



DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Message from Mayor Garlick

I would like to start by thanking you for taking the time to read the Coldstream Community Newsletter. This is your opportunity to learn what is happening in the District and the Region.

This is the last newsletter for this 4-year term of Council. Municipal elections will be held this fall on October 15, 2022. This has been an unusual term with the pandemic providing additional challenges, as it did for everyone. Council and staff continued to carry out business by making adjustments as required by public health orders, which often came out with little time to implement. Staff must be commended on their handling of the various situations that arose as we adapted to continue to provide services, held virtual public meetings, and provided protections to limit the impact of any District employees testing positive. Overall, the District of Coldstream operations, services, and initiatives came through the pandemic relatively unscathed. We have actually made some positive changes due to the pandemic, such as our virtual meeting capabilities, which allow the public to view and participate in Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings using Zoom. Details on accessing these meetings through Zoom are available on the District website.

This term has seen a number of capital projects completed, and others now underway, with minimal use of District tax dollars. Council and staff made use of Gas Tax funds along with provincial and federal grants for a large portion of the work done. These include: the realignment of Kidston Road and construction of the parking area at the Red Gate entrance to Kalamalka Provincial Park; a childcare facility in Lavington Park, paid for by a provincial grant and operated by Maven Lane; the Coldstream Community Hall and childcare facility, currently under construction at the previous Women's Institute Hall location, funded by grants from the Federal and Provincial Governments - with the childcare facility to be operated by Maven Lane; paving

the south end of West Kal Road, along with upgrades to the drainage system and enhancements to the Rail Trail parking area; the Coldstream Station parking lot, now under construction, with public parking, serviced spaces to accommodate mobile vendors for events, and public washrooms. Additionally, a storefront will be privately constructed next to the south end of the Coldstream Station project, which Sun Country Cycle will move into.

Regionally, the Rail Trail is gradually being fit into the community. Multi-use paths link the Rail Trail to the City of Vernon along Highway 97 and along Kal Road. Parking at Kickwillie Loop and West Kal is in place, with Coldstream Station, as mentioned previously, to be ready this summer. A washroom facility with year-round access is now available at the West Kal parking area. The Regional District has also supported the Friends of the Rail Trail in their grant applications and with funding in the development of Mile Zero, located off College Way, as the trail head for the Rail Trail heading south. Considerable energy and resources have resulted in a multi-use trail that was only a concept just a short time ago. Appreciation has to go out to those private individuals who saw the potential of this project and promoted it to where it is today!

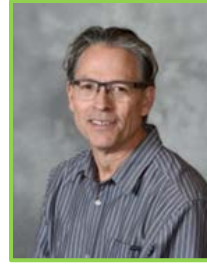
Also at the regional level, several key pieces of land have been secured to complete the Grey Canal Trail from Cypress Drive in Coldstream to Okanagan Landing. When complete, this will be a 50-kilometer trail winding above the valley bottom. The historical irrigation infrastructure remains in place for users of the trail to see. The BX Creek trail is another multi-use path being promoted to link up with Silver Star in the future. All of these trails are seeing significant use as more people find out about them.

Coldstream is working with the Regional District of the North Okanagan to put in a paddling corridor along the shore of Kal Lake. In an effort to create some separation between motorized and non-motorized users on the

lake, the corridor will likely educate many boaters on the existing lake speed regulations (8 km/h within 75 m from shoreline). We hope that this will improve safety and reduce conflict between users. It will hopefully also help to reduce shore erosion caused by waves.

Finally, in closing, it is unfortunate that Coldstream Council could not support holding a referendum on the Active Living Centre as proposed. We wish the participants of the project well. If the referendum is

successful, Council is open to looking at a user agreement to pay towards our share of the usage.



On behalf of council, I would like to wish all our residents a safe, enjoyable summer as we hopefully head towards times that are a little more normal.

Jim Garlick,
Mayor

NOXIOUS WEED REDUCTION AND PREVENTION

The District's annual noxious weed control program addresses the weeds on District owned property. The goal of the program is to allow the plants to grow big enough to be easily identified and located, then to apply the spray prior to them flowering and going to seed.

The ideal timing is generally in late May into June.



While the District makes efforts to control and eradicate as many invasive plants as possible on its properties, noxious weed control is an ongoing issue and your help is needed. In an effort to reduce or eliminate noxious weeds, property owners are reminded that treatment and control early in the season will greatly reduce the presence and spread of weeds in the community.

What are noxious weeds? They are non-native species that spread aggressively. They invade ecosystems and out-compete

local vegetation and cultivated crops for water, nutrients, and light. They do not have natural insect predators or plant pathogens to keep populations in check.

What can you do? Take action as soon as you notice growth. The following methods are used to manage weeds:

- Mechanical – pull, dig up, mow, and plow weeds.
- Cultural – prevent the introduction by bringing in only clean soil and buying nursery stock and seed that is native or not invasive.
- Chemical – use the appropriate herbicides responsibly.
- Biological – bioagents are developed for many species and are released strategically. This is an option for sites where there is a major infestation of a specific weed, and a biocontrol is available.

Why do you have to control noxious weeds? Besides weeds being a nuisance and damaging natural ecosystems, provincial and municipal regulations require property owners to control them. The *Weed Control Act, RSBC 1996, c. 487* and the District of Coldstream Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1129, 1993 require that property owners/occupiers be responsible for the control of noxious weeds on their property. Not taking action can result in penalties from the province and/or the municipality.

Where can you find more information? The internet is a great source of information, particularly for identifying what plants are noxious weeds and how best to get rid of them. You can also find information on the District website under the 'Community' tab.

Thank you for helping keep the community free of these invasive species!

Be a Responsible Dog Owner

Cleaning up after your dog and properly disposing of their waste in a trash bin helps to reduce water contamination from feces, which is moderately high in the Coldstream area. This is important because Kalamalka Lake is a significant drinking water source for the Greater Vernon area.

Dogs must be on a leash, under control of the owners at all times.



Don't walk your dogs on sports fields or beaches. Greater Vernon provides areas where dogs may be exercised, either on or off leash. The dog parks map can be accessed at www.vernon.ca/parks-recreation/parks-fields-beaches/parks.

ADMINISTRATION

2022 Local General Election

This year, a local general election will be held to elect one Mayor and six Councillors for the District of Coldstream. Voting day is **Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.**

For those that are unable to vote on October 15th, there will be three advance voting opportunities. A polling station will be open at Municipal Hall on the following dates from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm:

- Wednesday, October 5th
- Wednesday, October 12th
- Thursday, October 13th

We encourage you to get involved in your community. Opportunities to participate in the 2022 Local General Election include:

- Running as a candidate
- Working as an election official
- Voting!

Additional information on the local general election will be posted on the District website as it becomes available. If you would like more information, please contact the Chief or Deputy Election Officers at (250) 545-5304 or clerk@coldstream.ca.

Message from the CAO

The District has entered 2022 in recovery mode from the COVID pandemic. Increased building activity, both residential and commercial, will provide future opportunities for the community. Enhanced business activities will create a stable tax base and employment opportunities, while additional residential development will provide new housing options. There are exciting times ahead for the community!

An easing of the restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic has brought renewed optimism. The District continues to follow the direction from the Provincial Government and Provincial Health Officer to ensure that it is able to provide a safe environment for both staff and the public, and will continue to monitor this closely as we head towards the summer months.

Progress is being made on two major initiatives: the Coldstream Community Hall & Child Care Facility and Coldstream Station. Both are well under construction with the Community Hall anticipated to be completed in January 2023. Coldstream Station is anticipated to be open in July 2022. Coldstream Station will provide a gathering and launching spot for those accessing the Rail Trail as it will serve as the northern parking lot and gateway to the Okanagan Rail Trail. As you drive by either site you will be able to see the daily progress being made!

During the next several months, the District will be initiating an information gathering process in support of the Head of the Lake planning process. The information obtained will help guide the analysis of the beach uses and activities, as well as pedestrian and vehicular movements. Information will be available on the District website, in the local paper, and through on site interactions at the beach throughout the summer months.



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

2022 Budget

Council adopted a Financial Plan (Budget) for 2022 that included a modest 3.8% net tax increase. The average single-family dwelling of \$887,970 can expect to see an increase in their annual municipal taxes of about \$80 compared with 2021, equivalent to \$6.67 monthly. Increasing costs to the District for fuel, electricity, materials/supplies, and contracted services make it challenging to maintain current service levels without basic increases. Some of the current municipal services include planning and development, building inspection, road maintenance, snow clearing, parks maintenance, RCMP/policing, bylaw enforcement, etc.



There are 43 capital activities planned for 2022 with **a budget of more than \$13 million!** Only a small amount of these are funded by local tax dollars, with the majority being provincial/federal grants and Gas Tax funding. The top 5, by order of cost in the 2022 budget, include:

- Coldstream Community Centre & Childcare Facility: \$6.6 million
- Coldstream Station: \$1.8 million
- Roads Improvements: \$1.3 million
- Fire Engine Replacement: \$0.53 million
- Sewer Lift Station Completion: \$0.53 million



Property Taxes

2022 Property Tax Due Date: Monday July 4, 2022, 4:30 pm. Outstanding balances after this will be subject to a 10% penalty. No exceptions.

For mailed payments, post-marks are not considered as the receive date by the District. Payments made through your financial institution may also take several business days to reach the District; those paying by this method are encouraged to initiate the payment at least 5 business days before the deadline. Similar to post-marks for mailed payments, the date a transaction is initiated at your financial institution is not considered the received date at the District.

Who gets the Property Taxes collected by the District?	
Coldstream	43.6%
Province (School Tax)	32.0%
Hospital	6.2%
Regional District	14.6%
BC Assessment	0.8%
Okanagan Regional Library	2.8%
TOTAL	100.0%

**** Based on 2021 (Similar is expected for 2022)**

Question: My financial institution (bank or credit union) or mortgage company does not pay my property taxes, what is the easiest way to make regular monthly installments so I don't have to pay the full amount all at once?

Answer: Great question! The simplest way to accomplish this is through your personal online banking. Online banking services allow for reoccurring payments to be set up; just make sure to use the District of Coldstream property tax profile (helpful hint: search "Coldstream"). Banks will have one profile for property taxes, and a second profile for utilities. Make sure to select the property tax profile if that is your intention.



Yes, okay – I like this idea! But how much should I make the monthly payment for?

To set the reoccurring amount to pay it is recommended that you use what you actually paid last year (gross property taxes less Home Owner Grant, if applicable) then divide that amount by 12 if you want to make a payment each month. It may be a good idea to add an additional \$5 or \$10 to the monthly payment to take into consideration likely increases over time.

For example:

2021 gross tax	\$ 3,800
Home Owner Grant (regular)	\$ (770)
2021 net tax	\$ 3,030

To arrive at a monthly amount (\$3,030 divided by 12 = \$252.50).

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FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Property Taxes (...continued)

The suggestion would be to round this to \$260 or even \$265 per month. If you end up overpaying, the credit stays on your account and gets applied to the following year. In this example, the 2021 property taxes were referred to, if you plan to follow this process you may wish to update the figures with your **2022** information once that is available and communicated in May of 2022.

Important: Even if you have monthly installments set up, you must ensure the full 2022 balance is paid by the due date (July 4th by 4:30 pm) to avoid a penalty on any unpaid balance. Also, if you have balances owing from 2020 or 2021, any installment payments will be applied to the oldest year first.

Home Owner Grants (HOGS)

Does your financial institution pay your property taxes?

Even if your financial institution pays your property taxes on your behalf, they do not claim your Home Owner Grant (HOG) for you.

The home owner (not the bank, credit union or mortgage company) must be the one to make the claim **each year**. The HOG must be claimed before the due date to avoid the penalty on the amount of the grant.

Home Owner Grants:

- Must be applied for each year.
- Only one registered owner who qualifies is to apply.
- To apply online, visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant.
- To apply by phone, call toll free **1 (888) 355-2700**.
- When you apply, you must:
 - have your social insurance number;
 - be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident;
 - live in BC; and
 - occupy the residence as your principal residence.
- Apply before the tax due date to avoid a penalty.



If one registered owner who qualifies to make a HOG claim is a senior aged 65 or older (at any point in the calendar year) and another is not, it is more advantageous for the older person to make the HOG claim. This is

because a regular grant claim is \$770, but an eligible senior aged 65 or older can claim a grant of \$1,045. The minimum property tax payable for 2022 is \$100 for those aged 65 years or older, and \$350 for those less than 65. An HOG claim will not reduce a current year property tax assessment below these amounts.

For more information about the Home Owner grant threshold, please visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

Property Tax Deferment Program

- You may qualify to defer your taxes on your principal residence for the current tax year, if you:
 - are 55 years or older, a surviving spouse, or a person with disability; or
 - financially support a dependent child with disability or is under the age of 18.
- You must apply online, not at the municipality. Visit gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment
- If you currently defer your property taxes, please refer to your Annual Statement of Account to verify if you have selected the automated renewal option or not.

Paperless Utility Billing

Did you know the District offers a paperless billing option for utilities? That's right, no more waiting for the bill to arrive in the mail, no risk of it being lost in the mail, and no chance of it being accidentally disposed of once it arrives at your residence!

To set up paperless billing you will need a utility bill for the Online Access Code, then go to www.coldstream.ca and click the icon:



It's a good idea to check your email "junk" mailbox after setting this up for the first bill or two to ensure District emails are not mistakenly directed to your junk folder. If this happens, you should be able to select the message and indicate it to be "not junk" or "safe", then future emails should be delivered to your inbox.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Backyard Fires

With the approach of summer, many people will be looking forward to having a fire in their backyard. While backyard fires for cooking are permitted within the District of Coldstream, there are some regulations that must be followed for safety, and to ensure that the fire does not significantly impact residents in the surrounding area.



Backyard fires must be contained in a fire pit intended to be used for cooking. **Fires other than for the purpose of cooking are not allowed.** Only seasoned, clean wood is permitted to be burned in these fires. The advantage of using dry, clean wood is that fires will burn hotter and produce less smoke, which has less impact on your neighbours. Grass, leaves, treated wood, painted wood, and synthetic materials are not allowed to be used as fuel. Burning such materials creates significant pollution and has a negative impact on the environment. The use of accelerants (gasoline, diesel, etc.), in addition to being dangerous, is also not permitted.

Fires must be at least 5 meters from property lines, structures, standing timber, and brush. Fires can be no more than ½ meter wide by ½ meter high. While the fire is burning, there must be a competent person supervising the fire at all times and that person must have a means to extinguish the fire. Once the cooking is complete, the fire must be fully extinguished. Fires are not to be started or allowed to burn during times of high winds and are **NOT** permitted during fire bans.

Road Safety

During the summer months, recreational users increase local roadway usage, which can result in congestion on some of the narrower roads. This increases the frustration levels of all roadway users and can result in speeding, road rage, and requests to the District for traffic calming.

The District has received some complaints and is aware of issues on its major roadways, but many of the speeding concerns come from local neighbourhoods; these are areas where children are playing or going to a local park. Drivers are reminded to please be careful in these areas and watch their speed - these are your friends, family, and neighbours on the road. The District also reminds recreational users to be aware of their surroundings and try to stay to the right-hand side of the roadway. The District speed-reader board will be out within the

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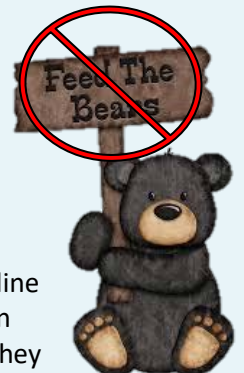
Be Bear Aware!

What can you do to stay safe and avoid the destruction of black bears?

Prevention is the best strategy to keep communities safe and bears wild!

- *Keep all garbage securely stored inside until the morning of collection day. Garbage is the #1 reason bears have to be destroyed.*
- *Clean your BBQ after each use by burning off any food residue and emptying the grease catcher.*
- *Pick all ripe fruit and clean up under fruit trees daily.*
- *Never approach or feed wildlife.*

If you encounter aggressive or dangerous wildlife, call the Conservation Officer Service reporting line at 1-877-952-7277. When bears access human food they become habituated to humans and often must be destroyed because they are a public safety risk. Habituated bears can't be relocated as they often return to the same neighbourhood, become a problem in another neighbourhood, or struggle to survive. The Conservation Officer Service recommends the use of bear-resistant containers in areas that have repeatedly experienced bear problems. Please visit www.wildsafebc.com for more information.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Road Safety (...continued)

community during the summer months, along with auxiliary police officers the District uses for enforcement in problem areas.

Requests for traffic calming measures can be directed to the Infrastructure Services Department and will be forwarded to Council during budget deliberations. Traffic calming is generally a physical barrier intended to reduce the speed of traffic or discourage the use of a local road in an effort to divert traffic onto the major roadways. These types of traffic calming devices are used as a last resort when other measures have not produced results.



Emergency Vehicles

The District would like to remind Coldstream residents about pulling over when a fire truck (or any emergency vehicle) is responding to an emergency. When drivers do not pull over, it makes a stressful situation even more stressful for the operator of the apparatus.

The *Motor Vehicle Act* states: "On the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle giving an audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle, and showing a visible flashing red light, except when otherwise directed by a peace officer, a driver must yield the right of way, and immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the nearest edge or curb of the roadway, clear of an intersection, and stop and remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed." This includes when the emergency vehicle is approaching from the opposite direction, overtaking you from behind, or approaching from the side at an intersection. When drivers pull over, the emergency vehicle is able to respond to the emergency in a timelier manner and thus more quickly render aid to the person in need.



For all of you who do pull over, thank you very much, as it makes the jobs of the emergency responders more efficient and much safer.

FireSmart Your Property

By taking action and creating a FireSmart property, you will dramatically increase the resistance of your home and property to damage caused by wildfire.

1. Keep your roof free of debris and consider fire-resistant or fire-retardant roofing
2. Install a spark arrestor on the chimney
3. Keep gutters clean
4. Assess and maintain eaves and vents to reduce openings for embers
5. Use fire-resistant siding
6. Install fire-resistant windows
7. Ensure doors are fire-rated and have a proper seal
8. Clean under decks
9. Separate any fencing to be at least 1.5 metres from the home
10. Maintain the exterior of the home
11. FireSmart your outbuildings
12. Select fire-resistant plants
13. Avoid having any wood debris or mulch
14. Keep your grass mowed

A FireSmart yard can include trees, which are a cherished part of our relationship with nature. You can have a lush, green yard that is also resistant to wildfire. Which trees should you plant? Deciduous (leafy) trees are resistant to wildfire and include:



Poplar

Aspen

Birch

Cottonwood



Maple

Alder

Ash

Cherry

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Coldstream continues to experience strong development activity, with several new and ongoing projects keeping the Development Services Department busy.

Morningview at Middleton

Expect to see more roadworks at the Morningview site on Sarsons, as sanitary sewer and water lines are connected to the District system. Building permits are

expected to be issued in spring this year, so the

first homes will start to go up in the next weeks.



Townhouse Development

Council has approved the development permit for a 65 unit townhouse development on the vacant parcel near the Regional District of North Okanagan office. Expect construction to begin on this site.

These townhomes will add a new housing alternative for Coldstream, which may appeal to first time buyers or down-sizers who want to remain in the community. Discussions are also ongoing about the potential for future commercial development on the site.

Carriage Houses

For owners of large residential lots, Council has recently approved bylaw amendments that may allow carriage houses on your property. If your property has previously been zoned to allow a duplex, you may be able to install a carriage house instead. Please contact the Development Services Department to see if your property allows this option.

Short-term Rentals

Coldstream often receives inquiries about operating AirBNB style home rentals in the community. Coldstream does not permit short-term rental accommodations, such as AirBNB, in the District. In residential neighbourhoods, dwellings may only be rented for longer terms, one month and over.

Business Licences

Just a friendly reminder that if you are operating a business in Coldstream, even a home based or agricultural business, you need to apply for a business license with the District. The easiest way to do that is to go to the website www.coldstream.ca and download a business licence application. Business licences run from January to December with payment due by February 15th each year.

Property Information Requests

A reminder to real estate agents or residents looking to sell homes in Coldstream:

Because of the unusually high volume of property information requests, please submit any requests to view property files as early as possible. The District handles requests according to a first come, first served approach, and cannot expedite processing to meet real estate closing dates. Get your request in early to help guarantee a smooth sale.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Coldstream Fire Hall and the Lavington Fire Hall Society are each pleased to host Community Days!

Date: Sunday, June 12th

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Coldstream Firehall, 8008 Aberdeen Road

Fire Department members will be promoting the Firesmart program and showing off the Sprinkler Protection Unit. There will be live burns in the burn pan, and the public will be able to have a hands-on experience putting out fires utilizing fire extinguishers. There will be a fire prevention area with activities for kids, including spraying water with a fire hose!

The Hall will also host a bbq of hot dogs and hamburgers with a beverage, and, weather permitting, there will be a bouncy castle.

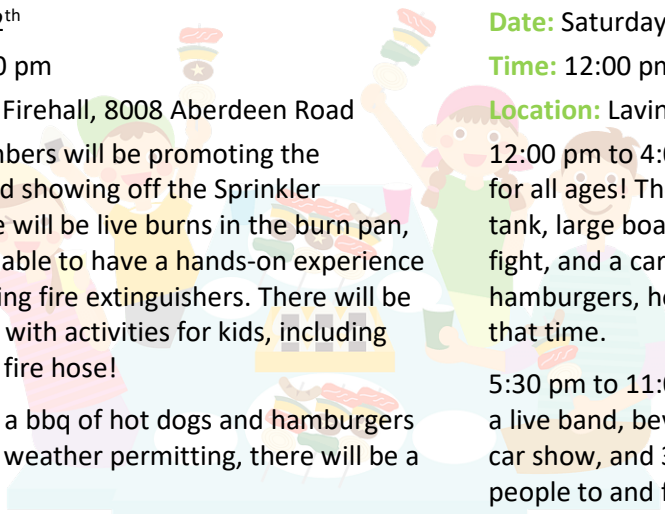
Date: Saturday, July 9th

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 5:30 – 11:00 pm (adults only)

Location: Lavington Eco Park parking lot

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm is a family friendly event with fun for all ages! There will be mini golf, axe throwing, a dunk tank, large board games, bouncy castles, a water balloon fight, and a car show. The Society will be cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, and serving refreshments during that time.

5:30 pm to 11:00 pm will be a 19+ event that will include a live band, beverage gardens, axe throwing, mini golf, a car show, and 3 food trucks. Busing is set-up to bring people to and from the event.





PUBLIC WORKS

Parks

Visitors to Coldstream Park will notice upgraded bathrooms! The washroom stalls, fixtures, and lighting were replaced, while the interior and exterior of the building were painted, and roof upgrades were completed.

Creekside Park has a new irrigation system. The project is just wrapping up with new sod being placed in the disturbed areas. The new irrigation system will allow for better grass cultivation and maintenance.

Plans are in the works to upgrade the playground areas in Lavington and Coldstream Parks. Staff are evaluating the existing equipment and exploring options on adding more toddler specific equipment. This work will be ongoing throughout the summer and into the fall. Please be mindful of any signage and construction fencing that may be in place. Upgrades to the irrigation system at Lavington Park are also underway. Design of the upgraded system will be completed this year and construction is anticipated for 2023.



Lastly, visitors will soon have a newly upgraded parking area to access the Rail Trail. Construction of a partially paved parking lot, along with new bathrooms and landscaping is currently underway at Coldstream Station. Works are expected to wrap up mid-July.

Boulevard Maintenance

Boulevard – means “the portion of a highway between the roadway or improved pathway and the boundary of a parcel of land adjacent to the highway.” In other words, the area of land between the property line and the edge of pavement, sidewalk, or another constructed pathway.

Why does the District have boulevards?

Boulevards provide:

- space for utilities and utility-related infrastructure, both above and below ground;
- space for the storage of snow during snow removal;
- safety buffers between traffic, pedestrians, and private properties;
- space for sidewalks, trees, bus stops, fire hydrants and other infrastructure;
- space for drainage infrastructure;
- area for future roadway expansion; and
- improvement to the aesthetics of a neighbourhood.



Who is responsible for the maintenance of boulevards?

In general, the property owner or occupier is responsible to maintain to the back of a curb or sidewalk.

What kind of maintenance is required?

Maintenance includes, but is not limited to:

- mowing, pruning, line-trimming;
- keeping ditches clear;
- cleaning and maintaining driveway access culverts;
- clearing appropriate space around fire hydrants;
- ensuring that plantings do not interfere with signage or sight lines;
- ensuring residential water shut-off valves are accessible;
- ensuring safe and unobstructed passage on sidewalks and pathways for pedestrians and cyclists; and
- ensuring trees and shrubs do not extend over the sidewalk, pathway, or road at a height of less than 2.75 metres (Traffic and Highway Regulation Bylaw No. 1549 – Section 14, Trees, Hedges and Fences).



The District may require a property owner or occupier, within the boulevard adjacent to their property, to:

- remove any landscaping, plantings or additions located in the boulevard to facilitate work that the District deems necessary; and/or
- remove any landscaping, plantings or additions located in the boulevard that compromises the safety of the public or may cause harm to other infrastructure located within the boulevard.

PUBLIC WORKS

Roads and Drainage

The drainage system in the Coldstream Estates area will be under scrutiny this year. The process to hire a consultant to look at a holistic approach to improve the management of surface and ground water in the subdivision is underway. The consultant will develop a Master Drainage Plan, with a focus on resolving a number of known issues without detriment to properties and infrastructure downstream.

The annual road maintenance program is continued for 2022. Following the completion of a comprehensive Asphalt Condition Assessment study in 2021, roads were identified that would benefit from rehabilitation works, ranging from repaving to complete reconstruction. The roadways contained in this year's program for further condition analysis or repaving include portions of Husband Road, Coldstream Creek Road, Park Lane, McClounie Road, Buchanan Road, Learmouth Road, and Ricardo Road.

The annual line painting program is well underway. Similarly to last year, this year's program is expected to be challenging as the supply of paint is short compared to demand, resulting in skyrocketing prices and limited availability. Fortunately, it appears that the District's contractor will be able to secure enough product for this year's program. **As with all the work being conducted on the Districts roads, please obey all traffic control personnel and signage when crews are working.**

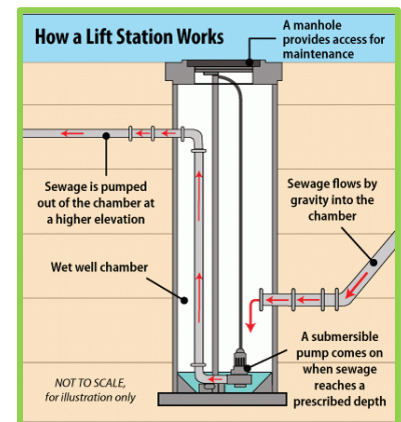


Highway 6 Watermain Replacement

The District of Coldstream and the Regional District of North Okanagan's Greater Vernon Water contractor is continuing work on the watermain replacement on Highway 6, between Learmouth and School Rd. The contractor started back up this spring and expects to complete the works mid-June 2022.

Kalavista Sewer Lift Station and Forcemain Replacement

The District is completing the installation of a new lift station at Kalavista, including a new force main to Kalamalka Road. This project is expected to be complete by the end of May.



Coldstream Wood Stove Exchange Program News!

The B.C. Government, in partnership with the B.C. Lung Association, is supporting the wood stove program in 2022. Eligible residents can apply for the following rebates when upgrading an uncertified wood stove/insert/furnace.

- \$300 for upgrading to a CSA/EPA approved wood stove, insert or furnace.
- \$500 for upgrading to a qualifying natural gas, propane or pellet appliance.
- \$750 for upgrading to a heat pump.

Uncertified old stoves must be destroyed and recycled.

Participating retailers are offering discounts of \$150. Furthermore, residents of Coldstream are eligible for matching rebates, for a potential savings of up to \$1,650.

Why exchange your old wood appliance?

- Old wood burning appliances burn inefficiently and create more air pollution than new appliances.
- Reduce air pollutants outside and in the home.
- Save money and time by burning less wood.

For more information about the program go to Lavington Life's website at: lavingtonlifesociety.wordpress.com. or call (250) 558-8207 - Dian Wirth, Secretary, Lavington Life Society.

PUBLIC WORKS

Meet the Unflushables

Flushing certain items down the toilet causes problems for wastewater systems and the environment.



Cloggers Belong in the Trash

Items like wipes, paper towels, tampons and applicators, condoms, floss, and even hair cause problems. These products don't break down quickly enough in the wastewater system (or at all) and can end up clogging District sewers and your pipes. Clogs are costly to remove and can lead to raw sewage overflows into the environment. Nobody wants that. Put these cloggers in the garbage where they belong.

Medications go back to a Pharmacy

Not all medications are removed in the wastewater treatment process and, as a result, some chemicals may end up in the environment. Keep these pollutants out of the waterways by taking them back to a local pharmacy.

Meet the Flushables

The only things that are okay to flush down the toilet are #1, #2, and toilet paper. Anything else wreaks havoc on the District sewer system.

What if it says it's flushable?

Products that say they're flushable – like tampons and wipes – may make it down your toilet, but they might not make it through the sewers. There are currently no regulations to specify which products can be labelled "flushable".

Community Achievement Award

The District of Coldstream is shaped by its residents and especially by the contributions of extraordinary, community-minded individuals.

The District of Coldstream honours these individuals through the "Community Achievement Award". This award celebrates individuals who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others and who devote time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful, healthy, and unique. They inspire by their example.

We encourage you to nominate any current or former resident of Coldstream who has made a significant contribution through outstanding service and volunteerism that provides a benefit to the community. Nominations are accepted until September 30th each year, and the award(s) is presented at a Council meeting in late October or early November. For more detailed information and the nomination form, please see the District website.



Pay Parking at Kalavista Boat Launch Parking Lot

From May long weekend until Labour Day, there is a fee to park at the Kalavista Boat Launch parking lot. This paid parking is available for vehicles with boat trailers or vehicles with car-topper boats*. **\$5 per day purchased on site OR \$50 for a pre-purchased season pass.** Season passes are valid at the Kalavista Boat Launch parking lot as well as at Paddlewheel Park on Okanagan Lake

*Car-topper Boat Parking Pass at Kalavista and Kinloch Boat Launches

Car-topper passes are free and are valid for the entire summer season. Vehicles without boat trailers that are parked in the Kalavista Boat Launch parking lot or the Kinloch Boat Launch parking area without this pass may be ticketed or towed. **Applicable parking fees are still required with this pass.**

How to Get Your Passes

- Daily passes are available for purchase at the Kalavista Boat Launch parking area.
- Car-topper boat passes are available at Coldstream Municipal Hall during regular office hours.
- Season parking passes are available at Coldstream Municipal Hall and/or Vernon City Hall during regular office hours.





Mission Statement

"We, the Council of the District of Coldstream, are committed to a long-range plan for Coldstream, which fosters orderly growth and which enhances rural living at its best. Our mission is to make this a living plan supported by efficient fiscal management, appropriate policy and procedure development, and effective delivery of services."

Members of Council

Mayor

Jim Garlick
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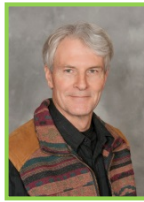


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2022 Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. *Committee of the Whole* meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District Municipal Office. Where such a Monday is a statutory holiday, the meeting will be held on the Tuesday evening following. Other Council committee meetings are scheduled as needed.

Virtual attendance and participation are available through Zoom videoconference software – check out the District website for more information.

For in person attendance, please stay up to date on current Public Health Orders, as well as Provincial and regional regulations:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>



Short-term Rentals

With summer coming, everyone wants to spend time in beautiful Coldstream. Residents are reminded that short-term rentals are not allowed within Coldstream, with the exception of approved Bed and Breakfast operations.



District Contact Information

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays)

Building Department, Business Licencing, Bylaw Enforcement:
(250) 550-1510

Requests for Building Inspections (voicemail service):
(250) 550-1515

Public Works (cemetery, parks, roads, drainage, water, sewer):
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Fire Department Non-Emergency Numbers:

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Municipal Office (all other calls):

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