



FRASER LAKE

Village News

DECEMBER 2022

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Elected Council
- Snow Clearing
- Curling Rink
- Santa Claus Parade
- Fraser Lake Medical Services
- Arena Christmas Hours
- CityWest
- Charity Hockey Game
- Emergency Services
- Christmas Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Christmas and New Year's Village Office

Monday December 26th
Closed

Tuesday December 27th
Closed

Monday January 2nd,
2023
Closed

Public Works Hours

Monday December 26th
Closed

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTED COUNCIL

We would like to congratulate our elected Mayor and Councillors following the municipal election held this past October 2022. Re-elected to the Village Council are Mayor Sarrah Storey, Councillor Craig LePoidevin, Councillor Audrey Fennema and Councillor Joe Jenkinson. Newly elected Councillor Jolene Webb joins Council this term. The Term of Office is four years; November 2022 to November 2026.

SNOW CLEARING

During winter months, overnight parking is not allowed on Village streets. Following snowfall, our Public Works crew is busy clearing our streets and roads. Parked vehicles create an obstacle to those activities. If our crew must go around a parked vehicle, they often must return later, after the parked vehicle has moved, to clear off the roadway. Keeping our streets cleared during winter months is a demanding task for our Public Works team.

The Village of Fraser Lake Winter Season Vehicle Parking Bylaw No. 677, 2007 addresses this issue. Vehicles are not to be left parked or standing on any Village Street or road between the hours of 5:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Sunday inclusive. This streetside parking restriction runs from October to April each year and is intended to prevent obstructions to snow clearing on Village streets. Where a vehicle has been left parked or standing (stopped and unattended) on a Village Street, it may be impounded (towed) and fees (fines) may be im-

posed. WE WOULD PREFER TO NOT TOW ANY VEHICLES.

Everyone loves it when the snow is plowed, and our streets are clean. Please be courteous and park your vehicle off street during winter months. Thank you.

CURLING RINK RETROFIT PROJECT

The Village is upgrading the Curling Rink to a 12-month facility. When the facility is not used as a curling rink, it will be available as a community hall for everything from family and community events to sports activities. The retrofit will create a more accessible facility.

This project will upgrade the building's structure, electrical, refrigeration, mechanical and ventilation systems. The building's energy efficiency will also be improved with increased insulation, new doors, and new windows. A CleanBC heat recovery project is planned for the Curling Rink, Arena and the Complex. There are three projects that will benefit from the heat that can be recovered from the operation of the ice plant. The first will heat the arena hot water supply for the dressing rooms and Zamboni room, the second project will supply heat for the arena and curling rink lobbies and the third heat recovery project will supply heat to the Curling Rink. Recovering heat from the ice plant is expected to result in significant energy savings. It will reduce our green house gas emissions, while keeping our operating costs down.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Friday De-

ember 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The parade starts at the Firehall and will wind through the streets of the Village. For those decorating a vehicle or building a float, please contact Fire Chief Joe Pacheco at (250) 699-2859 to hold you spot. The more the merrier.

This year, the weather has been forecast as a mild -6 degrees. Perfect weather for a Santa Claus parade. As an added benefit, many of our local businesses plan to stay open late this Friday. This is a fantastic and fun opportunity to complete your Christmas Shopping. There will be great deals and opportunities to enter draws at selected stores and restaurants. Hope to see you there!

FRASER LAKE MEDICAL SERVICES

Each month, the Village participates in a Community Coordination Call with Emergency Service providers in the community. During one of our more recent conference calls, we learned that the availability of short-term housing is sometimes an obstacle to bringing short term health care providers to the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic. Examples might include student nurses who are interested in completing a three-month work term (practicum) at the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic. Do you have a four-season cottage that you may be interested in renting? Would you be interested in billeting a medical professional in your home? If you are, please contact Jill Hedstrom or Lora-Lee Pacheco at the Health Centre to register your interest: phone: (250) 699-6225.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's
from the
Village of Fraser Lake's, Mayor, Council & Staff

CITYWEST—FIBRE OPTIC SERVICES

Dear Fraser Lake Residents,
 With the arrival of winter temperatures, underground work on the fibre-optic network in Fraser Lake has paused. When warmer spring temperatures return, construction will resume. Over the last twelve months, the CityWest construction team has worked hard to bring fibre-optic services to homes and businesses in Fraser Lake. However, our work is not yet done. There are a few areas of Fraser Lake that still require construction. Next spring, when warmer temperatures return, our teams will be back to complete their construction activities and to connect the remaining properties with fibre-optic services.

For the properties north of the rail tracks on Park Drive, we are working with permitting agencies to prepare for next year's build.

Our team is currently working with the owners of several multiple dwelling units to bring services to the tenants of their buildings. We appreciate that many residents are hoping to have fibre-optic services as soon as possible. Please accept that we are working hard to meet your needs. Building a fibre-optic network underground takes longer, however, this construction method results in a more secure, reliable, and future-proof network. Most ISP (Internet Service Providers) place their infrastructure on above ground poles, when one of those poles is affected by an unforeseen or tragic event such as an accident, inclement weather conditions, or conditions caused by Mother Nature, above ground networks often face repair challenges before services can be restored. With the Fraser Lake network being underground, the chance of an outage is drastically decreased.

Another benefit of fibre-optics is that it is scalable. This means the new network will be able to handle increased demands for bandwidth. If speeds faster than 1,000Mbps are necessary, this network will be able to easily meet that demand.

CityWest has partnered with the Village of Fraser Lake to create VFL Communications. This partnership will ensure that a portion of the profits from CityWest services go back into the community. CityWest and the Village of Fraser Lake have committed \$2.1 million to bring fibre-optics to the community, and we are excited to bring fibre-optic connectivity to more homes and businesses in 2023.

For those eligible customers wanting to sign up for CityWest services, please contact our Customer Service team by calling 1-800-442-8664 or visit the CityWest website at www.citywest.ca to learn more.



Santa Claus Parade

Friday
 December 9th
 Starts from the
 FL Firehall
 6:00 pm Sharp
 and will wind through
 the streets of the Village.

C.H. Foote Arena Christmas Hours

Ice Available to Rent call
 250-699-1927

December 21
 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
 December 22
 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 December 23
 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm
 December 28
 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 December 29
 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 December 30
 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Public Skating

December 21
 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 December 22
 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 December 23
 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 December 28
 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 December 29
 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 December 30
 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

THANK YOU TO OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

On behalf of the Village, we would like to thank our emergency service providers and their families for their important contributions to our community. Thank you to the doctors and nurses and Medical Clinic staff at the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic for your service to our community through the Covid pandemic and now through the flu season. Thank you to the BC Ambulance Service providers, the FL Fire Rescue and the RCMP for taking calls twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Thank you to our Volunteer Fire Department for providing first responder services. Our firefighters train for and make themselves available for everything from structural fires, extrication services, providing lifesaving emergency first aid to residents in the Village of Fraser Lake. The list would not be complete without recognition of the services provided by the men and women of our local RCMP Detachment and BC Ambulance Services. Collectively, our Emergency Service providers selflessly respond to our emergencies. They help us through trying times. Thank you.



Fraser Lake Hawks Alumni Charity Hockey Game

Friday December 23
 C.H. Foote Arena
 6:30 pm Warm-up
 7:00 pm Puck Drop

Spectator Entry by Cash Donation or Non-Perishable Food Item
 All proceeds go to Santa's Anonymous Food Program



TO VILLAGE OF FRASER LAKE RESIDENTS:

NOTICE – GARBAGE PICK-UP WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2022 TO JANUARY 3, 2023

The Village of Fraser Lake Public Works Department will be closed on December 26th and on January 2nd, 2023. There will be no changes to our resident's garbage pickup, the only change will be no garbage pickups for business on December 26th. The garbage pickup will be on December 27th. The garbage pickup for business on Monday January 2, 2023 will be moved to January 3, 2023.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you,

Village of Fraser Lake

