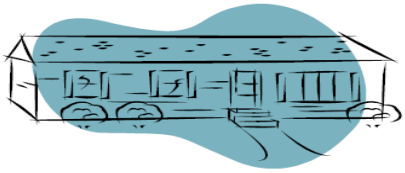
Mayor's Communiqué

(April 2011)

There are a few construction crews in Creston that have been eagerly awaiting this year's spring thaw! New construction soon to get underway includes the Crestbrook Gardens affordable housing project and the new Creston Ramada Hotel on Highway 3A.

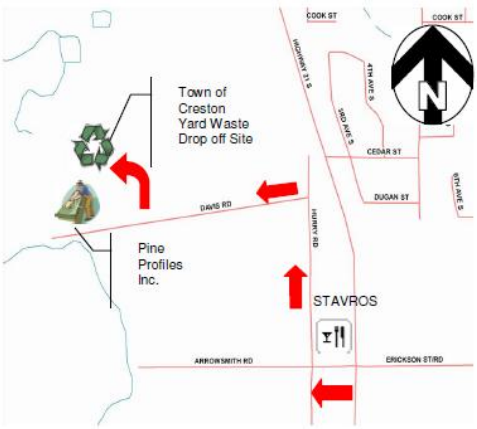
Crestbrook Gardens
Seniors' and Persons with Disabilities



RAMADA

As a Council, we've discussed various ways to attract tourism, and we feel that accommodations are a key starting place. The spin offs related to accommodations are numerous. Creston's central location within the Kootenays makes it an ideal meeting place for conferences, tournaments and other events – all of which benefit not only hotels and motels, but many other existing businesses in the Valley.

In order to encourage and support tourism and business accommodations, we passed a Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw on April 5, 2011. This type of bylaw is one tool available to local governments to stimulate economic development. This particular Bylaw gives tax breaks to hotel and motel owners who are building new or renovating existing accommodations in Creston. You can find more information on our website or by stopping by Town Hall.



April is one of two months in the year when backyard burning is allowed. If there is one issue I hear a lot about as Mayor, it is this one. The smoke from burning bothers a lot of people in the Valley and has an impact on air quality. So, as a Council, we've teamed up to offer some alternatives. I encourage you to take advantage of the free organic yard waste drop off on Saturdays in April. If you've ever wanted the Mayor to personally help unload your yard waste, here's your chance! I'll be one of the volunteers on hand working to make this program a success.

I want to hear from you:

Please share your concerns, your experiences, and your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).

Thanks

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