

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Resource Benefits Alliance
- Big Clean Up
- Emergency Preparedness Week
- Recreation
- Public Library
- Community Foundation
- Walking Trails

Statutory Holiday

The Village Office and Public Works will be closed, Monday, May 22nd to observe the statutory holiday.

Municipal
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Property Taxes will be in the mail shortly. The tax due date is July 4, 2017.



FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) is a group of twenty-one local governments across the Northwest from Masset to Vanderhoof. This is a critical initiative which pursues fair natural resource revenue sharing.

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Fraser Lake have signed on to this initiative. The alliance is seeking a resource revenue sharing agreement for the region through negotiations with the provincial government. Resource revenue sharing agreements exist in a number of other regions in the province.

Over the past five years more than \$13 billion has been spent on major capital projects in the region. At the Minerals North Conference held in Prince George, B.C. this past week, a Geologist from Kamloops provided an overview of mining activities across the Province. According to his calculations, mining exploration, development and production activities in Northwest BC are building and have generated significant economic activity over the past year.

Significant projects including pipelines, transmission

lines, mines, clean energy projects, port expansions, LNG plant site preparation and an aluminum smelter replacement are a part of these discussions. It has been estimated, the provincial government has earned at least \$500 million in incremental revenue associated with these projects. None of this Provincial revenue stays in our communities in the Northwest of BC.

Local governments have estimated current infrastructure needs across our region total as much as \$600 million. These infrastructure needs include aging water and sewer systems, roads, sidewalks, community halls, recreation facilities and parks. It is usual for local governments to access cost-shared provincial and federal grant programs to help meet these infrastructure needs however; this model does not work for everyone. Small communities such as Fraser Lake are challenged with the costs of developing a proposal and then funding the typical 1/3 portion of an infrastructure project.

Although much of the resource development occurs in rural areas, these activities impact all communities

in the Northwest. Local governments require the resources needed to properly address our infrastructure and service gaps in our communities. We believe this is a fair request. Other areas of the Province have benefitted from revenue sharing for years. We are not asking for more from Industry. This request is specific to resource revenue sharing between the Province and local governments. We want to create a legacy for our children by addressing our aging or worn-out infrastructure.

A revenue sharing agreement would make the Northwest more livable and sustainable. These revenues are needed to support a vibrant local economy to complement and diversify the region's resource base.

The Resource Benefits Alliance is asking the provincial government to negotiate a revenue sharing agreement with the Northwest. Negotiations need to start now.

For more information visit the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance website. nwresourcebenefits.ca

SPRING CLEAN UP

Big spring clean up will be the week of May 29 - Jun 2. To ensure your materials get picked up, please have it all separated and to the curb no later than Thursday, June 1.

Please separate household garbage, plastics, metals, painted wood, and non-painted wood.

Items that we cannot pick up are: batteries, paint cans that are full or partially full (we can pick them up if empty and the lid is off), tires, aerosol cans, containers with flammable liquids, such as gas, oil, or paint thinner. We cannot pick up propane cylinders, refrigerators or freezers, vehicles, or grass clippings. We cannot pick up trees or shrubs that are over 2 inches in diameter. If you are discarding items such as a lawn mower, chainsaw or rototiller, all oil and gas must be drained before it can be disposed of at the dump.

If you have a vehicle to dispose of, prior arrangements must be made through the office at 250-699-6257.



Emergency Preparedness Week

May 7-13, 2017

Canada

Three Steps to Emergency Preparedness

If an emergency happens in the community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – any-

time, anywhere.

1: Know the Risks

Find out the risks most likely to occur in your community by visiting the 'Know the risks' section from the GetPrepared.ca website or by calling 1-800-O-CANADA to obtain a National Hazards map.

2: Make a Plan

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family to know what to do in case of an emergency.

Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan

how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.

It only takes 20 minutes to complete a personalized plan online. To complete your emergency plan online, visit the 'Make an emergency plan' page from the GetPrepared.ca website.

To fill out your home emergency plan, you will need to think about the following:

- *Safe exits from home and neighborhood
- *Meeting places to reunite with family or

roommates

*Designated person to pick up children should you be unavailable

*Contact persons close-by and out-of-town

*Special health needs

*Place for your pet to stay

*Risks in your region

*Location of your fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical box, gas valve and floor drain

*Keep this document in an easy-to-find, easy-to-remember place (for example, with your emergency kit).

Photocopy this plan and keep it in your car

and/or at work.

3: Get an Emergency Kit

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffle bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front-hall closet.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK MAY 7 - 13, 2017

RECREATION

8th Annual Bike Rodeo & Safety Awareness Day.....

May 6th registration starts at 10am at the Arena. Drop by to have your bike inspected and go through the safety course. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Fire Rescue, Ambulance, and RCMP will be giving safety demonstrations. Many prizes and bikes to be won this year.

Big Bike...

The Heart & Stroke's Big Bike returns to Fraser Lake

on June 12th! There are still seats available or if you would rather, you can sponsor a rider. Find us online at www.bigbike.ca

Mouse Mountain Days... Outdoor Adventure Klub (OAK)...

This is a club for those of

us who wish to do all styles of hiking from easy walks to scrambles. We just don't feel the need to make a "mad dash" for a summit or to finish a trail in record time. OAK is about hiking at a consistent, manageable pace which may vary from slow to moderate and finishing the hike or scrambling to a summit together. **Meet at the base of Mouse Mountain, May 27th at 10 am.** Everyone welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ball Hockey

May 3, 2017
Fraser Lake Arena
5:30 pm - 7 pm

Drop-in, no fee

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Indoor Playground

Tuesdays & Thursdays

1 pm - 3 pm

Fraser Lake Complex

For Children ages 6 and under

Contact Lynn Clark
250-699-8282.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Student – The Library is looking for a student to run our Summer Reading Club. Must be returning to school in the fall. Please drop off resumes at the Library.

Summer Reading Club – Walk on the Wild Side is the theme this year. More information to follow.

Anyone have free or cheap shelving they want to get rid of? Please call Audrey at 250-699-8888.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation will provide grants to community groups and organizations within the benefiting area; The Village of Fraser Lake, and Regional District Bulkley Nechako Area "D".

The Fraser Lake Community Foundation will be holding several fundraising events thought the summer. **A Community Garage Sale will be held Saturday May 27 at the arena.** While doing, your spring clean up, if you have any unwanted items to donate to this Garage Sale, please contact Dave Christie 250-699-6257, or email dchristie@fraserlake.ca.

WALKING TRAILS

The Village of Fraser Lake is looking for Public Consultation to assist in Village planning. This planning activity is intended to support a phased upgrade and expansion of our municipal sidewalks and walking trail systems. We would like to ask for ideas or opinions. The survey will be available at the Village Office, or you can print it off from our website at www.fraserlake.ca and submit it to 210 Carrier Crescent by May 15, 2017.