



# VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

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## SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

The Village raised taxes this year to save more money for future repairs of 'assets', including: buildings, equipment and important infrastructure. It will put this money into a reserve. A reserve is like a special bank account. Each asset needs its own reserve. Many of our assets are old and need repairs or replacement. We have not saved enough money to do this.

Putting enough money in reserves is hard if we have too many assets. The more assets we have, the more money we need to save. That means higher taxes for everyone.

Right now, the Village owns too many properties. If we own fewer properties, we can save more money and use it for better purposes, including setting aside funds for the assets we cannot do without.

Some Village properties are not used, or as much as they could be. We need to focus on owning fewer properties and utilizing what we have more effectively. The REC Complex (Arena) is a good example of a building that could be utilized more effectively. It has lots of space and can be used by more people with only a few changes.

By selling properties, the Village will:

- Save more money;
- Keep taxes lower;
- Make better use of fewer buildings;
- Make money from selling the properties to increase our reserves; and,
- Make additional annual tax money from the new owners.

The funds collected from property sales are **legislated by the province** to be placed into reserve funds for the purpose of paying any debt remaining in relation to the property and of acquiring land, improvements, and other assets of capital nature. **Community Charter Division 6, Part 4, Section 188 (2) (e).**

For more information, check out our webpage "Sale of Municipal Properties."

<https://www.nakusp.com/municipal-services/finance-department/sale-municipal-properties>



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### 300 8TH AVE NW

- Monday, July 14, 2025
- Monday, August 25, 2025

During Summer Break Council only meets once during the months of July, August and September.

## 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)

## FIRE SMART

Help us protect the community from wildfire by removing flammable materials from your property, such as tall dry grass, leaf piles, and branches. We encourage you to be neighbourly and offer help to those in your neighbourhood who could use an extra hand.

## BOULEVARDS & ALLEY

Reminder that Village boulevards are your responsibility to maintain. Please keep grass/weeds trimmed. Do not store any piles of debris on Boulevard.

Vehicles on the Village's boulevard must be insured and in working order; those violating bylaws may be ticketed, towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

# NAKUSP HOT SPRINGS

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The small pool will be converted into a “Cold Plunge” beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

Operational Hours:

Sunday through to Saturday

9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Contact us at:

[info@nakusphotospings.com](mailto:info@nakusphotospings.com) OR (250) 265.4528

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

## PARKS

Thanks for doing your part to keep our public spaces clean! Just a reminder: **public garbage bins are for litter only**—please don’t use them for household or commercial waste. When misused, these bins overflow quickly, creating messes and extra work for our crews. Let’s all help keep our community tidy and welcoming for everyone.

Thanks for keeping an eye out for our community green spaces! If you notice any irrigation leaks or broken sprinkler heads in village parks, please report them to the Village Office as soon as possible. Quick action helps us conserve water and maintain beautiful, safe parks for everyone to enjoy.

## ROADS

**Please slow down and stay alert when driving near Village crews working.** These workers are improving our roads and infrastructure, often just inches away from moving traffic. Your caution helps keep them safe and ensures that projects are completed efficiently, benefiting everyone. Over the summer months, you can expect to see crews doing: Pot hole repairs, storm cleanup, flail mowing, and dust control.

## PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE

Reminder that the Property Tax deadline is Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 4 PM. Property tax accounts that remain unpaid as of July 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive a 10% penalty on the unpaid amount. You must apply for your Home Owner Grant by the deadline as well to avoid penalties.

Tax accounts that remain unpaid as of January 1<sup>st</sup> will be classified as tax arrears and will incur a daily interest charge on the outstanding amount.

The Village Office is open Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, closed Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and reopened Wednesday to Friday for regular operational hours. 8 AM to 4 PM.

## WASTEWATER

**Please do not flush “flushable wipes” down the toilet.** Despite the name, these products can cause serious blockages in our sewer system and lead to costly damage.

Help keep our wastewater system running smoothly by disposing of wipes in the trash instead. The following items also clog the lift station pumps and trigger an emergency call-out: **underwear, bandages, feminine hygiene products, diapers, and leftover foods.** Keeping these out of the wastewater stream can save a lot of headaches and repair bills.

## WATER CONSERVATION

Watering restrictions play a crucial role in conserving our community’s most valuable natural resource—water. By limiting outdoor water use during peak periods or in times of drought, these measures help ensure that there is enough clean water for essential needs, such as drinking, cooking, and firefighting. They also ease the strain on local infrastructure and reduce the money required for water treatment and distribution. When watering outside, please remember to:

- Measure how much water is landing on your lawn. Grass only needs about a half-inch of water twice a week to promote deep root growth.
- Check for leaks regularly – Even small leaks can lead to significant water loss. Look for soggy spots or unusually green patches as telltale signs.
- Adjust water pressure – Too much pressure can cause misting and waste, while too little leads to poor coverage. Aim for 30–50 PSI for most systems.
- Use the right sprinkler heads – Match sprinkler types to your landscape zones to ensure even coverage and avoid overwatering.
- Water early in the morning – This minimizes evaporation and gives plants time to absorb moisture before the heat of the day.

Did you know our Village's water use more than triples in the summer? In the winter months, we average about 25,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water per month, but that number skyrockets to over 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> in July and August—mostly due to outdoor watering. By using water wisely, we can reduce strain on our systems, protect natural resources, and ensure a sustainable supply for everyone. **For information on current water restrictions,** please visit our website or sign up for Voyent Alert to get updates to your email, landline or cell phone.

## CURB-STOP CALL OUT

Help us find your curb stop and be entered for a \$100 gift card to Home Hardware.

The Village of Nakusp is recording the precise locations of curb stops with GNSS. A curb stop is a water shutoff valve that connects a property to the main water line. It is a round, metal plate that may be painted blue (see image). Recording the locations of curb stops ahead of time helps save our crews' time in the field. A curb stop is usually located near the property line. If you know where your curb stop is, consider sending us the location to help the Village and enter a draw for a \$100 gift card to Home Hardware.

To enter the draw, please send the following to [gis@nakusp.com](mailto:gis@nakusp.com):

- A picture of your curb stop that shows its location on your property
- A brief description of the location (e.g., “along west property line near shrubs”)
- Your street address

