

# VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

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## WATER MAIN FLUSHING

During May, Public Works will be completing unidirectional flushing of the Village's water distribution system. This process uses high velocity water to remove buildup from inside the water mains and pipes - especially in areas with low water flow - and is an important part of maintaining a clean and safe water system.

### Next Steps for Residents

Our flushing may cause cloudy or discoloured water to come from your tap(s). If this happens, simply run your tap(s) until the water clears. It's best to use the cold tap closest to where water enters your home, often an outdoor hose bib.

Residents that have water filtration systems on their drinking water are encouraged to replace their filters when we complete our flushing of the distribution system.

Residents and businesses are also encouraged to regularly flush their own indoor plumbing, particularly fixtures that haven't been used over the winter or are rarely used. In this case run your cold tap water through these fixtures for at least five minutes to ensure fresh water throughout your system. We also recommend flushing your hot water tank separately.

For more information on water main flushing, please visit our website:

<https://www.nakusp.com/municipalservices/public-works-services/water> .

## PUBLIC WORKS

As a reminder - please slow down and move over when you see the Village's Public Works crew working on the roads.

Upcoming projects for May and June include:

- Line painting of the crosswalks and stop bars downtown;
- Pothole patching; and
- Water main flushing.

### Is there a culvert under your driveway?

Residents are responsible for maintaining this and other parts of the boulevard in front of their properties. May is a good time to check for any obstructions in the ditch or culvert.

### Public Works Week is May 17-23!

Residents see the department's work every time a toilet flushes, a tap fills a bottle, or a vehicle drives down the street. This year we're demonstrating how public works is always rooted in service and powered by community.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### 300 8TH AVE NW

- Monday, May 11, 2026
- Monday, May 25, 2026
- Monday, June 8, 2026 - COTW
- Monday, June 22, 2026

## INFORMATION

- Meetings are open to the public
- Meetings start at 6:30 PM
- To attend virtually, please use Zoom link at the top of the agenda
- All agenda items must be sent to the CAO at [cao@nakusp.com](mailto:cao@nakusp.com)

## A THANK YOU

The Village of Nakusp extends its sincere thanks to Ken and Darcy Wanstall for their generous donation of mulch to the community gardens and the downtown playground. This year, multiple dump truck loads of mulch were donated.

For several years, their ongoing support has contributed to the beauty and upkeep of the gardens along Broadway and the waterfront, as well as the safety of the playground, enhancing these shared public spaces for residents and visitors alike.

The Village is very grateful for their longstanding support and the positive impact it has had on our community. Thank you, Ken and Darcy!

# NAKUSP HOT SPRINGS

## SPRING MAINTENANCE SHUT DOWN

The facility reopens to the public on Saturday, May 9, following the annual spring maintenance shutdown. We look forward to welcoming you back!

Effective May 1, entry rates at the Hot Springs will increase to help fund ongoing repairs and facility improvements.

### Stop paying full price to enjoy the Hot Springs!

Local residents are encouraged to use the Swim Pass Card (SPC), which provides entry for \$10.00. For more savings, arrive on the BC Transit bus and soak for just \$8.50 – now available year-round.

## OPERATIONAL HOURS

From May 9, 2026 to October 12, 2026

9:30 AM-9:30 PM every day

Last entry into the pools is 9:00 PM

Contact us at:

info@nakusphotospings.com OR 250.265.4528

[www.nakusphotospings.com](http://www.nakusphotospings.com)

# ARENA PARKS

The Arena Parks team has been busy this spring with a number of indoor projects, including repairs to the Japanese Garden bridge and HVAC updates in the Sports Complex Auditorium.

The team has also been preparing outdoor spaces for the season - maintaining grass areas, clearing trails, removing debris, and servicing irrigation - across more than 12 acres of turf and 25 acres of other park space.

The Nakusp Municipal Campground is now open! Six new electrical sites and a new sani-station will be available this season. Book online at [www.nakuspcampground.ca](http://www.nakuspcampground.ca).

### Check out our Recreation Calendar!

Please have a look at our Recreation Calendar for up-to-date schedules, program opportunities, and registration dates.

The Nakusp Recreation Programming schedule is subject to change. [www.nakusp.com/municipal-services/parks-recreation/recreation-programs](http://www.nakusp.com/municipal-services/parks-recreation/recreation-programs).

All Village facilities will be closed on statutory holidays, including May 18, 2026.

### Public Walking in the Auditorium

Public walking in the Auditorium is now done for the season. This will be restarted in September 2026; keep an eye on our Recreation Calendar for more information.

### Pickleball & Tennis

The outdoor pickleball and tennis courts are open and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Public Restrooms Opening

The Waterfront and Park restrooms will be open from 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM Monday through Sunday until the fall. The Beach restroom will be open by the end of May. Please watch for notice of the exact opening date on the Village website.

Questions about programming? Contact the Recreation Clerk at [rec\\_program@nakusp.com](mailto:rec_program@nakusp.com) or stop by the Village Office!

# 2026 PROPERTY TAXES

Most of the Village's operating revenue is obtained through property taxes. When preparing the budget, the non-tax revenues are identified and allocated against costs to determine the balance required from property taxation.

Non-tax revenues can include fees and charges for services, federal and provincial government grants, investment income, etc. The amount of property tax revenue the Village must collect to provide the services to the levels prescribed by Council is used to calculate the tax rates based on BC Assessment's assessed values. The budget for 2026 includes a 12.39% tax increase. This results in an overall increase for municipal property taxes of \$188,424, resulting in an increase to property taxes of \$187.13 for an average household assessed at \$457,600 and \$221.41 for a typical business assessed at \$260,600.

For an average residential home assessed at \$457,600, the taxation will have an impact of:

2025 Taxes	2026 Taxes	2026 Annual Impact	2026 Monthly Impact	2026 Daily Impact
\$1,307.38	\$1,494.51	\$187.13	\$15.59	\$0.51

Budget Adjustment drivers for 2026 Tax increase:

Budget Item	Amount	Municipal Tax Increase (%)
Inflation	\$53,236	3.50%
Asset Management	\$69,663	4.58%
Recreation Clerk	\$8,000	0.53%
Fire Chief	\$48,052	3.16%
Debt Repayment	\$9,473	0.62%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$188,424</b>	<b>12.39%</b>

Property tax notices will be mailed out in mid-May. If you have not received your tax notice by June, please contact the Village office to obtain a copy. Taxes are due July 2, 2026.

A 10% penalty will be applied to all outstanding amounts after the due date. Don't forget to apply for your Homeowner Grant through the province before the due date. Information regarding how to apply is included on your tax notice.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Emergency Preparedness Week is running this year from May 3-9, 2026. This year's theme is "In It Together," recognizing that individual readiness and community resilience are strengthened when we look out for one another.

To help communities get the most out of the week, PreparedBC has created a full suite of resources, including a social media toolkit and themed activities for all ages. Everything can be viewed and downloaded from the Emergency Preparedness Week landing page at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/education-programs-toolkits/ep-week>.

Thank you for all you do to help keep our community safe!