

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society is constructing a new Regional Training Centre. This center will be located on the municipal airport property, and will host emergency responders and industry emergency training for the entire region. If you would like to be involved, make a donation or have any questions, please call Dave Christie at 250-699-6257. We are expecting to host an open house in late September.

FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Fire Evacuees:

The forest fire season has had a significant impact on residents of the Cariboo and Northern Regions of the province. Some Evacuees were directed to travel to Prince George, and some of those evacuees continued into the Fraser Lake area. The Village of Fraser Lake has offered free camping to evacuees until the evacuation orders are lifted. We have opened our recreation center to allow use of the showers between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Our Emergency Social Service volunteers have also been assisting evacuees with paperwork and other assorted needs. I would also like to thank the individuals and organizations who have coordinated collections of goods and transported them to Prince George, B.C. These efforts are so important as we all do what we can to support the evacuees and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to support the many people impacted by this event.

Vandalism:

Sometime during the last couple of days in June, the public washrooms at the south end of the arena and the washrooms adjacent to the skateboard park were vandalized. Paper towel and toilet paper dispensers were torn off the walls and destroyed. The skylight was broken in the skateboard park washroom. The culprits also attempted to plug toilets to flood these facilities, however,

they were mostly unsuccessful in those efforts. These acts of vandalism have resulted in a \$1,200.00 repair bill. To curtail the likelihood of further damage, the Village has reduced the hours of availability for these facilities. These washrooms will be open Monday to Friday from 08:00 am to 4:00 pm. After hours and on weekends, these washrooms will be closed.

As a community, we have been fortunate as we have seen very little vandalism over the last couple of years. These destructive activities do impact our whole community. Vandalism is rarely committed in plain view. Each of us can help by being watchful. I believe much of our success on this issue is because people in our community acknowledge others. Aside from being a friendly gesture, it also lets that person know someone is paying attention. Where behavior is destructive or aggressive, call the RCMP.

Official Community Plan Review:

This summer, the Village is undertaking the review of our Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP is a land use document which guides development within our community. This review will include review of some of our Village policies; including our Zoning Bylaw. During this review, we would like to hear from you; the residents of Fraser Lake. Although develop-

ment in our community has been slow in recent years, should that circumstance change, how do you hope development will occur? Land use planning is about making our community more livable, more accessible, more enjoyable. This OCP review will be conducted in conjunction with Area D of the Regional District Bulkley Nechako. Regardless of the survey lines that separate the Village and Regional District boundaries, development in the Village impacts the surrounding rural area and development in the rural area impacts the Village. A coordinated land use plan will be more strategic.

On July 25th, 2017, the Village will be hosting four public consultations. The first is scheduled for 10:00 am at the Men's Shed; 80 Cougar Street. The second is scheduled for noon at Autumn Services; McMillan Avenue. The third is scheduled for 3:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion. And finally, the fourth meeting is scheduled from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Village Office; 210 Carrier Crescent. Representatives of the Regional District's Planning Department are helping us out with this project. For those who participate, we'll provide coffee and a tasty morsel to nibble on in appreciation of your time and good thoughts.

Fraser Lake Public Library

Eric the Juggler – Wednesday, 10:30 am August 9 upstairs at the arena.

Free Juggling show for all ages. Free workshops after for children ages 5-12.

Blow out Sale

Pocketbook paperbacks – 10 cents each.

Trade paperbacks, Hard Covers Fiction and Non-Fiction – 25 cents each.

Contact 250-699-8888 for more information



**The Fraser Lake Community Foundation Fundraising BBQ
Friday August 4th,
11:30am – 2pm
Out front of Par 3 Sports**

PROJECT UPDATE

Sidewalks

During the month of July, the Village will be replacing the sidewalk down Chowsunket Street from Endako Avenue to FLESS. Over the years, the brick sidewalk has sunken along the curb and heaved across the width of the walkway. These defects are a safety concern. We are removing the bricks and will be laying a new concrete sidewalk to create a flatter, more predictable walking surface and a much-improved curb. This project will disrupt use of the sidewalk for most of the month of July. We apologize for any inconvenience. I will ask residents on Chowsunket Street to assist our crews by parking their vehicles out of the way while this construction occurs. We look forward to a nice, new sidewalk that provides a safer surface for pedestrians. As a side note, we have had several inquiries about the bricks. On July 12, 2017 Council discussed whether to sell or retain the used bricks. We will be keeping the bricks for the foreseeable future in the event the Village identifies other uses for them.

Crack Sealing

The Village will crack seal Village streets and avenues this summer. This activity is expected to take at least three days to complete. While this activity occurs, motorists are asked to be patient. Where possible, please

use alternate routes to get where you are going. If you must drive through a work zone, please be extra careful of the workers.

Arena Dressing Rooms

Over the past couple of years, we have seen a trend toward co-ed sports teams. Many communities across the north have experienced the amalgamation of their boys and girl's teams. Minor hockey is a great example. With this development, the number of dressing rooms at our arena are inadequate. To ensure our facility can provide private and appropriate change room facilities for all users, we are constructing two new change rooms. This is a facility upgrade intended to keep our arena attractive, functional and competitive to local and out of town users. The Northern Development Initiative Trust has generously supported this project through grant funding. Construction of these change rooms will occur during the month of July, 2017.

Highway 16 Beautification:

Tree Canada has generously provided funding to the Village toward the purchase and planting of trees along the Highway 16 corridor. Our Public Works Crew will construct 8 raised bed planters along the Highway 16 corridor between the eastern boundary of the

Village to the western boundary. We will plant a flowering crab apple in each of these planters to provide color and texture to our highway corridor. These trees will also compliment our walking trails; present and future.

Walking Trails

Our Village commissioned a Walking Trail Feasibility Study. This study reviewed our existing sidewalks, walking and hiking trails. This study will assist the Village in our planning for sidewalk, walking trail and hiking trail improvements in the years to come. A copy of the final report is posted on our Village website. Hardcopies will be available upon request at the Village Office. With the recommendations of this study in mind, members of our Public Works crew are continuing their work on trails around Mouse Mountain. I would like to thank the community members who took the time to complete the Walking Trails survey; which formed part of this study. Our intention is to improve the walkability and accessibility of these areas. The Trail Feasibility Study was made possible through funding from the Rural Dividend Fund. Our work on our trails and sidewalks will continue throughout the summer.

New Village Policy:

The Village has adopted a "Letter of Support" policy. It is common for the Village to receive requests from organizations and individuals for Letters of Support; often in support of grant applications. This new policy requires sufficient time for Council to review these requests. This policy standardizes the process by requiring completion of a "Request for Letter of Support Form". This new policy is posted on the Village website. We remain committed to working with local non-profit and community organizations that provide a general benefit to our community.