



A Publication for Town of Creston Residents **TOWN VIEWS** SEPTEMBER 2022

Backyard Hen Pilot Program



What's the (s)coop on the Backyard Hen Pilot Program?

Licensed and regulated keeping of Backyard Hens may be coming soon to Creston, but currently hens are not permitted in Creston. On July 19th, Council directed Staff to present bylaw amendments for a "Backyard Hen Pilot Program". On August 23rd, Staff presented the amendments to Council, and the Bylaws received 1st and 2nd readings. The proposed Pilot Program will allow up to 10 properties in Creston to keep a maximum of 6 hens for personal use for the 24 month duration of the Program. Roosters will not be permitted. Check out letstalk.creston.ca to view the Bylaws and proposed regulations.

On September 21st, Town Hall will host an informal public informational meeting to provide the public with an opportunity to chat with Staff and learn more about the Bylaws. September 27th is the anticipated date for the Public Hearing. If Council chooses, the Bylaws may be adopted on September 27th or October 11th.

More information can be found on our Backyard Hen Pilot Program project page on letstalk.creston.ca.

Official Community Plan - Five Year Check-in

In 2017, the Town implemented a new Official Community Plan (OCP) with extensive community input. The OCP is **the most important planning document for our community**. It includes objectives and policies that guide planning and land use management, sustainability and resilience, long-term development plans, key projects, and much more. All bylaws enacted must be consistent with the OCP.



A lot has happened in the last 5 years, and now it's time to check in with you and revisit community goals and the vision for Creston.

This is a call to action! We need the community to provide feedback to help guide the next 5 years of working with our OCP. - **Continued on page 3**

Fall Yard & Garden Curbside Pick-up



The Town of Creston will be conducting the Fall Curbside Yard & Garden Curbside Pick-up in October.

The collection week will be October 11-14, 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:

- There is a second curbside collection week scheduled for the week of November 15-18; however, the date may change as it is weather dependant. Watch the Creston Valley Advance and our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) for updates.
- A reminder that yard waste is for organics only and not 'anything found in the yard'. For example: broken lawnmowers, paving stones and garden gnomes are not accepted.
- The Creston landfill also takes yard waste for free in the months of April and October. Shrubs and tree branches must be less than 6" in diameter. Large loads (larger than 2.5m³ / 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.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

Open to the public!

1505 Cook Street, Creston, BC

Opening ceremonies will start at 10:30am until 12:30pm.

More details about the CESB Grand Opening will be announced on the Creston Fire Rescue Facebook page.

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Here's a list of key engagement opportunities:



1. Respond to the mailout coming to you in mid-September - For this mailout, we'll show what has been successfully completed in the last 5 years and what is still outstanding. We will seek feedback on what OCP projects you think are the most important, and check in to see if there are any new directions we should be considering.

2. Complete the weekly surveys on letstalk.creston.ca this Fall - This survey series will review the current Community Goals and Policies and the Town's vision for Creston, which emerged from community engagement during the initial creation of the Official Community Plan. Tell us if you think it is still representative of your vision for Creston.

3. Subscribe to the letstalk.creston.ca project page - Find background information, get project updates and ask staff questions online.

4. Come to the open house in November - You are encouraged to attend to see and hear our plans. More details to come!

5. 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.

Climate Action - Feedback Needed!



The Town of Creston is developing a climate action plan, and we want your input! Have you completed the Contribute to Climate Action survey? If you have, a big thank you. If you haven't, we would love your feedback!

Check out our 'Climate Action in Creston' project on letstalk.creston.ca, where you'll find the 'Contribute to Climate Action' survey. Your feedback will inform and help the Climate Action Plan team prioritize their actions. The survey closes on September 18th.

Downtown Revitalization Plan



This Fall, the Town will be consulting with the community on the future of our downtown. The Town of Creston is working with Barefoot Consulting to create a Downtown Revitalization Plan. The Plan will look at ways to enhance the downtown for business, tourism, active transportation and more. Our last Plan was completed in 2007 and much of the work has been done (traffic calming, plantings, etc.) As the heart of our community, the downtown is essential to the Creston way of life, and it's time to think about how we want this space to look and function for years to come. There will be opportunities to provide feedback during this process.

This is the upcoming engagement schedule:

September 2022

- Workshops and Interviews with Stakeholders
- Pop-ups and Online Discussion

October/November 2022

- Public Gallery and Survey

January 2023

- Open House
- Council Presentation

Tune in to our letstalk.creston.ca page for details!

Burning Yard Waste



Just a reminder that if you live within Town of Creston limits, you are only permitted to burn yard waste during the months of April and October, and you need a permit from the Town of Creston. Permits can be purchased at Town Hall – Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey

The Town of Creston conducted a Citizen Satisfaction Survey in summer of 2022 to provide Mayor and Council with valuable information to inform strategic planning, future budgeting, and, most importantly, to understand what is important to the citizens of Creston. A huge thanks to each of the 503 survey respondents for providing their insight and opinions. Below we have provided a summary of our highlights. The Town of Creston looks forward to continue providing these services to our wonderful community!



Citizen Satisfaction Survey Highlights:

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| QUALITY OF LIFE IN CRESTON 89% VERY GOOD/GOOD | CRESTON AS A PLACE TO RETIRE 83% GOOD/VERY GOOD | QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER 85% GOOD/VERY GOOD |
| RECREATIONAL & FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES 81% GOOD/VERY GOOD | SPRAY PARK (CENTENNIAL PARK) 80% GOOD/VERY GOOD | SAFETY & SECURITY OF YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD 81% GOOD/VERY GOOD |
| SEWAGE TREATMENT 82% GOOD/VERY GOOD | FIRE SERVICES INCLUDING ROAD RESCUE 83% GOOD/VERY GOOD | CUSTOMER SERVICE FRIENDLINESS 88% GOOD/VERY GOOD |

To view the whole report visit creston.ca/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/812

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