



# Village of Nakusp

## Municipal Newsletter

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### Council Dates

The upcoming Council dates for November & December 2024 are as follows:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024.

This concludes the 2024 Council meetings for the year. The 2025 Council meeting schedule will be released in December and posted on the Village website

Meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:30 PM at the Emergency Service Building (300 8th Ave NW).

To attend virtually, please use the link at the top of the agenda.

### Nakusp Café

Please come join Mayor & Council and Village Staff for an evening of conversations!

November 7, 2024 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Nakusp & District Sports Complex-Auditorium (200 8th Ave NW).

Radon Information, Accessibility Committee Member Sign-Up, 2025 Budget, Zoning Bylaw Amendments, Winter Maintenance, Recreation Complex Usage Committee, and FireSmart and Emergency Management.

### Nakusp's Active Transportation Network

Connect Nakusp is a friendly name for a comprehensive and accessible trail network plan that will connect destinations in Nakusp and area. The plan will pull together previous planning projects and public feedback efforts to create shovel ready project segments, in preparation for implementation funding.

Come to the Nakusp Cafe to look at the network map and information, and give us your input to help us refine the plan.



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**FireSmart**™

### FireSmart

The FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program (NRP) has just released new financial incentives of up to an **extra \$1000 in funding** for program participants. This program is a great way to reduce wild-fire risk for your entire neighbourhood. Additional funding is available for tools, group meetings, and other wildfire risk reduction activities.

#### **NRP Incentive:**

- **\$1,000** will be provided to new Neighbourhood Recognition Program applicants who meet the specified criteria, listed below.

- **\$750** will be provided to FireSmart Recognized Neighbourhoods renewing their status.

#### **Criteria for NRP Incentive:**

- Have a neighbourhood set up in the NRP Portal.
- Have a Hazard Assessment uploaded in the NRP Portal by the NRP Specialist.
- Have a Mitigation Plan uploaded in the NRP Portal.
- Complete and submit an [application form for the Incentive](#).

Within your application, outline how your community will use the funding to accomplish a task within your Neighbourhood Mitigation Plan.

If this process seems overwhelming or inconvenient, we are here to help you through it! To learn more, contact your local FireSmart Coordinator at [firesmart@nakusp.com](mailto:firesmart@nakusp.com).



### Nakusp Hot Springs

We still have lots of great 50th Anniversary swag available. Come on up and check it out!

Be on the lookout for additional advertising for 50th Anniversary celebrations throughout the year.

#### **Special Events**

Moonlight dips can be enjoyed on November 15 and December 15 as the pools stay open until midnight to enjoy the full moon.

Winter Wednesdays (for locals only) return on the first Wednesday of November until the last Wednesday of March 2025. Please ensure that you have ID to prove you are a community resident.

Operational Hours:  
Sunday through to Saturday  
9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Contact us at:  
[info@nakusphotsprings.com](mailto:info@nakusphotsprings.com) OR (250) 265.4528



### Radon 100 Kit Challenge

Registration is open for citizens to sign up to receive a radon test kit for 100 days in their home, which is returned to the Village Office after the 100 days. Staff will return the kits to Take Action on Radon for data collection. Take Action on Radon will then produce an individual report on the findings for each test kit and provide it to the individual. The Village of Nakusp will receive a community report outlining the community's overall results.

Test kits are limited—sign up today!

Pick-up can happen at the Village Office or Nakusp Public Library.

Questions, please contact the Village Office. We are happy to help.

### Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment

The Village of Nakusp is amending its Zoning bylaw (No. 729), which was adopted by Council in 2023 and most recently amended in June 2024 to include the legislated requirements caused by Bill 44.

This amendment is unrelated to Bill 44 and is written to address the direction given by Council and to further the Strategic Priorities they set in 2023. Staff also included suggestions and comments made by the public over the past year. “How can the Village reduce unnecessary red tape and apply common sense to the regulations, but still reflect the desires of the community stated during public engagement sessions held in 2021 to 2023?” was front of mind when researching and preparing the bylaw amendments. The overall themes of the Village of Nakusp Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 744, 2024, include:

- 1. Clarity and Consistency:** The amendments aim to make the zoning rules clearer and more consistent, ensuring that similar uses are regulated in the same way.
- 2. Increased Housing Density:** The changes support the development of more housing units, including accessory dwellings and secondary suites, to address housing needs.
- 3. Business Opportunities:** The amendments encourage business growth by making it easier to run home-based businesses and allowing for more commercial uses in certain zones.
- 4. Improved Livability:** The bylaw changes are designed to enhance the overall quality of life in the village by regulating land use more effectively and ensuring that developments contribute positively to the community.
- 5. Flexibility in Regulations:** The amendments provide flexibility in building and land use regulations, such as allowing for projections into some setback areas and offering alternatives for parking requirements.
- 6. Short-Term Rentals:** The bylaw includes specific rules for short-term rentals to ensure they are managed in a way that balances the needs of residents and visitors.
- 7. Site-Specific Zoning Amendments:** Over the past four months, the Village has received two site-specific zoning amendment applications. To reduce processing time, the applications are addressed in this amended bylaw.

Further information and the entire draft bylaw will be available on the Village’s website by Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Staff will also be available at the November 7, 2024, Nakusp Café to speak about the amendments and answer any questions you may have.

We anticipate the Bylaw will appear before Council on November 13, 2024, for the First and Second readings. A Public Hearing will be held during the regular council meeting on November 25. The public is welcome to provide their comments in person at the Public Hearing. Written comments are due by Noon on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, to the Village Office or via email to [info@nakusp.com](mailto:info@nakusp.com).

### **Recreation Activities at the Sports Complex**

#### **Public Skating (\$2.00 drop-in)**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### **Stick & Puck (\$2.00 drop-in)**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Saturday, Sunday: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

#### **Public Walking in the Auditorium (FREE)**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Pickleball (\$2.00 drop-in)**

Monday (senior drop-in): 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Monday (adult drop-in): 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday (adult drop-in): 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday (family drop-in): 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### **Finance Department**

All property taxes must be paid in full to avoid becoming taxes in arrears and being charged daily interest. Any unpaid utility invoice that remains unpaid after December 31st will be treated as taxes in arrears and charged daily interest.

All payments can be made in person at the Village Office until December 24, 2024. Online banking payments can be made until the deadline of December 31st.

### **Business Licence Renewal Reminders**

2025 Business Licences must be renewed by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you do not intend to renew your licence for 2025, please notify the Village office by the end of this year. Renewal invoices will be mailed out in mid-November of this year.

**Did you know you can receive a \$25 discount if you re-new by the end of 2024?** The Village office will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>, so early renewals must be completed by December 24, 2024, to receive the discount.

### **Nakusp Accessibility Committee**

The Village of Nakusp will be recruiting for Accessibility Committee members. The Accessible BC Act requires the committee to be made up of equal parts of members at large, members who live with a disability, or individuals who support or are from organizations that support persons with disabilities. If you or someone you know who lives with a disability would be interested in being a part of this committee, please have them call or stop by the Village Office.

The Accessibility Committee will assist the Village in identifying barriers that discourage individuals from interacting with the organization and advise how to improve accessibility.

Official recruitment will be advertised in the local papers, Facebook and the Village website in the coming months.

### **The Village of Nakusp is Hiring!**

The Village is currently seeking the new employees for the following positions:

- ⇒ Casual Hot Springs Attendant(s)
- ⇒ Full-Time Hot Springs Operator
- ⇒ Casual Public Equipment Operator

Send your resume to [info@nakusp](mailto:info@nakusp) or see the job posting on our website for more details.

<https://www.nakusp.com/municipal-services/job-opportunities>



### Holiday Office Closures

Village Office: Closed December 25 and reopening on January 2, 2025.  
*Emergency Public Works line for sewer, water and road emergencies: 250-265-3861*  
Nakusp & District Sports Complex: Closed December 25 & 26, and January 1, 2025.  
Hot Springs: Reduced hours on December 24 & 25, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

### Winter Preparation – We Need Your Help!

Village public works is preparing for snow season and we need your help to clear the boulevards. Please remove any trailers, RV's, or vehicles by **November 22, 2024**. We need them cleared to ensure that we have enough room to pile snow and to not plow you in for the winter. Anything left on the boulevards after this date may be removed by the Village at your expense.

Thank You!

### Holiday Ice

Did you know the Village offers private ice rentals for \$40.00 + GST an hour during the holidays?

Holiday Ice will be available from 4 to 6 PM on December 23 and 24, 27 through 31st, and January 2 through 5. Start a new tradition with your friends or family and book an hour or two of Holiday Ice!

To book, please stop by the office or email [rec\\_program@nakusp.com](mailto:rec_program@nakusp.com); please note that insurance is required.

Please note that the Village Office will be closed on December 25 and reopening on January 2, 2025.



### Sidewalk Snow Clearing Reminders

It is the responsibility of the property owner/occupant to clear snow from sidewalks in front of your home or business. Do not push or blow snow onto the street when clearing snow. It must be added to the windrow or put onto a boulevard. From time to time, the Village may clear snow from sidewalks to supplement the snow clearing done by the owners, but this is only a courtesy, not something to be relied on.

### A Winter Message From Public Works

With the winter season fast approaching, residents are reminded that, for snow removal efficiency, there is no parking on Broadway between 11 PM and 7 AM and no parking in alleyways all winter long.

Please shovel the snow from the sidewalk adjacent to your property or business front; do not push the snow into the street or roadway.

We want to bring to your attention the potential impact of traditional rock salt on the concrete sidewalks. While rock salt is effective in melting ice, it can adversely affect the durability and longevity of the concrete surface. We encourage you to explore alternative ice melt options that are effective and safe for concrete.

We are also mindful of the well-being of our furry friends. Many traditional ice-melt products may pose risks to pets' paws. We recommend choosing ice-melt products that are labelled as pet-friendly.

Ice melt products containing **calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) or magnesium chloride** protect concrete and are safer for pets and the environment.

Please note that with all ice melt products, applying excessive quantities does not enhance its effectiveness and may lead to unnecessary environmental impact. Following the manufacturer's recommended application rates not only ensures cost-effective usage but also minimizes the potential harm to nearby vegetation, water bodies, and infrastructure.

We appreciate the community's assistance in keeping our sidewalks safe during winter. Thank you!

### Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up

For those of you with a Wednesday garbage pick-up, the December 25th garbage pick-up will take place on Friday, December 27, 2024.

Zone 1 recycling will not take place on December 26th. The first pick-up for 2025 will be on January 9th.