

Municipal Newsletter
March & April 2023
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Utility Bills

Utility Bills were mailed out on February 15th. If you did not receive your utility bill in the mail, please contact the Village office.

- Reminder that all utility bills paid in full by March 31st at 4:00 p.m. will receive a 5% discount.
- If you would like to sign up for monthly preauthorized payments from April to August, the deadline to do so is March 31st.
- The due date for utility bills is August 31st . Any balances outstanding after August 31 will receive a 10% penalty.

BUDGET MEETINGS

The RDCK will be holding its public budget consultation meeting for Nakusp & Area K on March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building.

The Village will be presenting the 2023 Final budget at the April 12th meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building

Both meetings can also be attended virtually.

FIRE SMART PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Nakusp FireSmart and NACFOR will be holding a public consultation meeting in the Nakusp Emergency Services Building, on March 15th at 7:00pm, to discuss the Wildfire Risk Reduction projects that will be commencing this year. Projects will be taking place at Upper Brouse (Wensley Creek), Arrow Lakes Hospital, and the Old Rail Trail.

This is a great opportunity to get informed about these projects, and other FireSmart initiatives. For more information contact Noel Ballard at (250) 265 1952, email firesmart@nakusp.com.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Zoning Bylaw Open House

March 20th 1 pm – 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm – 8 pm at the Emergency Service Building

You are invited to attend the Zoning Bylaw Open House. The Zoning Bylaw is a very important bylaw that governs how land can be used in the Village.

This is your chance to review the new proposed zoning bylaw any give any feedback you may have.

Staff will be there to answer your questions and take your comments for Council's consideration.

Points that may interest you include:

- What the public stated during previous engagement,
- The new zoning map,
- New property setbacks,
- How we can help increase housing,
- Allowable uses in each zone,
- Where short term vacation rentals may be operated,
- And much more.

Nakusp Café

April 3rd 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Nakusp & District Sports
Complex in the Auditorium

Join us for a coffee and a light snack and learn about your Village, or talk about what concerns you!

Come and sit at a table and speak with Staff and/or Council. The focus for this event is public engagement and two way dialogue.

Not sure what to talk about? We have topics prepared for you that include:

- Emergency services and preparedness
- Taxation and Utility Fees
- Zoning Bylaw
- Asset Management
- Nakusp Marina
- Hot Springs Operations

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Nakusp Hot Springs

Relax Refresh Return

Annual Spring Maintenance Shutdown
April 25 - May 5, 2023

Reminder Winter Wednesday end in March, last discounted soak for locals is March 29, 2023.

Be on the look out for an announcement about a Moonlight Dip event at the Hot Springs!!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Business Licence

Reminder that all existing business licences unpaid by end of the day on Friday March 31, 2023 will receive a penalty.

Business licenses can be paid by credit card online using the Option Pay portal on our website, or by cash, cheque or debit in the office.

April (Easter) Holiday Garbage Schedule

Friday April 7th Garbage Route—picked up on Wednesday April 5th.

Monday April 10th Garbage Route—picked up on Tuesday April 11th.

Public Works

Pot hole season is upon us! Please report pot holes to (250)265-3556 or operations@nakusp.com.

Street sweeping should be happening late April or early May, residents are asked to not park on streets when the machine is working in the Village. We will inform you of this through the Voyent Alert app, our website and social media channels.

Standardize Collection Routes

We are standardizing our curbside Recycling and Garbage pick up route to better serve you. To ensure you are not missed, please have your items out by 7 am on your scheduled pick up date. We would also like to remind you of the items you can place in your recycling bin. Please visit <u>our website</u> for a complete list, or come into the Village office to receive a paper copy.

Community Clean-Up Week

Starts on Monday May 1, 2023. Please have your items on the grass boulevard or adjacent laneway by 7:00 AM. Crews will by each property once, along a pre-planned route to avoid backtracking. Please keep plant matter, woody material and sand/gravel separate for ease of collection.

- -Plant debris and grass may be bagged in **paper bags only**, plastic will not be picked up.
- -Branches must be trimmed to lay flat & limbs may not exceed 2.5m in length or 5cm in diameter.
- -Sand and gravel from winter sanding operations may be placed on the boulevard grass in a single pile for collection. Other earth, rocks and excavation material will not be accepted.

Excessive volumes of material exceeding 1 cubic meter per household (about the size of a fridge) will not be picked up.

Water Conservation - Bylaw 702, 2022

May 1st marks the start of Stage 1 Water Conservation, reminder:

Even numbered civic address water on even numbered days Odd numbered civic address water on odd numbered days

Between 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM, as well as 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Please see the bylaw for more information, located on our website under <u>municipal services/bylaws/search our document library.</u>

Arena Parks

Crews will be working with a local Contractor to complete the pruning and clean up of the waterfront and downtown gardens.

The ice will be removed on Monday March 13. Staff would like to thank all ice users from the Arena and the Curling Club for a great 2022/2023 ice season.

Please be careful on walking trails—early spring mornings can be icy.

Upcoming Council Meetings

March 13, 2023 March 27, 2023 April 12th, 2023 (Wednesday) April 24, 2023

6:30 PM at 300 8th Ave NW Emergency Service Building

VOYENT ALERT

Have you signed up for Voyent Alert yet?!?

You can stay up-to-date on everything from emergency situations to road closures to interruptions in Village services. Go to https://voyent-alert.com/ca/ to create your own account.

Pick up a 2023 Recycling Schedule and map in the Village office!