

Harmony Mosaics and Bell Tower Unveiling Ceremony

The Harmony Bell Project is near completion. An unveiling ceremony is taking place on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 11 am, at the Heritage Place Park.

The program highlights include: First Nations Blessing, First Nation Ceremonial Drumming, Special Guest Speakers and complimentary refreshments.

Everyone is encourage to take part in this important community event.

Boil Water Notice Still in Effect

Residents are reminded that due to the high turbidity levels in the Thompson River, it is recommended that you boil your water for 1 minute before using it for drinking, washing fruits & vegetables, brushing your teeth, etc. Alternatively you can use bottled or distilled water. For more information check out the website at www.ashcroftbc.ca or contact the Interior Health Drinking Water Officer at 250-851-7322

Council gives support to Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

Council resolved to send a letter in support of the TNRD's Regional Solid Waste Plan. One identified key strategy that residents can assist with is reducing the amount of organics being disposed of in the Landfill.

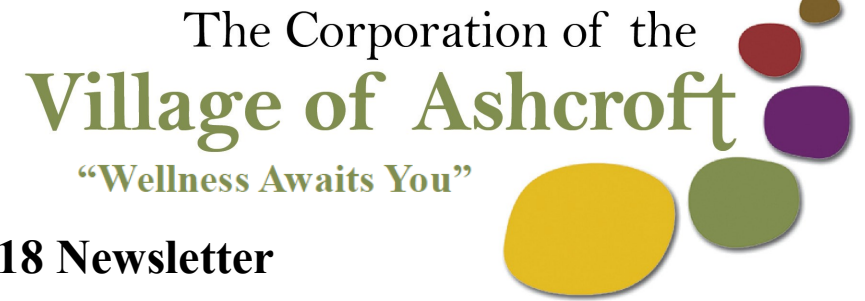
Residents are encouraged to compost organics rather than dispose of them in house hold garbage pick up. The Village offers black compost bins at a reduced fee, only \$25! Please call ahead for availability: 250-453-9161.

Tax Notices Have Been Sent

A reminder that tax notices have been sent out to property owners. Taxes are payable by 4 pm on July 16, 2018, in order to avoid any penalties.

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May 2018 Newsletter



**Mayor Jeyes & Council were pleased to attend
the Federal funding announcement at the
Ashcroft Terminal**

Community Update

Mayor Jeyes 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 community events:

- Council resolved to donate one family season pass for the Pool and four Ashcroft cups to Desert Sands Community School PAC Annual Ashcroft Fundraising Fun Fair.
- Council resolved to renew the BC Transit operating permit for 2018/19.
- Council resolved to send Councillor Trill and Councillor Kormendy to the TRU Chancellor's Installation & Convocation Banquet on June 6th, 2018.
- Mayor Jeyes, Councillor Roden and Councillor Trill attended the funding announcement made by Federal Minister, the Honorable Marc Garneau, for the expansion of the Ashcroft Terminal.
- Council resolved to change the Community Appreciation BBQ to July 14th.
- Council resolved to provide the Pool Park and Pool Washrooms at no charge to the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society to host Interior Saving's Moonlight Movie Night on August 20, 2018.
- Council resolved to apply Gas Tax Funds to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Centrifuge project.
- Council gave first three readings to Bylaw No. 820 and 821 which are amendments to the Business License Bylaw and the Zoning Bylaw to address the upcoming legalization of Cannabis.
- Council adopted Bylaw No. 817 (Procedure Bylaw) after providing the public the opportunity to comment on the Bylaw.
- Council adopted Bylaws: No. 818 (Five Year Financial Plan) and No. 819 (Tax Rates).
- Council resolved to send Kathy Paulos from the museum to attend Provincial Consultation on local heritage.
- Council received the tender increase for the Water Treatment Plant due to post disaster construction requirements.
- Council resolved to have Mayor Jeyes attend and speak at the Harmony Bell Unveiling Ceremony.
- Council resolved to have members attend and participate in the Tim Horton's Camp Day fundraising event.

Upcoming Community Events



June 1-3— Plein Air Art Show.

June 3— Skip's Memorial Run. Please note Evan's Road will be closed in the AM.

June 7— Desert Sands Community School PAC Annual Ashcroft Fundraising Fun Fair.

June 8— Aqua fit also available on Fridays from 2:30 pm—3:30 pm in June

June 11— Regular Meeting of Council at 4:30 pm; everyone welcome.

June 23— Harmony Bell Unveiling Ceremony at the Heritage Place Park @ 11 am.

June 25— Committee of the Whole at 6 pm and Regular Meeting of Council at 7 pm; everyone welcome.

July 2— Village Office is closed due to the Canada Day statutory holiday.

July 3— New pool schedule in effect. Check the website for it's posting.

Significant Changes Coming to Recycling Services

As of September 1, 2018, the local recycling depot on Railway Avenue will cease to accept recyclable materials. (Not to be confused with the privately operated Bottle Depot)

A letter from the TNRD advised Council that the TNRD has signed a contract with Recycle BC to operate as a Depot Collector. Depot Collectors must operate monitored stations that are staffed and all recyclables must be cleaned, separated and deposited in the corresponding bins. Mixed recycling materials will not be accepted. As well, residents will be required to transport their recyclables to the Cache Creek Transfer Station to dispose of these materials.

Village bylaws allow for Public Works employees to randomly inspect garbage bins as they dispose of the contents in the truck. Bins containing recyclable materials may not be emptied by the crew and a notice will be left explaining why your garbage was bin was flagged or not emptied. The Village, as of 2017, has been required to pay tipping fees based on disposal weight; it is important that residents continue to recycle to save costs to the Village. Ultimately, recyclables diverted from the landfill saves residents' tax dollars.

The Village recognizes this change to the recycling program may be inconvenient, however, most other communities within the TRND have not had in-town depots like us. The program in it's current state is not sustainable and this change is required to ensure the recycling program offered by the TNRD remains available. More information will follow in coming months.