

Creston's New Public Art Initiative



Have you heard the exciting news? The Town of Creston is embracing its creative side with a brand-new policy and committee dedicated to bringing more public art to our beautiful community!

One of the most thrilling projects we have planned this year is the creation of a stunning mural in the downtown walk-through space. This isn't just any artwork; it's a special part of our grand celebration of Creston's 100th year of incorporation. The mural will be a vibrant tribute to our rich history and a hopeful nod to our bright future. Get ready to see our town's stories come alive in colours and shapes like never before!

Are you interested in getting involved? Do you have a piece of property where you'd love to see a mural or sculpture? Are you an artist with work for sale? Or are you simply passionate about making Creston even more picturesque? We'd love to hear from you if you have ideas! Get in touch with the Town of Creston.

We can't wait to see the incredible ideas and talents our community will bring to this exciting venture.

Accessibility Plan



The Town of Creston adopted its first-ever accessibility plan on July 23, 2024. This plan is all about making Creston a better place for everyone by removing and preventing accessibility barriers. It aims to make improvements in various areas like buildings, outdoor spaces, transportation, community support and health services, respect and inclusion, communication, and municipal operations.

You can check out all the details of the plan on the Town of Creston's website at creston.ca/accessibility-plan. You can also drop by Town Hall in person to take a look. The plan explains how Creston will address accessibility issues, ensuring that everyone can access the services and spaces they need.



The Town would like to give a big thank you to the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee. Their honest sharing of personal experiences, keen eye for detail, and thoughtful feedback helped shape a solid foundation for this plan. The Town truly appreciates their voices and the time they volunteered to make this project a success.

Wildfire and Evacuation Tips



With the smoky skies, we are all aware wildfire season is here. The article below outlines where information will be available in the event of an emergency and provides you with resources to develop a safety plan for yourself, family and pets. Knowing what to do, where to go and who to contact will reduce stress and keep you safe in the event of an emergency.

While, we provide some basics, we encourage you to review PreparedBC's Wildfire Preparedness Guide available at:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/wildfire_preparedness_guide.pdf

Where Will I Find Emergency Information?

In the event of an emergency, information will be available on Voyent Alert (see back cover), the Town website (Creston.ca), social media, radio, and if necessary individual door knocking will ensure the quick and effective distribution of information.

It is imperative that you listen to instructions from the local authorities during this time, inclusive of emergency responders, RCMP, and Town Staff.

Understand the Difference Between Evacuation Alert vs Evacuation Order

An **Evacuation Alert** means that you should be ready to leave on short notice. The Town will notify you of an alert by Voyent Alert, radio, social media, and Town website. If you haven't already, make sure your go bags are ready and review your safety plan.

An **Evacuation Order** means you are at risk and should evacuate the area **immediately**. Follow the directions of local emergency officials and evacuate using the route(s) they've identified. Do not return home until you've been advised that the Evacuation Order has been rescinded.

Create a Home Emergency Plan

- Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another and discuss what you would do in different situations.
- Determine the best ways to evacuate your home in case of an emergency such as a home fire.
- Make sure adults and older children know where fire extinguishers, water, electric and gas utilities are located.
- Make sure everyone in the house knows the location of your emergency kit.
- Establish a safe place for your family to meet outside your home and outside of Town.
- Include a plan for evacuating your pets - think about food, water, leashes, medications, copy of vaccination records, identification tags, and crates.
- Depending on the emergency, and if it is safe to remain in your home, prepare to be self-sufficient for at least three days (or seven to 10 days in a health emergency).
- If a member of your family has special needs that would require extra assistance, include those details into your family emergency plan and emergency kit.
- If possible and needed, plan for transportation assistance.
- Know the plans for your workplace, school, community centre, etc. in the event a disaster happens when you are not at home.
- Practice your evacuation plan frequently.

Resources: <https://blog.gov.bc.ca/emergencymanagement/emergencyready>

Build an emergency kit and grab-and-go-bag

Put supplies in one or 2 containers, such as plastic bins or duffel bags. Store them in an area of your home that's easy to get to, such as a hall closet, spare room or garage.

Grab-and-Go Bag



Resource: www.PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyKits.ca

Additional Items:

- Non-perishable food: minimum three-day to one-week supply, with a manual can opener
- Water: four litres per person, per day for drinking and sanitation
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Medications
- Personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses
- Copies of important documents, such as insurance papers and identification
- Cash in small bills
- Garbage bags and moist towelettes for personal sanitation
- Seasonal clothing, sturdy footwear and emergency blanket
- Dust masks
- Whistle
- Help/OK Sign: Display the appropriate side outward in your window during a disaster.

How to prepare for a Wildfire

- Monitor the current wildfire situation, subscribe to Voyent Alert, and be prepared to evacuate at any time.
- Park vehicles facing out, windows up, unlocked. Ensure the vehicle is fully fueled. Keep vehicle keys with you.
- Pack your emergency kit and any valuables or items that cannot be replaced in your vehicle, in preparation to evacuate
- Check on elderly relatives and neighbours to see if they require assistance
- Prepare your home

Inside the Home. Do the following only if it is safe and there is time:

- Close windows, vents, doors, blinds, or non-combustible window coverings. Leave doors unlocked.
- Turn on all lights in the house, porch, garage and yard for increased visibility for emergency personnel.
- Remove lightweight curtains, and close fire-resistant blinds.
- Move flammable furniture away from windows and sliding glass doors.
- Do not turn off your natural gas service if you're evacuating. Fortis BC will turn off natural gas. Once it is safe, Fortis technicians will return to every home to restore natural gas service, if required.

Outside the Home. Do the following only if it is safe and there is time:

- Move flammable and combustible material, such as lawn furniture, away from the home.
- Turn off propane tanks, barbecue included. Move items away from the house, and into an open area where firefighters can see them.
- If on a farm/ranch leave animals unsheltered. If time and personal safety permits, move them away from the danger.

Resource: <https://begins-at-home-guide.firesmartbc.ca>

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.



REGISTER
NOW!



Exciting news! The Town of Creston now offers Voyent Alert, a new tool to keep you informed and safe during emergencies and important events.

What is Voyent Alert?

Voyent Alert is a powerful emergency notification system that delivers critical updates directly to your smartphone.

How Does it Work?

Download the Voyent Alert app from the App Store or Google Play Store, register your location, and start receiving notifications specific to Creston. Customize your preferences to receive only the alerts you need.

Why Use Voyent Alert?

Stay informed in real-time with alerts from the Town of Creston, helping you make informed decisions during emergencies, wherever you are.

Download Today

Don't wait until an emergency happens. Download Voyent Alert now for free and take control of your safety.

Please note: If you're already registered for RDCK's Voyant Alert, you're automatically included in the Town of Creston's system. Visit the app to update your info and to make sure everything is correct.



From the Desk of Bylaw Services

A friendly reminder that the Town of Creston is currently on **Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures**.

Stage 2 means watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs are **ONLY** permitted between 6:00 am and 10:00 am as well as between 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Overnight watering is not permitted. Watering using a handheld hose or watering can is permitted at any time.

Please note that further water conservation measures (Stages 3-4) may be required and the Town of Creston will provide notification through our website and social media (Facebook and Instagram).

For a complete description of the Town of Creston's Water Conservation Measures, visit creston.ca/water-restrictions.

Sign Bylaw Re-write

The Town of Creston is working on rewriting our Sign Bylaw to make it more user-friendly for everyone.

We need YOUR input to make this happen! Tell us:

- What types of signs do you like?
- Which ones don't you like?
- What kind of signs do you find most effective as a pedestrian or motorist?
- If you've applied for a sign before, what did you find confusing or restrictive?

Your feedback is crucial in helping us create a better bylaw for our community. Visit letstalk.creston.ca participate in the survey and to learn more!

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