



Village of Nakusp

Municipal Newsletter

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Council Dates

The upcoming Council and Committee of the Whole dates for September & October 2024:

Monday, September 23, 2024

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - COTW

Monday, October 26, 2024

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM in the Emergency Service Building (300 8th Ave NW). To attend virtually, please use the link at the top of the Agenda.



Nakusp Hot Springs 50th Anniversary

On October 19, 2024 the Nakusp Hot Springs will be celebrating its 50th year in operation.

Join us for a dip at 1974 pool rates!

More event details will be provided in the coming months; stay tuned!

Please note that the hours of operation for the Nakusp Hot Springs on **October 19th** is as follows:

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

The only admission rates charged in 1974 were for Adults and Youth. The 1974 pool rates are:

Adults:	Single Swim \$1.50
	Day Pass \$2.50
Youth:	Single Swim \$0.75
	Day Pass \$1.50

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Council for the Village is allowed to NOT charge property taxes to property owners like not-for-profit organizations. This is called a permissive tax exemption, and it assists organizations in need that provide services for the benefit of the public.

However, the taxes not collected through the Permissive Tax Exemption must still be paid. The amount owed is spread out among all other taxpayers in the Village, including all taxes payable to the Regional District, Schools, and Provincial agencies. For the first time since 2020, Council reviewed all tax exemptions and only provided exemptions to those who demonstrated a financial need for the exemption to be able to carry on its services. Council did so to ensure that all other taxpayers are not unnecessarily burdened by paying taxes for organizations that do not need the exemption. Five (5) Permissive Tax Exemptions, totalling \$13,397 in municipal taxes, will be granted for 2025 (0.95% of total municipal taxes collected). In comparison, 20 exemptions were granted for the 2024 tax year, totalling \$31,143 in municipal taxes that were spread out and paid by all taxpayers.

Blue Bin Reminders

Are you setting a blue bin out for recycling pickup? **Please note our program does not accept the same products as the RDCK's recycling depot.**

A detailed list of acceptable blue bin products is available for pick up in the Village office or on our website under municipal services/public works/recycling.

Acceptable blue bin products:



The RDCK recycling depot located at the RDCK landfill in Nakusp accepts more products.

For more details on accepted products at the RDCK Recycling depot please visit www.rdck.ca.

Nakusp Hot Springs

Our small pool is back to its normal hot temperature! Our visitors enjoyed the cold pool and its return will be considered for Summer 2025.

Our next Full Moon dip is September 17, 2024.

There will not be a Full Moon dip in October.

Camping season 2024 is coming to an end at the Nakusp Hot Springs. Our last day open is Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Annual Fall Maintenance Shut-Down

The Nakusp Hot Springs will be closed for our annual fall maintenance shut-down from October 14 to 17, 2024. Our pools will reopen to the public on Friday, October 18th, 2024. Please note that our Chalets will remain closed to the public as new windows are installed; watch for updates. As the window replacement is complete, the chalets will become available for booking one by one.

Operational Hours:

Sunday through to Saturday

9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Arena Parks Happenings

Arena staff are currently installing ice; Public Skating and Stick and Puck schedule will be available on our website and Rec & Parks Facebook page.

WEEKDAYS: Public Skating Noon to 3 PM

Stick and Puck 3 PM to 4 PM

WEEKENDS: Public Skating 11 AM to 1 PM

Stick and Puck 1 PM to 4 PM

Ice schedule subject to change due to ice rentals.

NEW SPORTS COMPLEX RENTAL RATES as of September 24, 2024. Auditorium was \$440 for the day, **WILL BE \$350.**

More rate changes are available for viewing in the Fees and Charges Bylaw on our website after bylaw adoption. Facility or ice rentals are available at rec_program@nakusp.com.

The public washrooms at the park and beach will be closed for the winter on October 15, 2024.

Please note the Nakusp & District Sports Complex will be closed on all statutory holidays.



Earn Up To \$5,000 in rebates – it's easy!

Would you like to **earn up to \$5000 in rebates** for doing work on and around your home? The FireSmart Home Partners Program was designed to help homeowners and residents achieve wildfire resiliency through education and financial incentives. The rebate program will fund wildfire mitigation for eligible activities, including your own labour, tools, materials, and contractor fees. Anyone can participate in this opportunity, but it won't last forever, so act now!

Here is how it works:

Step 1 - Get a **free** FireSmart home assessment from an RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist by filling out the online application at rdck.ca/firesmart, emailing firesmart@nakusp.com, or firesmart@rdck.bc.ca or calling **250-352-1539**.

Step 2—Work with your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to complete a Rebate Work Plan. This is where you can plan your FireSmart mitigation actions and receive feedback on how to prioritize your efforts.

Step 3—Implement the recommendations from your FireSmart home assessment. You can do this yourself, with your neighbours, or with hired help. Use the table on the Rebate Application Form to keep track of your personal hours and any money spent on contractors or materials.

Step 4—Submit your rebate application. Please note that rebate applications over \$1000 will require a follow-up visit from your Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

If this process seems overwhelming or inconvenient, we are here to help! To learn more, follow the Nakusp FireSmart Facebook page and contact your local FireSmart Coordinator at firesmart@nakusp.com.

**It's not a matter of if a wildfire will affect our community but when.
Don't wait until it's too late!**

A Message from Public Works

Crews will begin watermain flushing over the next couple of months. Village water utility clients may notice a temporary disruption in flow and/or pressure loss in their water service. This is normal when flushing takes place in their neighbourhood. Naturally occurring organic sediments are being flushed from the mains. As a result, there may be a slight discoloration and/or milky-looking water due to air bubbles present once flushing has been completed. A simple fix is to run the cold water tap until the water runs clear.

Crews will begin annual Fire Hydrant servicing. There may be similar results as Watermain Flushing, with discoloured or milky water after servicing has taken place; once again, run the cold water tap until clear should you experience any of these symptoms.

Roadway Crack Sealing will be taking place over the next couple of months at various locations throughout the Village; please be mindful of staff and equipment working on the roadway; slow down and obey signage.