



Coffee Talks with Mayor and Council

We're bringing the conversation to you—over coffee! Join us for the first Coffee Talk on Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00 AM in Millennium Park. Enjoy a free coffee on us and take the opportunity to chat with Councillors Denise Dumas and Carolyn Hawton.

Ask questions, share ideas, or just drop by to say hello. We'll be hosting these casual chats quarterly with different members of Council—because great conversations help build stronger communities.

Future Coffee Talk Dates:

Wednesday, October 8 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Councillors: Denise Dumas, Keith Baldwin, Norm Eisler

Wednesday, December 10 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Mayor Arnold DeBoon & Councillors: Keith Baldwin, Megan Holland

Wednesday, March 11 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Mayor Arnold DeBoon & Councillors: Carolyn Hawton, Monique Arès

Locations will be announced closer to the dates—follow our website newsfeed and social media for updates.

Call for Mural Proposals: Celebrating Culture, Nature, and Community in the Heart of Creston



The Town of Creston's Public Art Working Committee is excited to invite artists and artist teams to submit proposals for a new mural that will transform the former Ambulance Building in downtown Creston.

This mural will celebrate the rich natural beauty of the Creston Valley—drawing inspiration from our local landscapes and wildlife—while also incorporating elements of the Ktunaxa language and culture. The result will be more than just a vibrant work of art; it will be a meaningful reflection of our shared values of inclusivity and reconciliation.

As part of Creston's ongoing commitment to public art, this project aims to strengthen our community identity and enhance our shared spaces through creative expression. The selected artwork will become a visual landmark in the heart of town, adding colour, culture, and conversation to the downtown core.

To learn more or submit your proposal, visit creston.ca and search for 'call for mural proposals'.



Keeping Your Green Bin Fresh This Summer: Easy Tips for Odours & Insects

Composting is a major win for the planet—but when summer heat kicks in, your Green Bin can start smelling like it's hosting its own backyard BBQ... for flies.

We've got some easy and effective ways to keep your green bin (and your kitchen catcher) clean and stink-free.

Rinse Your Bin

Give your bin a bath every week or two with dish soap or a vinegar-water mix, especially after collection day. Think of it as self-care... for your compost.

Close the Lid

Always keep the lid shut tightly and close it with the latch.

Don't Wait to Fill It

Half full? Quarter full? Still put it out!

Freeze the Funk

Store the smelly stuff (such as raw meat) in your freezer until collection day.

Wrap Those Meat Scraps

If you can't freeze them, wrap them up tight in newspaper to reduce odor.

Add Nature's Deodorizers

Keep your compost fresh with these natural helpers:

- Vinegar or lemon juice
- Baking soda
- Essential oils
- Powdered ginger

Use Liners

Line your bin with newspaper, Kraft paper, or 'Bag to Earth' paper bags. As of March 2025, you may also use certified compostable plastic bags.

Store It Like a Pro

Cool, dry, shaded spots are ideal—think garage, shed, or under a porch.

Composting doesn't have to be gross. A few simple tweaks and your Green Bin will stay summer-fresh (or at least summer-tolerable).

And remember, composting keeps food scraps and other organics out of the landfill, where they'd otherwise produce methane—a powerful greenhouse gas. Every eggshell, apple core, and coffee filter you compost is a small act of climate action. It all adds up—and yes, even your banana peel makes a difference!



Lost Something? Make a Claim

Have you noticed something missing from your property like a bicycle, tool, or other personal item? It may not be gone for good.

Our Bylaw Officer works closely with the Creston RCMP to collect lost or abandoned property around town. This includes a lot of bicycles that appear to have been stolen and then dumped.

If you've had something go missing, there's a chance it's in our recovered property collection.

To find out, simply visit creston.ca and search for 'Complaints and Claims' page. There, you will find a Property Report Form which you can fill out and submit to the Town of Creston. The more detail you can provide, the better we can match items to their rightful owners.

You can also reach out directly to the Town of Creston Bylaw Office or Creston RCMP for assistance.

Let's get your property back where it belongs!

Should Creston Become a City? Community Survey Results Are In

Earlier this year, Town Council asked Creston residents to weigh in on a big question: Should Creston Become a City?

In 2011 the Town's population exceeded 5,000 making it eligible for city status. The 2021 Statistics Canada Census recorded Canada's population at 5,583 and more recently BC Stats estimated the 2024 population of Creston at 6,166 residents.

A town may explore re-classification for many reasons: fostering economic development, acknowledging population growth and change, attracting business, enhancing visibility, and to support federal and provincial advocacy for emergent community needs. Changing municipal classification from a town to a city is a task of envisioning where the municipality is and where it wants to go. There may be minimal immediate changes associated with a re-classification; however, it could be a powerful tool to support economic development and future town planning activities.

In late 2024, Council directed staff to conduct community consultation to solicit public feedback regarding re-classification, prior to considering a formal re-classification process. In response, the Town conducted a survey open to the public between April 9, 2025 and May 9, 2025. The survey was available online at Let's Talk Creston and distributed as a paper survey to all households in Creston.

What We Heard

A total of 218 residents responded to the survey. Here's what they said:

- 62% were not in favour of reclassification
- 25% supported the idea
- The rest were unsure or had no opinion

Those who supported the change focused on opportunities for growth, business, and resident attraction, improved public services, economic benefits, and the potential for more grant funding.

Many who opposed the change expressed concerns related to the loss of small-town charm, higher taxes and costs, crime and homelessness, urbanization, and lack of clear immediate benefits.

A report summarizing the results, and the survey results are available as an attachment in the May 27, 2025 Council Agenda Package:
creston.ca/meetings-agenda-and-minutes.

What Happens Now?

Based on the survey results, Town staff recommended not pursuing city status at this time—a recommendation Council supported. However, some members of Council emphasized the importance of continuing to educate residents about the potential opportunities associated with re-classifying from a Town to a City.

In summary, Council agreed that while now may not be the right time to move forward, the process was still a worthwhile and informative step. The idea can be revisited in the future with stronger public education and deeper community engagement. Thank you to all who took the time to participate in the survey, your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Sign-up for Emergency Support Services



Being prepared for an evacuation means having an Emergency Support Services (ESS) profile set up in advance and understanding your insurance needs.

If you need to leave your home due to an Evacuation Order, homeowner and tenant insurance policies will

typically cover accommodation and other living expenses for a period of time. Be sure to include a copy of your insurance policy in your grab-and-go-bag so you have it on hand during an emergency.

If you don't have insurance, Emergency Support Services may be available to provide support to cover basic living essentials, such as food, accommodation, clothing, and/or incidentals, depending on your needs. During an evacuation, evacuees can go to locations called reception centres to access support. These centres can get very busy, as volunteers help other evacuees register and apply for ESS.

You can streamline this process and avoid long lineups by setting up an ESS profile now. With an ESS profile, you can also access support online without having to go to a reception centre at all.

To create your ESS profile visit ess.gov.bc.ca.



Learn about FireSmart & Emergency Preparedness

Summer in the Creston Valley means long days, catching some sun, and enjoying fresh local produce - but it's also wildfire season...

Are You Prepared?

Join us at one of our pop-up events:

- Speak with Wildfire Mitigation Specialists and the Emergency Program Coordinator
- Understand how to develop a FireSmart property and sign up for a FREE Home Assessment
- Learn what's in a Grab-and-Go bag
- Pick up useful educational tools
- Ask questions!



Friday, July 25th

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Canyon Street Walkthrough Park

Wednesday, July 30th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Save-On-Foods



Scan the QR code to sign-up for a FREE Home Assessment
or email: crestonfiresmart@creston.ca for more information



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