



CRESTON'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Join Us for a Spectacular Celebration: Creston's Centennial!

As we prepare to honour Creston's remarkable 100-year journey, the dedicated Centennial Committee is hard at work crafting an unforgettable series of events. While the final details are still in the works, we're excited to offer you an exclusive glimpse into what's in store for this momentous occasion. Visit creston.ca for a sneak peek at the exciting line-up of events planned in the coming months!

Mark your Calendars for May 14th and Enjoy the Centennial Drone Show!

Save the date: May 14th marks the official incorporation of Creston back in 1924. To commemorate this historic milestone, join us for a breathtaking drone show at the Creston & District Community Complex as night falls. It promises to be an evening filled with awe and celebration, as we pay homage to a century of Creston's rich history and vibrant community spirit.

Council Welcomes Two New Councillors

Following the recent by-election aimed at filling two vacant positions, the Town of Creston is thrilled to extend a warm welcome to Carolyn Hawton (left) and Megan Holland (right) as they join Town Council!



We eagerly anticipate their valuable contributions and dedication to serving our community with passion and diligence. Welcome aboard, Councillors Hawton and Holland!!

Creston Implements New Short-Term Rental Regulations

The Town of Creston has recently rolled out a series of regulations aimed at managing Short Term Rentals (STRs) within the town limits. These measures have been introduced to balance the interests of the local community with the growing STR market.

To understand the specifics of these new regulations, individuals are encouraged to visit housing.creston.ca for more information.

OPEN HOUSE

Coming Soon!

Get ready to mingle with every department from the Town of Creston at our Open House near the end of April (date and location TBA). If you are interested in what we do, this is one event you won't want to miss!

Chat with managers and staff, learn the ins and outs of your town, and get involved like never before! Stay in the loop for further updates! Follow us on Facebook, keep an eye on our News Feed at creston.ca, and watch for an advertisement in the Creston Valley Advance.



April 27

9:00am - 1:00pm
at the
**Creston Valley
Farmer's Market**

Join us for an engaging and interactive event celebrating environmental awareness! Kids welcome!

- Taste water from all over the world at Creston Valley Youth Network's Water Sampling Station.
- Dive into creativity and join the Creston Public Library and ArtSpace by painting bookmarks with natural dyes/paint.
- Explore water erosion with Wildsight's interactive trailer.
- Learn about the wetlands restoration project with Lower Kootenay Band Youth Network.
- Test your compost and recycling skills with the Town of Creston's curbside game.
- Make a seed bomb with the Climate Change Society.
- And more!

Don't miss out on this educational and fun-filled day!"



The Town of Creston is actively seeking summer students to join our team in the following departments:

Finance and Corporate Services

- Summer Student Employment Position

Bylaw Services

- 2 Summer Student Employment Positions

Infrastructure Services (Public Works)

- 2 Summer Student Employment Positions

Community Planning and Development Department

- GIS Student Intern - Summer Employment Position

Many Properties are Now Able to Have Hens!



After a successful pilot project, Council has approved backyard hens. You can now keep a maximum of six hens if you are located within the R1: Residential - Low Density or R5: Residential - Rural. Hens must have a valid Hen licence and there is some criteria that must be met. Licences expire on the 31st of December each year and must be renewed annually. Check out creston.ca for more information, including Hen Owner Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions, and the application.



BUSINESS INVESTMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Are you a business owner with dreams of expanding or revitalizing your commercial space? If so, the Town of Creston has exciting news for you! The Business Investment Incentive Program, designed to fuel growth and development within our community.

So, what is the Business Investment Incentive Program? In simple terms, it's a unique initiative aimed at providing partial relief from the municipal portion of property taxes to incentivize investment in commercial projects. Whether you're looking to develop a new space or breathe new life into an existing one, this program is here to support you.

The objectives of this program are threefold. Firstly, it aims to enhance the visual appeal and vitality of our town, creating an inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. Secondly, by supporting business growth and expanding employment opportunities, the program seeks to bolster economic prosperity within Creston. Finally, it aligns with the municipality's proactive "open for business" approach, attracting both redevelopment and new development of commercial businesses.

How does it work? Upon completion of a commercial project, the program provides relief for a specified term from 100% of the incremental increase in the municipal portion of property taxes resulting from the increase in assessed property value. This means that as your investment pays off and your property value increases, the burden of property taxes is lessened, allowing you to reinvest in your business.

Is your project eligible? The good news is that a variety of projects qualify under the program. Whether it's new construction with a minimum value of \$150,000 or renovations to an existing building valued at a minimum of \$50,000, you could be eligible for this enticing opportunity. It's important to ensure that all eligible improvements are appropriately zoned, and we encourage you to check out the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1918, 2020 on our Town of Creston website for further details.

Discover more about the program at creston.ca, and don't hesitate to reach out to us by giving us a call.

Camp Ignite - Kootenay Division



Calling all Grade 11 (Fall 2024) and Grade 12 girls! Camp Ignite - Kootenay Division is hosting a camp July 5, 6 & 7, 2024 in the beautiful Creston Valley.



Creston Valley Fire Departments are excited to open applications up for participants that want to experience a fun-filled weekend of skills and team building with women in the Fire Service. Join us in a safe, inclusive, environment to see if firefighting is a career for you.

Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024.



To find out more about Camp Ignite or to apply, visit creston.ca and search for "Camp Ignite". If you have any questions, feel free to email us at campignite@creston.ca.

New Electric Vehicle Chargers at Market Park

Creston residents can now enjoy the benefits of two new electric vehicle (EV) chargers at Market Park. This installation is part of a green initiative funded by Kootenay Rockies Tourism through the Stronger BC Plan Targeted Regional Tourism Initiative, in partnership with the Community Energy Association.

Quick Facts

- Level 2 chargers, efficient and reliable
- Available to all residents and visitors
- Cost: \$2.45 for the first 4 hours, \$5.00 for every hour thereafter

Benefits

- Promotes eco-friendly transportation
- Supports local economic growth by attracting EV-using tourists
- Contributes to Creston's environmental sustainability goals

Earth Day Contest for Creston Businesses!

The Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Creston are pleased to announce the #earthdaycrestonbc contest for Earth Day. We invite Creston Valley businesses to showcase their eco-friendly initiatives and climate action commitment.

How to Enter:

Post on social media (Facebook or Instagram) your climate friendly initiatives and future goals. Use the hashtag #earthdaycrestonbc and tag the Town of Creston and Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Contest Guidelines:

- Highlight Your Eco-Friendly Efforts: Share your current eco-friendly actions or contributions to climate action.
- Future Goals: Discuss your aspirations for a climate-friendly future and plans to enhance climate action efforts.

- Include #earthdaycrestonbc: Ensure your post includes the hashtag #earthdaycrestonbc and tag the Town of Creston and Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Submission Deadline: Submissions are due by Earth Day, April 22.
- Prize: A \$500 gift certificate for a course at the College of the Rockies in Creston BC, supporting local education and climate-friendly initiatives.
- Spread the Word: Encourage fellow businesses to participate and raise contest awareness!

Free Stuff

Trash to Treasure 

The Regional District of Central Kootenay and Regional District of Kootenay Boundary host Trash-to-Treasure days during Earth Week in April and Waste Reduction Week in October.

2024 Trash-to-Treasure Days:

Saturday, April 20 and Saturday, October 19

How to participate:

- Collect unwanted items.
- Place them by the curb where treasure hunters can access them without disrupting traffic.
- Create a sign to let treasure hunters know that your items are up for grabs. Visit the newsfeed at creston.ca to find a printable download of the sign.
- Remove all remaining items by 4:00 pm.

This 1-day event is your chance to help reduce waste by giving away your used household items and claiming old treasures from your neighbours!

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