

Give it up for our Muralist!



Have you seen the new Centennial Mural in downtown Creston? This stunning piece is a creation of Cheka Creative Inc., founded by the globally recognized artist Sergey Ryutin.

Ryutin's work is admired worldwide. His unique style, a blend of photorealism with graphic and abstract elements, is a testament to his artistic prowess. Sergey's commitment to community is evident in his choice to sometimes involve local artists and community members in his projects.

Luckily for us, we have two beautiful new murals. Ryutin completed one, and the other, located in the Cook Street parking lot, was completed by the community with Ryutin's guidance.

Ryutin, led a hands-on workshop with 16 participants. After an inspiring classroom session in the morning, they hit the parking lot below The Bargain Shop, and wow—did they create something beautiful!

Ryutin showed everyone the magic of the spray can, and together they transformed the retaining wall into a lasting piece of art!



A huge shoutout to Ryutin for generously sharing his step-by-step mural process, from concept to completion. The participants soaked up so much knowledge, and it was truly inspiring to witness. What an incredible learning experience for some of our local artists!



Columbia Basin **trust**

A huge thank you to Columbia Basin Trust for their generous donation towards this project in honour of Creston's Centennial.

Sign Bylaw Rewrite



Hey Creston! We're revamping our Sign Bylaw to make it simpler and to better reflect the needs of our community. We want to keep our town looking fabulous while giving businesses the freedom to shine and grab attention. Right now, all signs need a Town permit before they go up, but we know the current rules can be confusing. The current bylaw has been active for 10 years with multiple amendments, and its time to check in. We need YOUR input to make this happen!

Tell us:

- Your experience when applying for signs
- Sign bylaw enforcement
- Sign aesthetics
- AND more!

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!

Accessory Dwelling Unit Plans



If you're interested in developing a detached accessory dwelling unit, the Town has plans that you can use at no cost. This pre-reviewed Accessory Dwelling Unit design offers a simple, modifiable design. These designs are cost effective and can be added onto if desired.

Key features include:

- Accessible design
- Meets the British Columbia Building Code 2024 Three (3) versions of the design provide the option for a 1, 2, or 3 bedroom Accessory Dwelling Unit
- Open-plan main floor with connected kitchen, dining, and living areas helping to keep the circulation spaces accessible.
- Double door from the kitchen/dining to the exterior encourages the use of outdoor space if available.
- Simple massing and exterior giving a contemporary look, and the eliminating of eaves allows it to maximize its footprint on a small site.
- Pitched roof and dormer windows help tie into the fabric of the existing housing.

The plan design allows for a small building footprint at 68.5 sq. m. (740 sq. ft.) with minimal corners and transitions to minimize costs. It can also be used for a small primary dwelling. Check out housing.creston.ca for more information. Contact brandon.vigne@creston.ca for building permit information.

Creston Valley Regional Airport Economic Viability Study

Creston Valley Regional Airport is owned by the Town of Creston, operated by the Creston Valley Regional Airport Society, and financially supported through a shared valley service of the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The airport is used by a range of air ambulance, wildfire, commercial, and private aircraft and includes a 3,944 ft. runway, airfield lighting, and supporting services.

To support the long-term sustainability of this regional asset, the Town has retained HM Aero Aviation Consulting to complete a multiphase Economic Viability

Study to:

- Explore the views and priorities of community members and airport stakeholders;
- Assess and communicate the airport's economic and social value to the region;
- Establish the airport's business case based on its current position, future prospects, and niche; and
- Prepare a Master Plan to guide future projects at the

airport, including its infrastructure; ownership, governance, and operations; and potential growth.

Our team would like to hear from community members, businesses, and stakeholders and learn more about:

- How you value Creston Valley Regional Airport;
- What your priorities are for the airport; and
- Ideas you have for the airport's future.



To learn more and share your views, we invite you to participate in one of our engagement opportunities:

Open House: A drop-in open house will be held on September 25, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Creston and District Community Complex.

Online Survey: We invite you to complete the survey linked below to share your perspectives and priorities. The survey will close on October 11, 2024.

Town of Creston Releases Emergency Management Website

The Town of Creston is proud to announce the launch of a brand-new website dedicated to community safety and preparedness: Emergency Management Creston (EMC). This initiative underscores the Town's commitment to ensuring the well-being of all residents by providing comprehensive information and resources for handling emergencies.

At EMC, the focus is on proactive planning and swift response in our community. The website serves as a centralized hub where residents can stay informed about various hazards that could impact the area. By understanding the hazards and risks, the community can better prepare and protect themselves and their families.

Key Features of the EMC Website:

Emergency Alerts and Updates: Stay up to date with the latest information on emergencies, including real-time alerts and official guidance on how to stay safe.

Preparedness Resources: Learn about the potential hazards in Creston, from natural disasters like wildfires and floods to public health emergencies. The site offers practical tips on how to prepare for these events, including creating emergency kits and developing emergency plans.

Response Coordination: In the event of an emergency, EMC coordinates with local authorities, first responders, and community organizations to ensure a rapid and effective response. The website will provide details on emergency shelters, communications, and other critical resources.

A Word from EMC:

"At Emergency Management Creston, our top priority is the safety and well-being of our community," said Asha DeLisle, Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Coordinator. "Understanding the potential hazards that could impact our area is a key part of being prepared. We are committed to ensuring that when emergencies arise, our response is rapid, effective, and informed."

The launch of this website marks a significant step forward in Creston's ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and resilience. Residents are encouraged to visit the website regularly to stay informed and be prepared for any potential emergencies.

A Work in Progress:

The EMC website is still in its infancy and is a work in progress. New features and updates will be added over time, so residents are encouraged to keep checking back for the latest information and resources as the site continues to grow and evolve.

Let's Talk Trash

We've noticed a significant increase in the use of public garbage cans for household trash since the introduction of our new curbside program. We understand that separating recycling and managing household waste can be challenging. However, it's important that public garbage cans are used appropriately.



If you find that your household garbage exceeds the regular limit, please note that you can pick up extra garbage tags for \$2 each at Town Hall. Additionally, if you're dealing with diapers (baby or adult) you can pick up extra garbage tags for FREE at Town Hall.

We kindly ask that residents refrain from using public garbage cans for household waste. Some locations are monitored by video surveillance, and we rely on the community to help keep our public spaces clean. If you observe any misuse of public garbage bins, please report it to the Town of Creston.

For those who need a little help with sorting waste, the Creston Recycles app is available for download and can assist in determining what belongs in the trash and what should be recycled.



From the Desk of Bylaw Services

Town of Creston Bylaw Services wishes to remind residents of an important traffic regulation designed to ensure safety and smooth flow on our streets. Under Traffic Regulations Bylaw 1546, Section 19(a) states:

"No trailer of any kind, where it constitutes a traffic hazard, shall be parked on any highway of the Town, unless it is attached to a vehicle capable of towing it."

This bylaw is in place to prevent potential hazards caused by unattached trailers on public roads. Trailers left without a towing vehicle can obstruct traffic and create unsafe conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. We encourage residents to comply with this bylaw to help maintain safety and accessibility on our streets.

Open Burning Reminder

To engage in residential burning, you **must obtain a burn permit** from Town Hall. This step ensures that open burning is conducted safely and responsibly.

Open burning is possible year-round if venting allows and there is no provincial fire ban. Please stay informed about fire bans through official channels and check the venting index on the day you would like to burn. You are permitted to burn only when the venting index is categorized as "Fair" to "Good." This precaution ensures that smoke dispersion is optimal, minimizing its impact on the environment and our neighbours.

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