

Ashcroft, and the COVID-19 Pandemic

We are hearing on a daily basis, that these are unprecedented times, despite the unprecedented nature of this pandemic, panic serves no purpose in the community. The Village office is taking direction from the public health agencies as they have jurisdiction. Village staff is participating in the weekly Interior Health COVID-19 teleconferences to stay informed as to what is happening within the Interior Health Region in regard to COVID-19.

To keep the public informed, we have updated the home page of the Village website, scroll down and you will see a “News” icon beside the “live, work, play” icons. You can click on the link and it will redirect you to the News and Events page where links to current and factual information will be posted. The Village will monitor this page daily and update as new information is available.

Council and staff are planning and developing operational procedures to ensure essential services, water, sewer, fire protection and garbage disposal are operational in the event of potential staff shortages. We are preparing for the worst, and hoping for the best.

The Village office is open for business as usual; however, we are taking added precautions and are disinfecting counters, pin pads, door knobs and other commonly touched surfaces regularly. With the government emphasis on social distancing, we would like to encourage residents to consider alternative ways of bill payments such as through your banking institution or mail especially if you are feeling unwell.

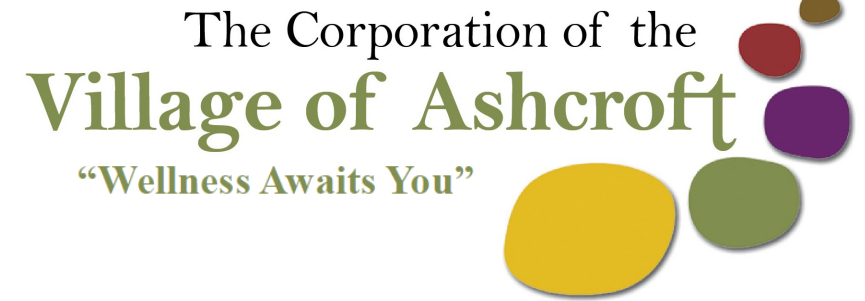
What can you do to help us? It is important that we take the direction from our public health officials seriously. We collectively have the ability to slow this virus down and flatten the curve, protecting our health care system and ensuring those that are in need of it the most have the access when they require it. There are common sense practices that everyone can do to prevent infection and transmission. This includes hand washing, sneezing or coughing into your sleeve, avoiding touching your face, and practicing social distancing.

Again, as we hear regularly, stay healthy, wash your hands, practice social distancing, stay home if you are sick with any form of cold or flu and above all be kind.

For links to current COVID-19 information visit the Village of Ashcroft Website:
www.ashcroftbc.ca click the “news: link at the bottom of the home page

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March 2020 Newsletter



*“Spring will come and so will happiness,
hold on, life will get warmer.”*

Anita Krizzan

Community Update

Mayor Roden and Council would like to take a few minutes of your time to tell you about a number of things they have been working on as well as some past community events:

- Council is in the process of adopting a new Council Procedures Bylaw.
- Council approved the regular road closure for the 10th Annual Skip's Memorial Charity Run.
- Council endorsed the new Asset Management Policy , Strategy and Plan.
- Council has approved the 2020 Budget , and will present the 5 Year Financial Plan at the Town Hall Meeting May 4, 2020.
- Council is moving forward with repairs to the Curling Rink facility.
- Council endorsed Policy # A-01-2020 IT Equipment Use Policy—this policy was implemented to support Council with moving towards digital agenda's .
- Council participated in a Community to Community Forum at the Ashcroft Indian Band's new Roundhouse. Items discussed were collaborations between the communities, development of a Protocol Agreement and potential joint projects.
- Council approved various facility use, donations and letter of support requests.
- Council approved the Canada Day Committee's request to increase funding by 10% for 2020
- Council approved the repainting of the Rainbow Crosswalk in collaboration with the Sexual Orientation Gender Identification Alliance from Desert Sands Community School.
- Council approved Mayor Roden to attend Highland Valley Copper Environmental Assessment Working Group meetings
- Council approved a Notice of Motion to have staff provide a report to Council regarding the reconsideration of backyard burning.

Did you know, you can watch Council meetings online? The HUB Online Network streams Council meetings on YouTube!

Other Village News:

"The Village of Ashcroft wishes to announce that Anne Yanciw has resigned her position as Chief Administrative Officer. While Ms. Yanciw has enjoyed her time with the Village, she has decided to pursue other professional interests. The Village wishes her well and thanks her for her service. Deputy Corporate Officer Daniela Dyck has been appointed Interim CAO. Mayor and council look forward to working with her on the many projects and initiatives currently underway."

Barbara Roden
MAYOR, Village of Ashcroft

Upcoming Community Events and Notices

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Mar 23—Committee of the Whole—6:00 pm

Mar 23—Council Meeting—7:00 pm

Apr 14—Council Meeting—4:30 pm

Apr 16—Community Forum—7:00 pm

Apr. 27—Committee of the Whole—6:00 pm

Apr. 27—Council Meeting—7:00 pm

May 4—Town Hall Meeting—7:00 pm

Regularly scheduled Council meetings will continue as scheduled until further notice.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours:8:00 am to 4:00 pm (closed for lunch from 12-1 daily)

To ensure public and staff safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured that staff is taking every precaution to keep the office germ free. However, if you are feeling unwell, we ask that you please consider alternate methods of working with us.

Special note: the Village office will be open during lunch hour from March 16 - 31, 2020 for those wanting to come in an pay their utility bills before the deadline.

TNRD BUILDING INSPECTOR

The TNRD Building Inspector continues to be in Ashcroft Tuesdays from 10—11 am. Please call the TNRD office directly at 1-877-377-8673 if you have any questions regarding inspections.

2020 UTILITY PAYMENTS

Payments on 2020 Utility bills must be received at the Village office by 4:00 pm March 31, 2020 to qualify for the discount. ***SORRY, POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE OF PAYMENT. If you are uncomfortable coming to the office, please feel free to mail your payments to: Village of Ashcroft, PO Box 129, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0***

2020 LICENCES

2020 Dog Licences and Commercial Vehicle decals are for sale at the Village office, if you have not purchased yours this year please do so.

2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Copies of the Village of Ashcroft Council meetings for 2020 are available at the Village office during regular office hours or can be viewed on our website at www.ashcroftbc.ca/council_meeting_schedule