

## Newsletter for September 2019

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## Save the Date—Oct 17 @ 7PM Ashcroft Community Hall

A community meeting event was planned by Interior Health and Mayor Roden of Ashcroft. Mayor Roden explains that she has told IH what the community needs to know / hear, and it is what services IH provides to us both locally and from a distance. The meeting is not one that we requested, but since they are coming, let's make it worth their while. There will be a little time for questions. See below what's next.

### September Meeting

If you aren't coming to our meetings, you are surely missing the most interesting time you will spend between 2 and 3 PM on a Monday. This meeting lasted longer because there was lots to share.

Mayor Roden again attended our meeting, we think she likes us. All the healthcare council representatives provided a report on their healthcare activities and their plans regarding UBCM and how they hoped to keep healthcare front and center.

Cache Creek and Clinton were not able to secure meetings with Adrian Dix, but Ashcroft was.

MLA Jackie Tegart also attended UBCM, and the meeting with Adrian Dix.

Presidents Report—I shared some information about the meetings taking place over the summer with IH.

LeAnne walked the attendees through the real story about the Nursing shortages in Ashcroft with handouts. We also shared the chronology of the Emergency Room cutbacks. Contrary to what Minister Dix told us, they weren't caused by government cutbacks of the Liberals, but rather the challenges of 3 physicians leaving our community all at the same time leaving us with NO docs.. If you weren't able to attend, I hope our Secretary will include handouts with our minutes.

### What's Next

We are having small cards prepared for public and our members to show their support. They are to be handed in upon arrival at the meeting to the person collecting questions. They ask one question. *When will you meet with this coalition to discuss a 7 day health care model with emergency services. And on the back*

*\*I support this coalition to speak for our communities on this issue*

Including your name, signature and address.

Please ask away on any other matter you feel important too!

Everyone needs to know we are supported.

*Our non profit society is registered, our new logo is on this newsletter. We are completing the final steps to leave the nest of CSR, and venture out on our own. Our new acronym is HAWC, we will continue to be called **Healthcare And Wellness Coalition.***

**Community Resource Society** has hosted WHAC since approximately 2015, a bit like parents of a newly formed organization. They have been kind and generous with their time, and we appreciate everything they have done, we wish them well.

We will be separating memberships as follows : new members will join our society, old members will belong to both until June of 2020 when we hold our next membership renewal and AGM.



It's true he was here, there is a picture to prove it. You've seen or heard what we think of this.