

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As summer arrives, our thoughts turn to wildfires. The District received a provincial grant to be used for: an updated Wildfire Resiliency Plan; hiring a temporary FireSmart Coordinator; developing and delivering communication programs and FireSmart education events. We encourage neighbourhood groups and individuals to use the FireSmart links in this newsletter for more information.

The Province is working with regional partners to mitigate wildfires in the Aberdeen/Duteau Creek plateau to safeguard our water source. Council continues to lobby the Province to take measures in Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park and we work with the Regional District in these efforts, recognizing that a major Wildfire affects the whole region. The Province holds regular updates which I attend.

We expect a high level of drought this season which may increase the potential for wildfires amid water shortages. At the time of this writing, we are at level two drought conditions. The Regional District has established a committee to address and implement plans to reduce the impact of this drought. I encourage everyone to reduce their water consumption to preserve our water supply.

I attended the Association of Government Risk Insurance Pools this spring, including several terrific seminars. I will look to ensure we have a sound emergency plan by working with District staff and regional partners. The takeaway from this seminar is "Be Prepared" and my intention is that we be as prepared as possible.

Council continues its long-range planning, in particular the north end of Kalamalka Lake and surrounding neighbourhood area. Input I have received includes a lake access for dogs and a separated bike path from College Way to Aberdeen and to the highway. I will bring these requests forward for Council's review, knowing the latter request may be cost prohibitive due to factors such as road width, land acquisition, and location of utilities among others. Costs, even with perfect conditions, start around \$400 per metre, but can be much higher and District staff monitor provincial grants for projects. In the meantime, Council would like to hear from you. Our Active Transportation Network Plan will be open for public engagement June 15th, 2024, further details are in this newsletter. This is just one aspect of planning the District is undertaking, you can also look forward to opportunities to provide input on our Official Community Plan this fall.

As your Mayor, I constantly look for occasions to learn. I attended the Southern Interior Local Government Association Conference in Kamloops. Not only do I network with other small community elected officials, I attend very informative information seminars, on topics such as short term rentals, Future of Wildfire, Navigation of Conflict of Interest, Ethical Roles and Clarity for Local Elected Officials.

I truly enjoy being your representative and have met with many of you on a variety of concerns at what I am dubbing "Driveway meetings". I also welcome "Coffee with the Mayor". I appreciate the often robust discussions with the good manners I have been given to allow facilitation of listening to concerns and looking for potential solutions. I wish you all a wonderful summer.

- Warm Regards – *Mayor Ruth Hoyte*

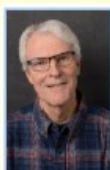
Get to Know Your Council

Find out how to contact or address Mayor and Council, visit:

www.coldstream.ca/municipal-hall/mayor-council



Mayor Hoyte



Councillor Dirk



Councillor Garlick



Councillor Hoffman



Councillor Levy



Councillor Runyan



Councillor Cochrane

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

2024 Budget and Property Taxes

Coldstream Council adopted a Financial Plan (Budget) for 2024 that included a 9.7% net tax increase. The average single-family dwelling that increased by 3.8% to \$922,000 can expect to see an increase in their municipal taxes of about \$130 compared with 2023, equivalent to \$10.83 monthly.

There are 28 capital project in-progress during 2024 with a budget of more than \$16.8 million! The projects are funded by grants, reserves and borrowing. The projects include:

- Park irrigation replacement - 2024 budget: \$337,828
- Fire department rescue truck replacement - 2024 budget: \$260,000
- Kalamalka beach pier replacement - 2024 budget: \$541,800
- Road/pavement management - 2024 budget: \$962,500
- School Road to Lavington Way road rehabilitation - 2024 budget: \$2,295,201
- Public works replacement facility project - 2024 budget: \$10,407,000

2024 Property Tax Due Date: July 2, 2024, 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 receive date at the District.

Did you know the District offers paperless utility billing? Simply login to your 'Online Account' through the District website and use the Online Access Code from a past utility bill to get set-up today!

Who gets the Property Taxes collected by the District of Coldstream?

Coldstream	44.3%
Province (School Tax)	32.6%
Hospital	5.6%
Regional District	14.0%
BC Assessment	0.8%
Okanagan Regional Library	2.7%
TOTAL	100.0%

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

In order to comply with mandatory Provincial directives, Coldstream Council considered Zoning Bylaw 1838, 2024, which will replace the current zoning bylaw, and on May 13, 2024 gave the bylaw three readings. The bylaw has been forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for approval which is required prior to adoption. This new bylaw will re-zone all properties in Coldstream to comply with new Provincial legislation. The most important changes are:

- If you or your neighbor's property is a residential property, tied to District water and sewer service, you or your neighbor will likely have the right to construct up to four residential units on the property.
- If you or your neighbor's property is a residential property on septic service, you will likely have the right to a secondary suite in your home.
- If your property is a rural lot or a lot in the ALR, the new legislation does not apply.

You or your neighbor will also have the right to build homes much taller than previously, and no longer be required to provide as much parking on the property as you once did. You may also have additional rights to subdivide your property into two or more lots.

You will still be required to apply for and obtain a Building Permit and any other technical approvals, which might include costs for infrastructure upgrades; however, these building rights will not be subject to Council review. The

District is now prohibited from holding public hearings on most matters relating to housing.

Please be aware that the Province has also adopted additional regulations on Short Term Rentals (STRs). Coldstream does not currently allow STRs in most residential zones, and this will not change as the result of the provincial legislation. If you are currently operating a legal STR in the District, please make sure to apply for a Business License as soon as possible to avoid Provincial enforcement.

If you have any questions, please contact the District's Development Services department via e-mail at planner@coldstream.ca. If you are interested in building under the new regulations, be advised that the District may only approve Building Permits once the regulatory changes have been fully implemented. Permits cannot be issued early or in anticipation of bylaw adoption.

Did you know... that the Lavington School opened in 1912 with Mrs. Cuthbert as the first teacher. There were a total of 10 students, with 3 students from the Lumby area.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ROADS & DRAINAGE

Summer Road Construction

Husband Road, from Kalamalka Road to the intersection of Mariposa Place & Sunflower Place, is being widened and repaved this summer. Traffic on the road will be reduced to single alternating lanes, for the duration of the project, with intermittent road closures anticipated. Access to the beach parking lot is expected to remain unrestricted throughout the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of July.

School Road, from Highway 6 to Lavington Way, is being reconstructed this summer. Works are anticipated to begin at the beginning of July and be completed by the middle of October. Residents can expect intermittent road closures and single alternating lanes as part of the Traffic Management Plan.

For additional information please watch for the monthly Infrastructure Update Report to Council on the last agenda of each month found in the Minutes & Agendas tab of the webpage [District of Coldstream - Meeting Type List \(civicweb.net\)](http://District of Coldstream - Meeting Type List (civicweb.net))

District of Coldstream Active Transportation Network Plan

The District of Coldstream is seeking your input to help develop an Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) that will guide the future of active transportation in our community. Whether you walk, roll or bicycle, this Plan will help shape the way we move around Coldstream.

Get Involved!

In-Person Events – The District will be hosting in-person community engagement opportunities this summer. Keep an eye on the project webpage for the latest updates and details.

Online Survey – Open from June 15 to August 7, 2024. Hard copies of the survey are also available for pick up and drop off at the District Office (9901 Kalamalka Rd) until August 7.

Interactive Map – Take a virtual tour around Coldstream's existing sidewalks and pathways and pin your comments on a map to let us know where there are opportunities to improve the walking and bicycling network.



For more information about the project, upcoming engagement opportunities and to access the online survey and interactive map, visit:

www.coldstreamATNP.ca



BYLAW COMPLIANCE

Kalamalka Lake Boat Launch Parking & Fees



Launches for Motorized and Non-motorized Boats

Kalavista Boat Launch (parking fees apply)

Kinloch Boat Launch (limited parking)

Launches for Small, Non-motorized Boats Only

Westkal Non-Motorized Boat Launch (drop-off only)

Kalavista Boat Launch Parking Lot Fees

Parking Fees apply from the start of May Long Weekend through to October 31st.

Parking passes must be displayed in vehicle windshields.

Those parking at the Kalavista or Kinloch Boat Launches, for boats that do not require a trailer (i.e., kayaks, canoes, etc) require two items to be displayed in their windshield:

Daily and car-top passes may be obtained at the District Municipal Office during regular office hours. Daily parking passes may also be purchased at the on-site kiosk at the Kalavista Boat Launch parking lot. Seasonal parking passes may be purchased at the District Municipal Office or Vernon City Hall during regular office hours. These passes are valid at both the Kalavista Boat Launch parking lot (Kalamalka Lake) and at Paddlewheel Boat Launch in Vernon (Okanagan Lake).

Day Use: \$10.00

Season Pass: \$60.00

For more information on hours of operation and locations, please visit www.coldstream.ca.

Be a Responsible Dog Owner

Cleaning up after your dog and properly disposing of their waste in a trash bin helps to reduce fecal water contamination, 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 leashed and under control of the owner 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.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The District of Coldstream has recently received a grant application to the Community Resiliency Investment Fund which is funded by The Union of B.C. Municipalities on behalf of the Ministry of Forests. This funding will be used to hire a temporary FireSmart Coordinator who will implement a number of FireSmart initiatives as well as allowing the District to update their Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan, last done in 2016. We encourage homeowners to use the links below to do a home assessment of their property to better prepare in the event of a wildfire. Ember storms from wildfires are the biggest threat to homes. During an ember storm, patio cushions, welcome mats, and brooms are often responsible for igniting homes and outbuildings which can spread to neighboring properties if Firesmart principles are not applied. Below are some valuable resources to help homeowners prepare for wildfire season.

<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/guides-manuals>

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COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY HALL

Coldstream Community Hall is a flexible and dynamic venue, a perfect backdrop for any special occasion. The warm, neutral colours, high-grade furnishings and impressive ceiling design create an atmosphere perfect for your wedding or celebration. Businesses and organizations host a variety of activities at the hall including annual general meetings, health and safety trainings, and customer appreciation events. For more information on visit www.coldstream.ca or call (236) 600-0030.