



## Engaging with Council and Village Priorities

An update on the Working Groups established by Council to implement the 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities:

1. Heritage Park Assessment and Community Garden continues to be a very active working group. A tree assessment of all Village parks was carried out by Arborist, Greg Houghton of Kamloops with the assistance of Mehal Bhalla, our summer office student. Each tree has been identified and is included as part of our Asset Management Program. Mr. Houghton is following up with a report on his findings. The Community Garden design and implementation continues to progress and the group is working on finalizing rules and regulations to incorporate into our community garden.
2. Ashcroft Volunteer Fire Department Working Group is another very active group. The AVFD Constitution is in the final stages of completion with the final draft going before Council for approval shortly. CFO, Yogi Bhalla presented new remuneration rates which have been unanimously agreed upon and will be implemented upon Council's approval. Code of Conduct and Village of Ashcroft Fire Bylaw No. 486 are items presently under review by this group.
3. Economic Development and Tourism Working Group has completed and published a Pocket Guide for Ashcroft. A link to the digital version has been posted on our website under the Visitor tab. Radio Ads are being broadcast on Stingray; 103.1, K97.5 New Country; and end on 610 Radio NL over a 12 week period this summer.
4. ERP and Evacuation Working Group's last meeting centered around a debriefing following the May 18th grass fire in town. A Voyent Alert notification was successfully sent out to registered participants. As a result following this alert, more residents registered to receive future alerts.
5. Trails Master Plan Working Group is working with Thomas Schoen, CEO of First Journey Consulting Ltd. Mr. Schoen will be in Ashcroft on June 23rd and is scheduling meetings with local residents that have engaged with him.
6. Storm Drainage and Run Off Working Group is still waiting confirmation on funding approval before moving forward as a Village budget item for 2021.
7. Potable Water to AIB Working Group. Ashcroft Indian Band is still seeking grant funding to install infrastructure before we can proceed further.
8. North Ashcroft Reservoir. Land acquisition is in progress and we are working on excluding the property from the Agricultural Land Commission.

## Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics in Ashcroft

Interior Health (IH) is planning two sets of dates for COVID-19 vaccination clinics. The current dates June 24 and 25, and on July 6 and 7. The clinic will be held at the HUB again which is located on Hill Street. Like the previous clinics, they are for the Areas of Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Spences Bridge, Clinton and surrounding areas who are eligible for their 1st or 2nd shot. Anyone over the age of 12 can register.

If you had your 1st vaccine and are registered Interior Health will contact you to schedule your appointment. If you are not registered, you can go online at <https://gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated> to register and/or book. You can also call 1-833-838-2323 seven days a week.

## Summer Reading Club at the Thompson Nicola Regional Library

The theme for the 2021 Summer Reading Club is 'Crack the Case'. Mystery themed activities will be shared by the Thompson Nicole Reginal Library for Babies, Children, Teens and Adults.

Registration opened on June 7th for all clubs at all TNRL branches. Reading records are available and can be picked up at any library or are available online on the library website. The goal of the Summer Reading Club is to encourage reading. The contest runs until August 28th, 2021.

Special prize draw for teens will be happening between June 7th and 28th.

### Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:**

Barbara Roden

**Councillors:**

Marilyn Anderson

Jonah Anstett

Nadine Davenport

Deb Tuohey

## Commit 2 Conserve



### STAGE 1 WATER

### RESTRICTIONS

#### Conservation Bylaw Reminder:

Even numbered houses should only water on even calendar days, odd numbered houses should only water on odd calendar days. Example, if you live at 248 Ashcroft Lane, you can water on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (and so on) of the month. Watering hours are 6am-9am & 8pm-11pm to conserve water and lower pressure on our water treatment plant.

### SUSTAINABLE USE IS

### AFFORDABLE USE.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**

- Faint Or Dizzy
- Excessive Sweating
- Cool, Pale, Clammy Palms
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Rapid, Weak Pulse
- Muscle Cramps

**HEAT STROKE**

- Throbbing Headache
- Sweating Stops
- Temperature Over 103 deg.
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Rapid, Strong Pulse
- Loss of Consciousness

**STAY SAFE**

- DRINK WATER
- TAKE A BREAK
- AVOID PEAK TEMPS
- WORK IN TEAMS
- WEAR SUNSCREEN

**TREATMENT OPTIONS**

Get to a cooler, air conditioned area  
Drink water if fully conscious  
take a cool shower  
use a cool Compress

**CALL 9-1-1 Immediately**

Reduce Temperature Until  
Emergency Services Arrive

## What has Council been up to?

- Council approved the purchase of a 2021 Elgin Crosswind Sweeper at a cost of \$331,359.00;
- The Stationary Community Message Sign has been purchased and delivered. Installation to be scheduled by public works;
- Legacy RV Park upgrades have been completed and the park is open;
- Council approved the Ashcroft Legion's request for grant-in-aid funding to offset the Legion 2021 Property Taxes under the COVID-19 Restart funding;
- Council approved a letter of support be sent for the 988 Crisis Hotline initiative.

## Desert Hills Subdivision

The Desert Hills Subdivision Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments have been approved by Council. Continuing to work through the process on finalizing the subdivision.

## 2021 Property Taxes

The 2021 Property Taxes have been sent out to all Ashcroft Homeowners. Taxes are due on July 15, 2021. Also added in the taxes is the information how to apply for the Home Owners Grant with Province of BC, either online at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownersgrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownersgrant) or by phone 1.888.355-2700. If you need assistance, please come see us at the Village Office.

## Façade Improvement Grant

The Business Façade Improvement program provides grants to property and business owners to assist with the costs to renovate, restore or redesign their facades. Eligible properties are those buildings zoned C1 within the Village of Ashcroft Development Permit Area #4 (commercial properties located between the Brink & Railway Avenue and Hwy 97C & 8th Street). The Village of Ashcroft is pleased to provide this program with funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust, which provides monetary assistance as an incentive to property and business owners as they improve the character and physical appearance of their establishments.

The goal of the program is to encourage the downtown businesses to invest in upgrades that will create a more exciting, appealing and consistent downtown appearance.

The Village of Ashcroft will provide a 50% approved reimbursement grant up to a maximum of \$5,000 per building/project to improve facades of downtown commercial/retail buildings.

Projects must have a minimum total cost of \$1,500 in order to qualify. Buildings occupying corner lots are only entitled to one grant to a maximum of \$5,000 even if the eligible improvements occur on both streets.

All project proposals are subject to a comprehensive review and must reflect the spirit and intent of façade guidelines.

Pick up the Business Façade Improvement Program Guideline and Application Form at the Village Office — Submissions will be accepted until August 31 or when funding runs out. The Property Owner or Business Owner must submit the completed application form and detailed plans to the Village Office, as well as photos of the building in its current state.

## Trails Master Plan Surveys

The Village is still accepting Trails Master Plan Surveys to be dropped off at the Village Office drop box or Post Office drop box.

Deadline is June 30th. Survey is also available online:

<https://forms.gle/T1zF3nGNK5yNHbCS8>

## Voyent Alert

The recent Grassfire in May, reminded us of the wildfire risk in our area. Council has strategized to update our Emergency Response Plan. This includes the Voyent Alert. The grassfire prompted our initial use of the system and it was an overwhelming success. Registering for the Voyent Alert system is user friendly, you can receive notifications, by text message, through the app, by email or by phone call. If you wish to register and need help, call the Office at 250.453.9161 registration takes less than 5 minutes. We will be using it for Wildfire/Grassfire notifications, Water Restrictions, Heat Warnings and any emergent event. Communication during an emergency is vital and driven by the residents of Ashcroft.

The Village established a working group to review the Emergency Response Plan. Staff met with Kevin Skrepnek the TNRD Emergency Response coordinator to include the TNRD in the Village's review and update of the Emergency Management Plan.

## Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Interviews for the position for the Inter Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer were held June 3, 2021. We are hoping the successful candidate will join our team in July.

## Community Forest

The provinces Chief Forester is reviewing annual allowable cuts in the Kamloops TSA region. The Village of Ashcroft together with the Ashcroft Indian Band have sent a letter to be included in the application to increase the community forest licenses available in the Kamloops TSA and expressed interest in being invited to apply.

## Water Consumption

With the ever-increasing water demand and heat of the summer season, it is increasingly important for us to do our part in conserving water. The water treatment plant can only process so much water per day, and the public works staff work hard to meet Ashcroft's high demand. By engaging in conservation practices, you can use water in a better manner to save time and energy. As a result, it would save the community resources, energy and money required to provide clean, safe water of the highest quality and get it where it needs to go. Moreover, it slows the need to expand infrastructure for accommodating the high demand and waste generation. **If we use less, we pay less – now and in the future!**

## Events & Meetings

### Council Meetings:

June 14 - 6:00 pm  
Livestream by HON  
June 28 - 6:00 pm  
Livestream by HON

### COTW:

June 14 - 5:00 pm

**Museum - Open**  
**Legacy Park- Open**  
**Pool- Open**