

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings all,

The District of Coldstream Council and staff have had a productive spring. We have been working with residents, and their valued input on various initiatives and we have also been working with the Regional District and Greater Vernon Advisory Committee.

With the summer fast approaching, we find that when reviewing current water storage and drought updates, we are already in a drought situation as water levels are well below average. At this time, GVAC and Greater Vernon Water are reviewing the future of water sustainability. It is time to have an overview and update of the Greater Vernon Water Master Plan. Discussions have begun to gather information to make decisions on the GVMWP. Reviewing information on water licenses, allocations, agriculture use and residential use, this information allows us to be in a better position to make decisions on the long-term capacity and sustainability of the growth we are experiencing in this area.

One item GVAC is moving ahead on, is the Mission Hill Water Filtration Plan. We have extensively lobbied for provincial grants to add to our own contribution, but alas, no cigar. The Committee has gone forward with an Alternative Approval Process (APP) to approve borrowing eighteen million dollars over a 20-year term. Not an ideal process, but not doing so, can place our drinking water at risk. 40% of our drinking water comes from Kal Lake and with Kal Lake at low levels there is an increased potential for algae blooms and other contamination. We simply looked at the consequences of not doing anything. Of course, we will continue to lobby senior levels of government to contribute.

The District of Coldstream reviewed an Active Transportation Plan and will look forward to incorporating many of the positive ideas, depending on budget, however much can be done over time.

As with many other planning exercises, public input is important to us. We should have the first draft of the Official Community Plan (OCP) ready for the first review in June. From there, we will hold several open houses for you to provide your comments. The OCP is a guideline for Council direction. From this large overview, we begin to sort out details based on community input. The North Kalamalka Area plan engagement report gave us much insight as to what the vision is for what you desire. There are some common themes, including parking and traffic management, equitable access to the lake, beach amenities, boat launches, access for dogs to the water, beautification, the shore and buoys. As we sort through the information, we will have discussion during our budget process, which begins in June.

Lots of great things are happening in our wonderful District. The Rotary Pier is finished and well used, EV charging stations will be coming to the District and an exciting Night Market at Coldstream Station during the summer to be run by Soliel J. Events. We also are aware of potential wildfire risk and fully support our Fire-Smart initiatives.

It has been my pleasure to meet many of you at "coffee with the Mayor". Although I often have time constraints', this is one of my most favourite parts of my role in the community. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the District. Engagement with our residents, even those who arrive with "guns blazing", all have value to contribute.

Have a safe and happy summer

Ruth Hoyte— Mayor, District of Coldstream

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Mayor Hoyte



Councillor Dirk



Councillor Garlick



Councillor Hoffman



Councillor Levy



Councillor Runyan



Councillor Cochrane

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

2025 Property Tax Notices

Taxes notices were mailed on May 9th this year to ensure delivery ahead of the potential Canada Post strike.

The property tax due date is July 2, 2025. In the event of a Canada Post strike, the due date for property taxes does not change. As such, the District encourages residents to avoid mailing payments. To avoid penalties and ensure your payment is received on time, please consider one of the following payment options:

- Through your financial institution in person, or using internet or telephone banking
- In-person at the Municipal Office (cash, cheque, debit, or Visa/MasterCard using OptionPay)
- On the District's website using OptionPay

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. Please review both sides of your property tax notice and accompanying brochure for more information. If you have questions, please call 250-545-5304 or email: treasurer@coldstream.ca

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

Provincial Housing Targets

The District of Coldstream has been identified as a specified municipality for housing by the Province under the Housing Supply Act. This means that in the future, the Province may set mandatory housing targets for the municipality. Coldstream will continue to work with the Province to find a balance that achieves Provincial goals while protecting Coldstream. Watch Council agendas for updates on Housing and Development projects in the District, and for any updates on housing targets.

Official Community Plan

In accordance with the provincial mandate, Coldstream is reviewing the District Official Community Plan (OCP), to accommodate growth and change in the community. The District has completed the first round of public outreach.

Between the OCP review and the North Kal Area plan study, the District has received over 600 surveys and spoken to hundreds of residents to get their opinions on how Coldstream will grow under Provincial guidance.

Look for OCP Open Houses later this summer.

Following the adoption of the OCP this fall, the Province has directed that Coldstream pre-zone land to accommodate growth targets. This may lead to your property being granted additional development rights. You can follow this process, which must begin in the fall, on the District website.

Development Cost Charge (DCC) Update

Council has commissioned an update to the District's DCC program, which guides development fees charged for construction. The DCCs haven't been updated in some time, and have not kept pace with construction inflation. Look for consultation opportunities for the DCC program later in the fall.

Building Activity in Coldstream

In 2024, the District issued 107 Building Permits permits with a total value of \$32,225,000.00, marking another strong year of building in the District. 2025 is shaping up to be a much busier year, with substantially higher residential numbers.

If you are planning to undertake any construction projects, please make sure to apply for your permits as early as possible. Spring is the most common time to apply, and permits are always dealt with on a first come, first served basis. The District cannot process permits on a priority basis.

Business Licenses

If you have a business license with the District, please make sure to renew your license for 2025. If you own or operate a business within the District, you are required to have a valid business license. Please see the District website for more information, as well as an application form.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, ROADS & DRAINAGE

Summer Construction

A new trunk sewer main is being installed on Aberdeen Road from Selkirk Drive to Wisbey Drive. This project will provide sanitary sewer services to all properties fronting Aberdeen Road, widening of the paved shoulders, and installing stubs on the intersecting roads to allow for future servicing projects to be completed without impacting

Aberdeen Road. Chapman Industries (Chapman) has been awarded the construction contract. Construction will begin at Selkirk Drive and drivers will experience single alternating traffic and intermittent road closures, depending on the depth of the excavation or the work being performed. The project will take 2 years, and is expected to be completed by October, 2026.

Uplands Drive, from Rockland Place to Uplands Place, is scheduled to be repaved this summer. The project will improve the drainage along Uplands Drive and on Rockland Place. Residents can expect intermittent road closures and single alternating lanes as part of the Traffic Management Plan.

Coldstream Park is getting a new irrigation system. The old system has not functioned properly for a number of years and maintaining the playing fields was challenging. The new system will have all new piping, sprinkler heads, and control modules. Unfortunately, this means the ball diamond and grass field will not be open to the public or for rentals this year. The playground, picnic shelter and washrooms will remain open during construction, as well as the parking area by the ball fields. The project will be completed in October.

BYLAW COMPLIANCE



Husband Road Beach Parking Lot

Heading to Kalamalka Beach this summer? We encourage all beachgoers to take advantage of the free parking lot located on Husband Road, just a short walk from the water. The District respectfully asks that all motorists observe

posted signage, including areas marked as “No Parking” or “Parking Pass Required.” Your cooperation helps ensure the safety of all beach visitors, including other drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe and accessible this season.

Kalamalka Lake Boat Launch Parking & Fees

Launch Locations:

Motorized and Non-Motorized Boats:

- *Kalavista Boat Launch* – parking fees apply
- *Kinloch Boat Launch* – limited parking

Small, Non-Motorized Boats Only:

- *Westkal Non-Motorized Boat Launch* – drop-off only

Parking Fees – Kalavista Boat Launch Lot

Fees are in effect from the start of the May Long Weekend through to October 31.

- Daily Parking Pass – \$10.00 Available at the on-site kiosk at the Kalavista Boat Launch parking lot
- Seasonal Parking Pass – \$60.00 Available at the District Municipal Office and Vernon City Hall during regular office hours. Valid for use at both the Kalavista Boat Launch (Kalamalka Lake) and the Paddlewheel Boat Launch in Vernon (Okanagan Lake).
- Car-Topper Pass – Free! (required in addition to daily/seasonal parking pass for car-topped vessels). Available at the District Municipal Office

All passes must be clearly displayed in the vehicle. Please note that the Kalavista Boat Parking requires a valid parking pass and is restricted to those with boat trailer or car toppers.

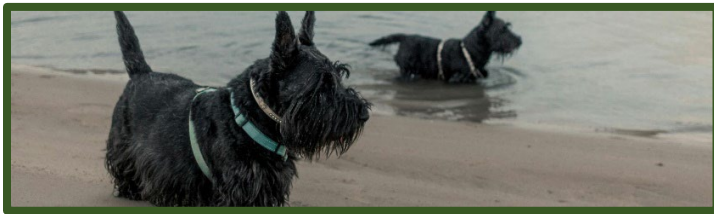
Kalavista Boat Launch Dredging Update

The Kalavista Boat Launch has recently undergone dredging to maintain safe and sufficient water depth for all users. This routine work removed sediment buildup caused by natural water flow and erosion. Whether your watercraft has an inboard direct drive, inboard V-drive, or forward drive, you can now launch with confidence knowing the improved depth helps protect your equipment.

Pumphouse Beach: Now Dog Friendly

Coldstream Council is embarking on a new one (1) year pilot project starting on Saturday June 14, 2025, to allow off-leash dogs at Pumphouse Beach. All users are welcome and encouraged at Pumphouse Beach. In order to have the pilot project be the most successful that it can be, the District has provided waste bag receptacles and waste bins, and the beach will be harrowed and raked weekly. The District requests that all users of the beach area:

- Be mindful of the neighbours and not block driveways or impeded traffic on WestKal Road.
- Be mindful of other users of the Beach area – this beach is for everyone to enjoy.
- Be mindful of parking, as it is limited along WestKal Road, we encourage you to park at the Husband Road Beach Parking lot or Coldstream station and walk the short distance along the Rail Trail to access Pumphouse Beach.
- Clean up after yourself and your animals and throw garbage in the waste bins provided.
- Be in control of your dog at ALL times, whether enjoying the beach area or the swim area.
- Bring drinking water, as there is no potable water at this location for you or your pooch.
- Enjoy!



Public Space Regulations

Coldstream welcomes our residents and visitors to enjoy our many parks and beaches, and with summer on the horizon, we kindly remind everyone to help keep these shared spaces safe, clean, and welcoming. Alcohol, smoking, and vaping are not permitted in any public park or beach. Please be considerate by keeping noise levels down, sharing space respectfully, and disposing of waste properly. Together, we can ensure that everyone enjoys a positive experience in Coldstream's beautiful outdoor

spaces this summer. Thank you for helping us care for our community.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

FireSmart

Book your FireSmart Wildfire Mitigation Program Assessment today!

Wildfire risk reduction is the shared responsibility of our whole community including residents, visitors, businesses and the municipal and provincial government. Learn how to make your home and property more resilient to wildfire with a **FireSmart Wildfire Mitigation Program Assessment**. Find out how to use fire-resistant materials, safe landscaping practices and preventative measures to reduce ignition risk to your home and property. The FireSmart principles help homeowners understand the risks specific to their property and actions they can take to mitigate those risks.

FireSmart homes are more resistant to ignition and can hinder the impact of Wildland-Urban Interface fires. To book your Wildfire Mitigation Assessment, go to www.firesmartbcplatform.ca/request-home-inspection or email firesmart@coldstream.ca.

COMMUNITY HALL

We believe Hosts should be able to enjoy their event without worrying about anything falling through the cracks, so we are putting our 30+ years of event experience to work for you!

Visit www.coldstream.ca/communityhall to learn more about the Hall and find tips, tricks, and resources including:

- Experience a virtual tour
- View our event slide show
- Explore availability

Confidently plan your event knowing the facility has everything you need, and our team is here to guide you through the paperwork and support you on event day. Book a tour of our state-of-the-art facility and let your guests celebrate in style at Coldstream Community Hall! For more information visit: www.coldstream.ca or call 236.600.0030.