



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019

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

Anne Yanciw, Chief Administrative Officer  
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer  
S. Daniela Dyck, Deputy Corporate Officer

Media & Public

**EXCUSED:**

Mayor Roden advised that public that the Council meeting is being recorded and lives streamed. Mayor Roden further advised the HUB Online Network that the Delegation from Teck, Highland Valley Copper requested not to be recorded or live streamed and that recording and streaming may begin at the conclusion of the Teck, HVC delegation presentation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to adopt the agenda*

**M/S Roden / Tuohey**

*"That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for December 9, 2019 be adopted as presented."*

**CARRIED (01-12-2019)**

3. **MINUTES**

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday November 25, 2019  
*Mayor Roden declared the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for November 25, 2019 adopted as presented."*

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1. **Teck, Highland Valley Copper**, Peter Martell, Superintendent of Environment and Community Affairs, Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer, Environment and Community Relations and Charlene VanDean, Economic Development Coordinator  
Mr. Martell provided a brief overview of current operations and future endeavors for the mine including:

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- Autonomous dump truck pilot program, if program is successful the mine will move to full automation in the next 4 years and operate up to 40 autonomous dump trucks.
- HVC is planning on keeping current levels of work force even if moving to autonomous dump trucks.
- Mine is scheduled to close in 2027 – 2028, HVC is applying for an expansion to extend the life of the mine to 2040. Application to be submitted by end of 2020, approval by end of 2021, construction begins 2022 and expansion pit to be operational by 2024.
- Technology and efficiency is expanding and Teck has rolled out a new program called Race21
- Mr. Martell advised Council that the Village will be contacted in the near future by the Ministry of Environment regarding the proposed expansion.

Mayor Roden asked if a tour of the mine could be arranged, Mr. Martell suggested a spring tour would be best.

#### **4.2. Village Christmas Tree, Joyce Beddow**

Ms. Beddow addressed Council on behalf of a small group of locals that would like to enhance the Christmas Lights in the community. The vision of the group includes:

- Begin small with one or two trees next year to be decorated at Heritage Park.
- Invite community groups and businesses to sponsor trees
- Establish a group to oversee the project
- Wondering about liabilities and what Council's concerns might be?
- The vision is to establish a "Winter Wonderland" at Heritage Park.

Council thought this was a great idea and liked the idea of a "Winter Wonderland"; however, Council did share a concern regarding set up, take down and storage of lights and decorations.

Mayor Roden thanked both delegations for their presentations and for the work that they are doing in the community and region.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **FOR ACTION**

#### **5.1. Steve Takacs – Bylaw No. 753 Amendment Proposal**

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*"That staff write a letter advising Mr. Takacs that Council is unable to amend a Bylaw for one property owner."*

**CARRIED (02-12-2019)**

### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **5.2. Ashcroft Terminal – Safety of DSCS Students**

**M/S Anderson / Anstett**

*Motion to receive and file*

**CARRIED (03-12-2019)**

Concern that community does not seem to be adjusting to the slough not being accessible to the public. Public safety is the main concern, and commented that it is a federal offense to cross a rail line where there is no crossing.

Public education suggestion for CN Rail to engage with the public and encourage the public to respect the transition of the property use.

#### **5.3. Information Correspondence Listing to December 9, 2019**

**M/S Anstett / Anderson**

*"That the Information Correspondence listing to December 9, 2019 be received and filed."*

**CARRIED (04-12-2019)**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 Motions List**

**M/S Anderson / Tuohey**

*"That the Motions list for December 9, 2019 be received and filed."*

**CARRIED (05-12-2019)**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**7.1. N/A**

**8. BYLAWS**

**8.1. N/A**

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**9.1. CAO – Declaration of Fire Services Level**

**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*"THAT Council approve Policy #5.1, Declared Fire Operations Service Level."*

**CARRIED (06-12-2019)**

**9.2. CAO – Request for Support for Intern Application**

**M/S Anderson / Davenport**

*"THAT Council of the Village of Ashcroft supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$35,000 to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program from the Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet Regional Account. The Village of Ashcroft is committed to providing sufficient financial and staffing resources to host an intern and is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities for the intern."*

**CARRIED (07-12-2019)**

**9.3 DCO – 2020 Council Meeting Dates**

**M/S Tuohey / Anstett**

*"That Council approve the 2020 Ashcroft Council Meeting Dates schedule."*

**CARRIED (08-12-2019)**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**9.4 CFO – Budget Presentation – CFO Bhalla presented Council with a verbal and digital review of the current financial status and commented that the Auditor met with the Finance Committee earlier this afternoon. During the financial update CFO Bhalla noted that Environmental Health Services is the only category in the General account that is in the red due the Garbage Truck requiring repairs.  
Sewer – overall budget is balanced  
Water – overall budget variance is positive all primary accounts are good and GL's are on budget.  
End of year CFO is checking that things are coded properly in preparation for the upcoming audit.**

CFO – Asset Management Presentation –

CFO Bhalla provided a summary of the Village’s assets excluding the WTP as it is still in progress noting that the Village recently received approval for the project expansion. Most assets are in moderate position, there is nothing in critical condition, most of our assets are in fair condition.

Asset registry is tracking all assets, CFO Bhalla provided a brief overview of the new program including a cost comparison of program development.

CFO Bhalla presented the newly developed Asset Management portal, demonstrated the mapping interface and highlighted how this will assist all Village departments moving forward, the interface is compatible with cell phones and PW staff is able to access the data at any time providing they have internet access. CFO Bhalla also explained that the public will have access to parts of the system through the Village Website in the near future.

Mayor Roden thanked CFO Bhalla

- 9.5** Fire Chief White – Mental Wellness in the Fire Services Report – CAO Yanciw explained that there was a scheduling conflict and regrettably Chief White has requested that his presentation be rescheduled to January.

**10. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**10.1. MAYOR RODEN**

Verbal report

Mayor Roden gave a verbal report of recently attended meetings and upcoming meetings

**10.2. COUNCILLOR ANDERSON**

**10.3. COUNCILLOR ANSTETT**

**10.4. COUNCILLOR DAVENPORT**

**10.5. COUNCILLOR TUOHEY**

**11. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETINGS**

11.1. N/A

**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.*

- No questions from the gallery
- Comment commending CFO Bhalla’s Asset Management presentation
- Comment commending the new Agenda format

**13. CLOSED MEETING**

13.1. N/A

14. **TERMINATION**  
**M/S Roden / Anderson**

*"That the Regular Meeting of Council for December 9, 2019 be terminated at 5:49 pm"*

Certified to be a true copy of  
The Regular Meeting of Council held  
Monday December 9, 2019.

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Barbara Roden, Mayor

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Anne Yanciw, Chief Administrative Officer

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