

Our new Curbside Collection Service!



The Town of Creston is preparing for changes to garbage, recycling, and food waste collection for households within the municipality starting June 21, 2022.

The Town of Creston is committed to recycling as many materials as possible to keep them out of the landfill and to protect the environment. We have been working diligently on getting our Curbside Collection program in place, and we are happy to announce that it will be launching in June!

Starting the week of June 21st

- **Garbage collection changes to bi-weekly pickup.**
- Residents may put out 1 container (maximum 120L) or 2 regular sized black garbage bags (65cm x 83cm).
- Residents must supply their own garbage containers and the maximum total weight of garbage is limited to 23kg (50 lbs).
- If your garbage contains compostable or recyclable material it will not be picked up.

Also starting the week of June 21st

- **Curbside food waste collection will begin and will be picked up every week.**
- Food Waste will be collected in a 45L Town-supplied Green Food Waste cart.
- Green Cart food waste includes bones, meat, eggshells, leftovers, grease, soiled paper and cardboard, paper towel, napkins, facial tissue, waxed and parchment paper, wood items such as toothpicks, popsicle sticks and chop sticks.

Starting the week of June 28th

- **Curbside recycling collection will begin and will be picked up every other week.**
- Recyclables will be collected in an 83L Town-supplied blue bin. The Town will collect recycling as a single-stream.
- In single-stream recycling, paper, cardboard, and metal and plastic containers and paper cartons are mixed in the same recycling collection container.

The Town will supply the following bins:

- A kitchen catcher (7 L) that you keep in your kitchen for food waste
- A Food Waste Cart (45 L) that you will take to the curb for collection
- A recycling bin (83 L) that you will take to the curb for your recycling collection

More Info Coming Soon!

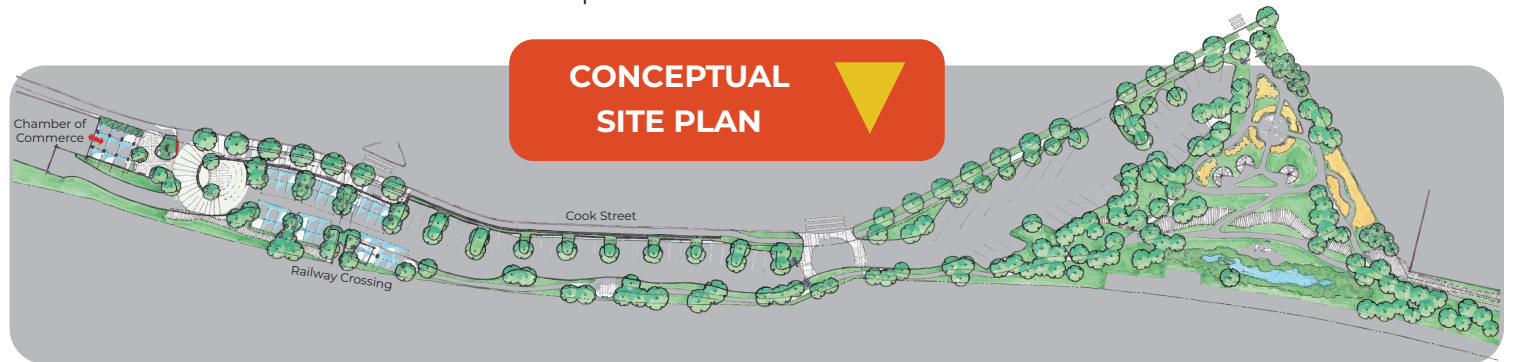
We realize this is going to be a big change for our residents. Please watch your mailboxes in the next few weeks. We will be sending out a dedicated "Curbside Collection Service" newsletter that will contain everything you need to know about how the program will roll out, when your bins will be delivered, and what your collection day will be.



CRESTON'S DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

To look at it now, you may not think much about the approximately one-hectare parcel of land that is adjacent to the railway tracks, located between the Chamber of Commerce and Pealow's Independent Grocery store. Locals know this land as the space where the outdoor Farmers' Market has traditionally taken place April through October. This particular piece of land has taken on many roles throughout Creston's history – it was a part of Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd. sawmill, as well as home to Creston Building Supplies Ltd., followed by Beaver Lumber and Home Hardware. In 2009, Home Hardware relocated, leaving a vacant brownfield site behind, and in 2013, Town Council and staff started discussions about uses for this land that is centrally located in our downtown core. The concept of Market Park started to take shape and continues to be a part of Council's community vision. The initial conceptual design for Market Park was prepared in 2014 by Tom Dishlevoy Architects and Alison Mewett, landscape architect. The mission of Market Park is to create a venue that emphasizes

Creston's history, landscape, and beauty by creating a public green space, providing a permanent home for the Creston Valley Farmers' Market and celebrating the heritage and culture of the Yaqan Nukiy people, all in a park-like setting. It will be a central gathering place in the heart of our downtown where people will be able to stop, linger, and explore the Park and the amenities it has to offer. The Town of Creston's 2017 Official Community Plan (OCP) features Market Park as a foundational cornerstone of the community's vision – it is mentioned 43 times in our OCP! We envision that this multi-purpose community hub will generate new business opportunities for vendors of the Farmers' Market, create direct spillover revenue for nearby businesses, and recirculate these dollars into the larger business community. These impacts are anticipated to accelerate economic recovery, stimulate business growth, create jobs, increase tourism, and improve the economic resilience of the entire Creston Valley!



In 2017, we estimated that the total project cost for Market Park would be approximately \$3.7 million and that the project can be completed in phases. The Town of Creston has consistently applied for grants for this project over the years as it is primarily grant-dependent – that is, we would not be able to proceed without receipt of significant grant funding. This year, we have been successful in obtaining partial funding for this project and are so excited to break ground this spring! To learn more about the

detailed design, conceptual site plan for Market Park, and how you can get involved, visit our Let's Talk Creston website – letstalk.creston.ca/market-park. Stay tuned for further updates on this thrilling project!

Please note: The Creston Valley Farmers' Market will be temporarily located beside Millennium Park (16th Avenue South) for the 2022 season.

Zoning Bylaw Re-write

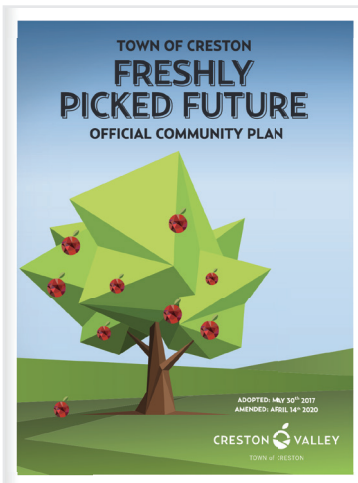


We are nearing the end! The anticipated adoption date for the new Zoning Bylaw is June 14th, 2022. You still have a chance to provide feedback on letstalk.creston.ca/zoning, where you can view the draft and leave your comments.

Here's our timeline:

- **April 26th** – Regular Council Meeting: 1st Reading
- **May 10th** – Regular Council Meeting: 2nd Reading
- **May 31st** - Special Committee of the Whole: Council reviews feedback
- **June 8th, 3:00 - 4:00pm** – Informal Public Meeting in Council Chambers: chat with Staff to learn more about the bylaw and have your feedback heard
- **June 14th, 4:00pm** – Public Hearing, 3rd Reading, possible Adoption

Official Community Plan - 5 Year Review



This summer, we will be kicking off our Official Community Plan 5 year review. Right now, Staff is developing a community engagement plan. It is essential that the community is involved in shaping the review. At key times throughout the review process, the Town will be reaching out to engage with you and hear your

opinions, ideas and vision for the future of Creston. Keep an eye on letstalk.creston.ca for more!

Sign Permits

Are you planning on putting up a sign for your business or home occupation? If you are, you need a sign permit from the Town of Creston.

Why? Sign permits help to ensure that signs are properly affixed and that they fit with Creston's character. Do you already have a sign but didn't apply for a permit? Please apply!

You can find sign permit applications on our website or at Town Hall. Completed applications can be dropped-off at Town Hall. Thank you!

Multi-Modal Transportation Plan

We will be conducting our second round of public engagement for the new Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. We ask that citizens and visitors please participate in the survey which will be available on Let's Talk Creston starting May 24th and closing June 10th.

letstalk.creston.ca/multimodaltransportation-plan

Creston's Climate Action Plan



In September 2021, Council passed a resolution to sign onto the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan. This commitment means we need to create a climate action plan that works towards reducing our emissions and making our way to 100% renewable energy usage by 2050. At the April 19th Committee of the Whole meeting, Staff presented Council the first draft of a Climate Action Plan for Creston.

There's still lots to do. Climate action affects everyone, and it's important that you're involved. Check out our Climate Action in Creston Project on letstalk.creston.ca to find out more. Staff will be reaching out to you to talk about Climate Action in Creston in the upcoming months.

Camp Ignite



Jessica Mickelson (right), Camp Ignite – Vancouver 2021

Women currently make up about 4 per cent of the fire service in Canada. An established Vancouver-based camp for aspiring female firefighters is already trying to change that.

Camp Ignite, in partnership with the Lower Mainland area fire departments, have provided strong role models and a venue to empower young women to challenge themselves and learn new skills in a unique team environment that focuses on the firefighting profession. Creston's own Jessica Mickelson attended Camp Ignite in Vancouver in 2021, and was awarded a Full Scholarship for Fire Academy with Training Division. Jessica was given the choice to attend in Surrey, BC or Texas and will have 3 years to utilize the scholarship.

Camp Ignite's curriculum is tailored to show young women the possibility of a career in the trades and other non-traditional roles; this year, Creston Valley Fire Services, in cooperation with fire departments around the East, West and Central Kootenay's, will inspire, empower and challenge girls here in the Kootenay region!

Our first camp will run July 8, 9, & 10, 2022 here in Creston! Space will be limited to 20 female campers in grade 11 or 12 (age 15 – 18).

If you are interested in participating, or know someone that is, please email Laura Dodman, Assistant Fire Chief - laura.dodman@creston.ca for more information.

Camp Ignite – Kootenay Division will indeed **Ignite passion, Ignite possibilities** and will **Ignite tomorrow's** opportunities.

Canada Community Building Fund

The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) provides predictable, long-term and stable funding to local governments in British Columbia for investment in infrastructure and capacity building projects. The CCBF is guided by three national program objectives, which include productivity and economic growth, a clean environment, and strong cities and communities. The Town of Creston has been grateful to receive this funding and last year, the grant which is received annually, was used towards:

- The hot in place asphalt recycling on Cook Street (10th to 16 Avenue) and 16th Avenue from Erickson Road to Canyon Street (\$293,115).
- Hurl Street Rebuild – 16th to 19th Avenue (\$56,023).
- Storm Sewer replacement at 16th Avenue South and Dogwood Street (\$126,711).
- Transportation Master Plan (\$44, 633).
- Creston Emergency Services Building (\$243,000).
- Zoning Bylaw Re-Write (\$4,785).

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2022 Property Taxes

Property Tax notices will be mailed out this month. If you do not receive your property tax notice in the mail by May 31st, please contact us.

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