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SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT:

The Village will be hiring students for summer maintenance. The job postings are on our Village website fraserlake.ca. If you are a university or high school student, please visit our website for more information. Aside from earning a few dollars over the summer, our summer student program helps keep our community well-kept and clean.



The Village Office and Public Works will be Closed on Monday May 23rd, 2022 To observe the Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

INTERNET SERVICES:

The folks installing fibre optic cable are back in town. Over the next couple of weeks, the WCI construction crews will be ramping up. They promise to get the rest of the conduit in the ground. Say goodbye to those orange lengths of conduit that are out in your front yard because it should be buried soon.

The same company will be topping off the patches of lawn that were excavated last year. If the area sunk a lot, they will begin by filling the hole with gravel. WCI will top off those areas with soil, apply a liberal amount of grass seed and let mother nature do the rest. By the end of summer, you won't be able to tell where the construction activities occurred. Fibre optic services are

anticipated to be up and running by the end of June 2022. If you have not yet registered for the service but you are interested, it is not too late. Go to the City West website or phone their customer service line at: 1-800-442-8664. We are looking forward to this significant improvement to internet services in our community.

THE COMPOST AREA IS MOVING!

The Fraser Lake compost area is moving! Grass clippings, leaves, brush, and branches to six (6) inches can be taken to the Regional District Transfer Station 4 km south of Fraser Lake off Chowsunket Street. By June 1st, the Village of Fraser Lake will be installing a gate and signage across the road leading to the Fraser Lake

compost area. Residents are asked to begin taking their grass clippings and brush to the transfer station. When weight restrictions are off area roads, the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako will improve the composting area at the transfer station by building concrete block bays where compostable materials can be deposited. Global warming is expected to continue to warm our summer months. The decision to move the Compost Area will reduce the potential for wildfire near our community. The Village recognizes this change may be inconvenient. We encourage you to continue to compost your lawn materials, leaves and brush. These materials are not allowed in your garbage bins.

SPRINKLING REGULATIONS:

Management of our water resources is important. Although our Village has good access to water supply from the lake, all water in our distribution system has been treated. Aside from the cost of treating water our Water Treatment Plant is limited in the amount it can produce in a 24-hour period. In 2018, excessive water use emptied our water reservoir four (4) times that summer. When the reservoir is empty, there is no water for toilets or taps or to respond to emergencies such as structural fires. So, we are obligated to manage the use of water during summer months relative to grass watering. Between May 1st and September 30th, each year, outdoor water use is only permitted as follows:

- Lawn watering shall only be permitted during the hours of 4:00 am to 9:00 am or 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm for:
 - properties with even numbered civic addresses on even numbered days.
 - properties with odd numbered civic addresses on odd numbered days.

If you have installed an automatic sprinkling system into your lawn, you are permitted to water every day of the week between the hours of 12:00 am and 4:00 am.

Outdoor hoses must be equipped with a working spring-loaded shut off nozzle. This description does not include twist open hose nozzles. This allows you to control your water use and when the nozzle is not held open in your hand, it will shut off the flow of water.

Persons may, at any time, hand-water plants using a hose with a spring-loaded shut-off nozzle or a hand-held container. Growers of gardens and flower beds need not allow their crops to wilt!

Our bylaw is also sympathetic to persons who are developing a new lawn, whether you are installing sod or using seed. If you need to water regularly to get your new lawn or new landscaping going, you may apply to the Village for a written permit to carry out lawn watering or landscape irrigation under the terms and conditions provided in the permit.

In the event of a water shortage, the Village may impose additional temporary water conservation restrictions as required, and for as long as necessary, to adequately conserve the community's water supply.

2022 JOB FAIR & SMALL BUSINESS

EXPO

Friday June 3, 2022, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday June 4, 2022, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Fraser Lake Arena, 30 Carrier Crescent

Presented by the Village of Fraser Lake, Love Fraser Lake and the Fraser Lake and District Chamber of Commerce

Come out and enjoy this **FREE** event, support local businesses, and see what employment opportunities are available.

Want to book a table? Call or email DAVE CHRISTIE Economic Development Officer at 250-699-6257 or dchristie@fraserlake.ca or pick up a table booking form from the Village Office.

NOBODY WANTS TO TALK ABOUT IT BUT OUR SEWER SYSTEM IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

Toilets are amazing. They dispose of some pretty disgusting stuff; however, they are not meant for everything and anything that will go down the pipe!

The only things that are okay to flush down the toilet are toilet paper, poo and pee. Everything else should go into the garbage.

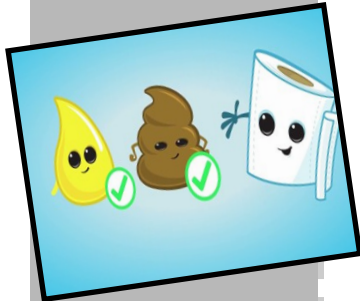


Municipalities across the country are struggling with an overwhelming increase in the volume and type of non-dissolvable materials that are being flushed down toilets. Because there is no definition for what is flushable, manufacturers have labeled many products as “flushable” but most of those products should never go down the toilet. These products are wreaking havoc on our sewer systems and costing communities’ significant amounts of money.

Locally, in 2021 a sanitary sewer lift station pump burned out when a nylon re-enforced paper towel that was flushed wound itself into the bearings of the pump. That was an \$8,000.00 repair. This year, four households on Murray Street experienced sewer back up due to a clog in the sewer main. When our Public Works crew dragged the sewer main, they pulled out a cluster of materials that included a string mop head, blue shop towels, sani-wipes, hair, dental floss, and diapers. The clog was cleared, only to reoccur several days later. When the sewer was dragged a second time, a clump of baby diapers and baby wipes were removed. The question was asked, why are these materials accumulating in this line, so, our public works crew excavated the site. The plumbing was fine. However, since most of our buried infrastructure is under our roads, the excavation damaged the paved surface of Murray Street. In terms of dollar value, this repair, which includes the cost of repaving this site is estimated at \$50,000.00.

During the construction of the 4th wastewater lagoon in 2021, a screening device was installed to intercept plastic and fibrous materials from the wastewater stream before it enters the lagoon. It has been almost overwhelmed with the amount of baby wipes, Swiffer wet jet pads and diapers that are being flushed down the toilets in Fraser Lake.

The *City of Vancouver* has initiated a public education campaign to reduce the volume of material that is being flushed down toilets in Vancouver. They have developed a web page that provides compelling information about what should not be flushed down your toilet and why. The website has 8 very short, animated video clips that will provide you with a good idea of what should and should not be flushed down a toilet. Please visit their website and view their video clips. It will be worth your time unflushables.ca



VILLAGE OF FRASER LAKE SPRING CLEAN UP 2022 Big spring cleanup will be the week of May 30 – June 3, 2022.

To ensure your materials get picked up, please have it all separated and to the curb no later than Thursday, June 2.

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

Items that we cannot pick up are:

- cardboard (you must take to the Bottle Depot)
- batteries
- paint cans that are full or partially full (we can pick them up if empty and the lid is off)
- tires
- aerosol cans, and containers with flammable liquids, such as gas, oil, or paint thinner.
- propane cylinders
- refrigerators
- freezers
- vehicles
- grass clippings
- trees or shrubs that are over 2 inches in diameter.

If you are discarding motorized 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 Public Works at 250-699-6562.



Voyent Alert! Emergency Call Alert System

In times of crisis, it is important that residents have access to timely, trusted and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. The Village of Fraser Lake along with the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako have launched a new Emergency Call Alert System called Voyent Alert! This Mass Notification System allows residents to use an App or sign up online to receive text, email, and phone alerts during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications such as snow removal advisories, planned maintenance, water advisories, etc.

We are excited to provide this alert system to our residents.

Go to <https://voyent-alert.com/community/> and click on “Register Now” to register to receive Voice, Email, or Text alerts.

