



Ashcroft Responds to Wildfires

July was a very busy month for our local Volunteer Fire Fighters beginning with the heat wave over the southern part of the province in late June which caused multiple grass fires in and around Ashcroft setting new record highs for many communities, the most memorable for Lytton. Sadly, on June 30th the community was lost to the devastating Lytton Creek Fire. The Ashcroft Fire Department responded to the call sending the Tender and firefighters to assist Lytton, later Engine 3 was also requested; but was returned to base when the devastation was realized. In the following days other wildfires were reported actioning the Fire Department various times to contain and extinguish interface fires in and around Ashcroft often supported by the Cache Creek Fire Department, Bonaparte, Ashcroft Ranch and Ashcroft Terminal water trucks as well as other local support. The tireless efforts of all those protecting the Ashcroft Fire protection area from wildfire is greatly appreciated.

On July 12, 2021 the Tremont Creek Wildfire was reported. The Ashcroft FD assisted the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) providing structural protection assistance, night patrols and other supports as needed or requested by the BCWS. The Tremont Creek fire challenged the Barnes Lake and YD Ranch and the Whalachin area for many days before moving north east towards Tunkwa Lake. Many resources were deployed from BCWS, and other FD's from all over BC, local ranchers and equipment operators, First Nations, local industry and others. Village staff and Council representatives participated in the daily briefing calls as well as other briefings as required for decision making such as potential alerts and orders to be issued.

To protect the community, many initiatives were undertaken such as the Fire Department and Public Works reestablishing the fire guard at the Mesa subdivision which was later supported with a temporary sprinkler system provided by Desert Hills Ranch. Mesa Vista Drive boulevards were cleaned of all grass and brush by public works staff to protect the Hydro poles from burning and blocking the evacuation route in the event of fire sweeping through the area. Daily bulletins were published by the Village staff and posted to social media and the village website.

Thank you to our Fire Department, public works and office staff for doing their best to protect the community and keep everyone informed. Last but not least, thank you to the individuals that showed your support, it is greatly appreciated!

Hot Tub Replacement

There is an end in sight for what seems like a never ending project. Relaxing in the new Hot Tub will be on the Pool Program for the 2022 season. COVID supply chain and service interruptions have delayed the project. Staff have worked through all the required IHA permitting to ensure the new hot tub will meet all health regulations. Currently, Engineers are in the final stages of the hot tub design and drawings which will form part of the RFP package when the project is tendered to determine the contractor. After the pool season comes to an end, the old hot tub will be demolished and the site prepared for the new tub to be installed in the spring prior to the 2022 pool season.

Lift Station Project Process

The planned construction is to start September 2021. This will be a complete replacement of the #1 Lift Station. Aiming completion is end of November 2021. So, what is the purpose of the lift station? There are 6 lift stations in Ashcroft, which lift the sewage collected throughout Ashcroft and pump it to the Sewage Treatment Plant for processing. The lift stations are a vital component in keeping your toilets flushed and drains clear. This project is grant funded by the Province.

Ashcroft Fire Hall #2

The grant funding agreement for the Fire hall upgrades has been signed and we are approved to move forward with the design phase of the project. For the initial grant the Village proposed concept drawings which now need an architect's rendering for RFP submission requests. Once the architect is under contract, staff will work to move the project forward in a timely manner. Expected completion date is December 2022.

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Marilyn Anderson

Jonah Anstett

Nadine Davenport

Deb Tuohey

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Amended STAGE 2

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Even numbered houses should only water on even calendar days, odd numbered houses should only water on odd calendar days.

Odd /Even Days

Hand watering only from 6-9am

Sprinkling 8-11pm

In-ground irrigation systems 3-6am

HEAT EXHAUSTION	HEAT STROKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faint Or Dizzy Excessive Sweating Cool, Pale, Clammy Palms Nausea or Vomiting Rapid, Weak Pulse Muscle Cramps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throbbing Headache Sweating Stops Temperature Over 103 deg. Nausea or Vomiting Rapid, Strong Pulse Loss of Consciousness
<p>STAY SAFE</p> <p>DRINK WATER</p> <p>TAKE A BREAK</p> <p>AVOID PEAK TEMPS</p> <p>WORK IN TEAMS</p> <p>WEAR SUNSCREEN</p>	
<p>TREATMENT OPTIONS</p> <p>Get to a cooler, air conditioned area</p> <p>Drink water if fully conscious</p> <p>take a cool shower</p> <p>use a cool Compress</p>	<p>CALL 9-1-1 Immediately</p> <p>Reduce Temperature Until Emergency Services Arrive</p>

What has Council been up to?

- Council approved the Public Engagement Policy
- Council is registered to attend the Virtual Annual UBCM convention
- Council has requested meetings at UBCM with the Minister of Health, Minister of Forests, Minister for Public Safety and the Solicitor General and EMBC.
- Council approved the new Fire Department Constitution
- Council appointed Josh White as Interim Fire Chief
- Established an EOC Emergency Operation Centre during the Tremont Creek Fire while fire activity was close to the community
- Working Group Meetings are temporarily paused until the summer is over and the threat of wildfire is eliminated.
- Projects will continue to move forward as scheduled previously by the working groups

Community Hall

During the past COVID-19 restrictions, the Village took the opportunity to upgrade the flooring in the Community Hall. It is installed and sealed and ready to go! It will be available come August 16, 2021 for bookings, following Provincial Guidelines for indoor settings. Please call the Village Office to book.

Economic Development and Tourism

Business Façade Improvement Grant

Would your local downtown business like to make improvements to its exterior façade? Your project may be eligible for a 50% rebate up to a maximum of \$5,000. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 31 or when funding runs out.

- Exterior Lighting (new but not replacement)
- Exterior architectural features
- Exterior surfaces and details (decorative details, moldings, trims, etc.)
- Windows (Please see guidelines for details)
- New Siding
- Façade Painting (including murals and mosaics)
- Entrances and doorways (please see guidelines for details)
- Awnings
- Signage (affixed to the building)
- Wayfinding signage (please see guidelines for Details)
- Accessibility improvements (please see guidelines for details)
- Program guidelines and application form can be found online at www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms

Mesa Vista Fire Guard



Public Works staff and Fire Department clearing the fire guard.

Events & Meetings

Council Meetings:
August 23, 2021
Museum - Open
Legacy Park- Open
Pool- Open

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

The Village of Ashcroft, The Village of Cache Creek and The Village of Clinton, are very excited to announce that the Inter Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer will start working August 16, 2021. He will be working two days in Ashcroft, one day in Cache Creek and one day in Clinton. Sam hails from the Lower Mainland has worked previously in Bylaw Enforcement and we look forward to welcome him to our communities.



Love Ashcroft

The Love Ashcroft Program would like to welcome The Ashcroft HUB Society and Ashcroft Sam's Diner. This is a great way to have an online presence without the headache of managing a website. Check out these new businesses and the many others at <https://lovenorthernbc.com/community/ashcroft/>

If you are an independent business located in Ashcroft and would like to learn more about the program, give us a call at 250-453-9161 and we would be happy to help answer any questions.

Village of Ashcroft Pocket Guide

Have you picked up your copy of the new Village of Ashcroft Pocket Guide? You can find them at many of the local businesses or at the village office.

