



## Legion in Need of Volunteers



BRANCH 29 - CRESTON

Legion Branches are the cornerstone of communities across Canada. With 1,350 Branches from coast to coast to coast, members provide local services and supports to build a stronger Canada.

Whether helping our local Veterans, supporting seniors, supporting youth,

raising funds, volunteering to help those in need, or simply offering a place to gather for fun and celebration, Legionnaires provide essential services to communities.

The Royal Canadian Legion was founded by Veterans, for Veterans. They advocate for the care and benefits for all who served Canada, regardless of when or where they served. The Legion also provides representation and assistance to Veterans, including currently serving Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families. Access to services is available to them at no cost, whether or not they are Legion members. The Legion helps thousands of Veterans each year and makes significant positive changes in their lives.

The Creston branch donates over \$9,000 per year to

local organizations and youth including: TAPS, Irvine House, Cadets, and student bursaries and scholarships. They host events such as Crib Night, Burger and Dancing, Pancake Breakfasts, Steak Dinners, and Meat Draws, just to name a few. The Canteen is a great space to grab a drink and visit with friends, equipped with a brand new pool table and a quiet corner for First Responders.

Unfortunately, over the past few years the Creston branch has been suffering from a lack of new volunteers and although they have a hard working executive, they are suffering from burn-out, and a lack of new board members willing to step forward. The branch is looking for volunteers to help with their programs and fundraisers. If they cannot find volunteers for their board, they are in danger of closing.

Volunteering with the Legion is a great way to meet people, have fun and make a meaningful contribution to the community. If you would like to volunteer on their executive board please contact [info@crestonlegion.ca](mailto:info@crestonlegion.ca) or call 250-428-4252.

Watch for more in the upcoming issues of the Creston Valley Advance for more about the Legion and the Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

## Wondering what the Community Planning and Development team has been up to lately?

# OPEN HOUSE

**We hope to see you there!**

Come to our open house, on **November 23**, in the Creston Room at the Community Complex. We will be hosting a drop-in, "world café" style open house from **5pm-8pm** to talk about the:

**Official Community Plan - 5 Year Community Check-in, Climate Action, Housing, Downtown Revitalization, and more!**

This will be a great opportunity to talk to staff, provide input, and see what projects the Town is working on.

## Official Community Plan - Five Year Check-in

Looking to provide your thoughts on the OCP 5 year community check-in?

1. Subscribe to the [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca) project page
2. Come to the open house on November 23
3. Complete the weekly surveys on [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca)
4. Reach out to Staff directly



It is important that as many residents as possible provide input during the 5 Year Community Check-In. The review will evaluate OCP policies within the context of today's challenges, trends, and emerging issues and is an opportunity to touch base and ensure that the Town of Creston Official Community Plan continues to meet the community's needs.

## Backyard Hen Pilot Program



What's the (s)Ccoop on the backyard hen pilot program? On October 11th, Council officially adopted the Backyard Hen Pilot Program. So what's next? If you're interested in keeping backyard hens, come to Town Hall to pick up your application! Staff will be here to support you. A maximum of 10 properties will be allowed to participate in the program on a first-come, first serve basis. Tune in to our [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca) page for details!

## Affordable Housing Update



Interested in Creston's housing challenges and potential solutions? Mark your calendar and join us online to hear a presentation about Creston's Draft Housing Action Plan, ask questions, and learn how you can provide feedback. The draft plan will be released for review the week of October 31st at [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca).

Online presentation:

**Wednesday, November 9th** from 7:00-8:30pm

Find the virtual link at [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca)

Can't attend on November 9th? Stay tuned. There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback online after November 9th. Stay informed on our project page at [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca).

## What is SeeClickFix?

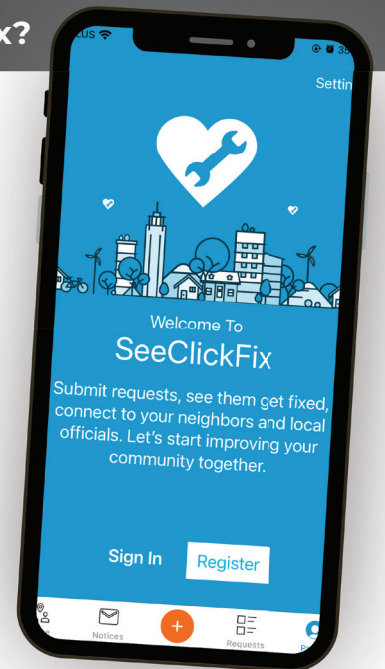
Be a part of the "fix"!

It's easier than ever to report and submit non-emergency Public Works service requests to the Town of Creston through SeeClickFix, an online and mobile application.

Have you noticed a pothole? Burnt out street light? Damaged sidewalk? Water pressure issues?

SeeClickFix allows you to document neighbourhood concerns and areas that need improvement, quickly and easily! We don't always know there is a problem until someone lets us know! Bylaw complaints are not logged through SeeClickFix at this time.

The SeeClickFix app is available for free download for iOS and Android users. You can also select the SeeClickFix tab on our Town of Creston Facebook page or click on the "Report An Issue" banner on our webpage at [www.creston.ca](http://www.creston.ca).



## Creston Valley Regional Airport

The Creston Valley Regional Airport is a registered airport located 3.5 nautical miles (6.5 km) South of Creston B.C. at 1993D Airport Road, Creston B.C. It is owned by the Town of Creston and is operated by the Creston Valley Regional Airport Society.



The airport offers a 3944 ft paved runway equipped with full length runway lights as well as PAPI and taxiway/apron lights, a 294 ft x 165 ft ramp, Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), and 24/7 Cardlock fuel. There is a terminal building with a pilots lounge and washroom facilities, also used as an Emergency Services Building for use during Search and Rescue, Fire Fighting etc.

Creston Valley Regional Airport serves the entire health service area of approximately 15,000-17,000 residents. The airport is fully operational year-round, 24 hours, 365 days per year and is utilized by several Emergency Services such as Air Ambulance, Civil Aviation Search & Rescue Association, Ground Search and Rescue, R.C.M.P., Angel Flight, Forest Fire Fighting as well as General Aviation.



The Airport averages 73 Medevacs per year, transporting patients to and from other hospitals. The Creston Valley Airport is important to other Kootenay Regions since it is often more accessible when airports in the West Kootenays are closed. Patients are transported here by ambulance, then flown out to major centres. Angel Flight East Kootenay was founded in April 2019 and is an entirely volunteer-led charitable organization with no paid employees. Their mission is to fly residents of the East Kootenays to treatment centres in Kelowna, for free!

Civil Air Search and Rescue is a Canada-wide volunteer aviation association dedicated to the promotion of aviation safety, and to the provision of air search support services to Canada's National Search and Rescue Program.

Ground Search and Rescue is a group of skilled volunteers. When requested, by the RCMP, they are deployed through the Provincial Emergency Program, to assist in Ground- Inland Water Search and Rescue, as well as many other Emergencies.

With more awareness of the Creston Valley Regional Airport our mission is to attract more general aviation, new pilots and increase Community membership as well as volunteers.



Volunteer opportunities are available at the following: Creston Valley Regional Airport, CASARA, as well as Ground Search and Rescue. If you are interested in volunteering, email the Creston Valley Regional Airport at [crestonairport@gmail.com](mailto:crestonairport@gmail.com).

## Fall Yard & Garden Curbside Pick-up



The Town of Creston will be conducting their second Fall Curbside Yard & Garden Curbside Pick-up in November.

### The collection week will be November 15 – 18, 2022.

Yard waste is collected by the Town Crew and is scheduled for your regular garbage day. Due to the overwhelming amounts set out, it is possible that the Crew will not collect it all in one day. Leave it out and they will continue where they left off the previous day. If it has not been collected 2 days after your garbage day, please call and let us know.

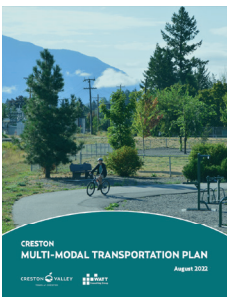
### How to prepare:

- Branches and prunings (no larger than 6" in diameter) are to be wrapped in bundles of 3 feet (1 meter) - a manageable size for 1 person to pick up.
- Leaves, twigs, grass cuttings, and organic garden waste must be placed in rigid, weather proof containers (e.g., garbage cans, cardboard boxes), something that can be quickly dumped and returned to the curbside.
- Paper garden bags are permitted.
- NO plastic garbage bags with yard waste will be accepted.
- We ask that you please keep all organic yard waste separate from household garbage when placing curbside for pick-up.
- Yard and garden waste may not be picked up if materials are not prepared as requested.

### Please note:

- A reminder that yard waste is for organics only and not 'anything found in the yard' such as paving stones.
- The Creston landfill also takes yard waste for a fee. Shrubs and tree branches must be less than 6" in diameter. Large loads (larger than 2.5m<sup>3</sup> / one truck box) are at the discretion of the site attendant and may be turned away if the site is too full for the day or it looks like it is a commercial load. Plastic bags are NOT accepted at the organics station. Bags must be emptied and not left on location.

## Multi-modal Transportation Plan Complete



The Town of Creston's first Multi-Modal Transportation Plan was endorsed and adopted by Council on August 23, 2022. The Plan identifies how active transportation can play a multifaceted role in achieving Creston's broader strategic priorities including a healthy, livable, and diverse community and enhancing partnerships across the Creston Valley all while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Plan reflects the community's vision for the future of all forms of transportation in Creston, as captured through two rounds of engagement involving public surveys, stakeholder workshops and interviews. We appreciate your involvement and feedback! A summary of the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan can be viewed at [letstalk.creston.ca](http://letstalk.creston.ca).

## Questions? Contact Us - We are here to help! • 238 - 10th Avenue North, Creston, BC

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