drinking • Should have had an increased RCMP presence, if this becomes a recurring event RCMP will have more involvement • Homeless population is minimal, concern that a current proposed project may attract an influx that we don't have the resources to manage • RCMP want to ensure homeless population health and safety <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Roden thanked Corp. Lepine for his attendance • Asked how long he will remain as team leader in Ashcroft • Comment that Heritage Park seems to be getting vandalized by youth - RCMP is aware of the concern
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

Mr. Van Beers 124 – 3rd Street Ashcroft

- Comment in regards to a non-agenda item

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>Bylaw No. 854 – Village of Ashcroft Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2022 M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Bylaw No. 854, Village of Ashcroft Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2022 be ADOPTED.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-201
5.2	<p>Bylaw No. 855 – Village of Ashcroft OCP Amendment Bylaw, 2022 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, Bylaw No. 855, Village of Ashcroft OCP Amendment Bylaw, 2022 be ADOPTED.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-202
5.3	<p>Bylaw No. 856 – Village of Ashcroft Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 2022 M/S Davenport / Tuohey <i>That, Bylaw No 856, Village of Ashcroft Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw, 2022 be given first and second reading.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-203

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO, Daniela Dyck, Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan Report M/S Anstett / Tuohey <i>THAT, Council deem Strategic Priority #1 complete and that the Working Group for the Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan be disbanded.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-204

6.2	<p>CAO, Daniela Dyck, Community Garden – Heritage Park Report M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council deem Strategic Priority #6 complete and that the Working Group for the Community Garden and Heritage Park and Tree assessment be disbanded.</i></p> <p>Staff presented a 3D video prepared by Sirocco Landscape Design to present the working group vision of the front end of Heritage Park revitalization.</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-205
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	<p>CFO, Yogi Bhalla, Verbal Financial Update CFO Bhalla highlighted each account providing explanations for any variances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half way through the year, financials are on target • Worked very hard to keep tax increase at 2.5% <p>Revenues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New market changes has increased taxation revenues (this is based on new construction) • Positive balances in all revenue accounts <p>Sewer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift station costs show the account in the negative, as grant funds are received the account will balance (lift station is 100% grant funded) • DPW gave a brief update in regards to Lift Station 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generator issues are being sorted out (generator seems to start up at random) ○ Kiosk wrap needs cooler weather to complete installation ○ Pump capacity issues - engineers are looking to ensure we meet our current and future growth needs <p>Water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expense accounts are in a positive position • Budget includes the new membrane increase which filled the existing trains • Revenue side – water bills meet the expense need <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects are coming to conclusion, working groups are beginning to wrap up • Hot tub contractor is expected in Ashcroft in September after pool closes • Tax season went without issue, moving toward tax sale deadlines, letters are being sent to delinquent property owners, but things look good • EV Charging due to be installed this fall ongoing project since previous council <p>M/S Roden / Tuohey <i>THAT, the quarterly financial report be received for information.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-206

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Resolution in support of Rail Safety Week M/S Roden / Tuohey</p>	CARRIED Unanimous

	<i>It is hereby RESOLVED that the Village of Ashcroft support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 19 to 25, 2022.</i>	R-2022-207
7.2	WRAPS – Request for a Grant in Aid in support of a Fall Production Mayor Roden declared herself in a conflict as she is on the WRAPS board and recused herself at 7:07 pm returning at 7:10 pm. Council was advised that the Conditional Grant in Aid budget is allocated; however, there are some remaining funds available in the Unconditional Grant in Aid budget for 2022 that could be accessed. M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the Grant in Aid request from WRAPS in the amount of \$500.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-208
7.3	The Equality Project – Request for Letter of Support M/S Roden / Anstett <i>THAT, Council defers a decision and invite Director Magwood to present to Council and answer Council’s concerns.</i> It was noted that a Special Meeting of Council may be required if the request is time sensitive due to grant application intake deadline.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-209
7.4	Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association – Invitation to attend AGM in November M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, Ashcroft’s EDT Margaret Moreira be approved to attend the CCCTA 2022 AGM.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-210
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	Virtual Townhall Meeting August 31 st 2022	
7.6	Breaking Barriers together Association Letter	
7.7	Valerie Freestone Letter – Rainbow Crosswalk	
7.8	Michelle Cooper – Saving Lives	
7.9	Derrick Waldman – Emergency Services Situation	
7.10	Flip Chart Correspondence	
7.11	M/S Tuohey / Anstett <i>THAT, the Information Correspondence items be received and filed.</i> Mayor Roden and Councillor Tuohey commented in support of the rainbow crosswalk.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-211

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Task Manager be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-212
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	Minutes of the quarterly Transit Meeting August 17, 2022 M/S Tuohey / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Quarterly Transit Meeting for August 17, 2022 be received and filed.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-213
10.2	Minutes from Economic Development & Tourism Meeting July 6, 2022 M/S Tuohey / Anstett	CARRIED



	<p><i>THAT, the Minutes from the Economic Development & Tourism Meeting for July 6, 2022 be received and filed.</i></p> <p>Invite EDT to next meeting to present the Ashcroft commercial ads</p>	<p>Unanimous R-2022-214</p>
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden – Report Mayor Roden provided a brief update in regards to the TNRD Board meeting held in the area the previous week highlighting the Honor Ranch, Library, Eco Depot, HUB Question is regards to Esther Darlington’s Art at the Library - art work not to leave the premises or be relocated -TNRD is aware and has a plan in place to rotate artwork.</p>	
11.2	Councillor Anderson	
11.3	Councillor Anstett	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Tuohey - Report	
	<p>M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Mayor Roden and Councillor Touhey’s Council Reports be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-215</p>

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

M/S Roden / Davenport

THAT, the Regular Council Meeting for Monday August 22, 2022 be adjourned at 7:21 pm.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-2016

Certified to be a true copy of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday August 22, 2022.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor