



TOWN VIEWS

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Wings of Change: A Community Art Installation Celebrating 100 Years of Growth

In 2024, Creston's Centennial Committee launched a special community art project to celebrate the town's diversity and spirit.

Birds were chosen as the central theme because they represent freedom, community, and the connections that bind us together across differences. The project also incorporates the colours of the Pride flag, symbolizing Creston's ongoing commitment to inclusion and acceptance.

Cresteramics, a local organization that supports individuals with diverse abilities, painted 400 of the birds. Each participant contributed their own color, creativity, and spirit, resulting in a stunning flock.

Students and staff from Adam Robertson Elementary School also painted many of the birds in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day. Some birds feature local bird species, written in Ktunaxa, honouring the language, culture, and deep connection of the yaqan nuki people to this land.

More than just art, the installation tells a story—about who we are as a community, where we've been, and where we are soaring together.

Special thanks goes to Cresteramics, the students and staff of ARES, the Centennial and Public Art Working Committees, and our funder—Creston Valley Community Foundation, for helping bring this meaningful project to life.

Be sure to check it out—located on the fence in ʔakuʔni (ah-kooth-nee) behind the Farmers' Market location.



Fall Curbside Yard & Garden Pick-up

The Town of Creston will be conducting the Fall Curbside Yard & Garden Waste Pick-Up in October (weather permitting). The collection days will be **October 14th - 17th, 2025**. Yard waste is collected by the Town Crew and is scheduled for your regular collection 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 scheduled 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 recycling items when placing curbside for pick up.
- Yard and garden waste may not be picked up if materials are not prepared as requested.

Please note:

The second curbside collection week will be November—watch our website and social media for the collection week.

A reminder that yard waste is for organics only and not anything found in the yard. For example: broken lawn-mowers, paving stones and garden gnomes are not accepted.

The RDCK 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 with yard waste are NOT accepted at the landfill.

Coffee Talks with Mayor and Council



We are bringing the conversation to you—over coffee! Join us for the second Coffee Talk on **Wednesday, October 8, 1:00 - 3:00pm** in the Kootenay Room at the Creston & District Community Complex. Enjoy a free coffee on us and take the opportunity to chat with Councillors: Denise Dumas, Keith Baldwin, and Norm Eisler. The Mayor is unavailable to attend this session.

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.

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.

Community Mural Paint Day



The Town of Creston is excited to welcome artists Kate and Sarah of Golden Butter Murals, who will be creating a new mural on the old Ambulance Building on 10th Avenue North. This mural will honour the Ktunaxa peoples and their deep connection to this land.

The project was born through the Town of Creston's Public Art Working Committee (PAWC), which oversees public art initiatives in the community. Earlier this year, the Town issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this mural project and received many strong applications. A key part of the RFP was a requirement for public engagement, and Golden Butter Murals did not disappoint. Not only was their concept strong, but their community involvement was exceptional. After careful review, the PAWC awarded the contract to Golden Butter, with final approval from Mayor and Council.

As part of their commitment to involving the community, Kate and Sarah are inviting everyone to help bring the mural to life at a Community Paint Event:

Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Old Ambulance Building, 10th Ave North

All ages and skill levels are welcome—no painting experience required! Drop in any time during the event to pick up a brush and contribute to Creston's newest piece of public artwork.

Come celebrate community, creativity, and connection. We hope to see you there!

Important Information for Creston Homeowners and Contractors

The Town of Creston is a participant of the FireSmartBC program, a critical initiative designed to strengthen our community's resilience to wildfires. This is not only an opportunity to safeguard homes—but also for local businesses to support homeowners in meeting their wildfire resiliency goals.

The program offers free home assessments to Creston homeowners, completed by Wildfire Mitigation Specialists.

The Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will evaluate the critical areas surrounding your house where wildfire risk is highest—and offer tailored recommendations. If you follow through on the recommended mitigation activities, you may be eligible for a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of \$10,000, capped at \$5,000 per homeowner per calendar year—as long as funds remain available.

Why Contractors Need to Be Licensed and GST-Compliant (if applicable)

Homeowners: when accessing FireSmart rebates, the contractors you hire must be fully licenced and provide valid invoices and receipts (including GST numbers where applicable). Without these, your improvements may not qualify for rebates—even if you've paid for them.

Local Businesses: If you do business within the Town of Creston, you're required to have a Town of Creston business licence. This licence must be renewed annually. Failure to comply may result in fines or enforcement action. Without the proper licence or GST-compliant receipts, you won't be able to support customers seeking FireSmart rebates—and may miss out on valuable business opportunities should the program continue or expand.

Find out more, or sign up for a Free Home Assessment at em.creston.ca/firesmart-at-home

Participate in the Citizen Survey

Every three years, the Town of Creston reaches out to hear directly from our community through a Citizen Satisfaction Survey. This year, 1,500 households were randomly selected to receive the survey in the mail.

If you find one in your mailbox, please take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback is essential—without enough responses, the survey results won't be statistically valid. By filling it out, you're making sure Creston's voice is heard loud and clear.

Didn't receive one in the mail, but still want to give your input? You can share your thoughts online using this link: creston.ca/survey. While these responses won't be included in the formal survey report, Mayor and Council will still review them to help guide future decisions.

Thank you for helping shape the future of Creston!



Have you Seen the New Bike Ramp?

We've made it easier than ever to push your bikes up and down the stairs leading to Railway Boulevard (just behind the Farmers' Market area) at ʔakuʔni (ah-kooth-nee).

This project was proudly funded through the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program, supporting safe, fun, and accessible ways to move through our community.

School Bus Reminder When driving



When you see a school bus stopped with its red lights flashing, you **must** stop too. You stop whether the bus is oncoming or you are behind the bus.

When you see a bus with flashing amber lights, slow down and prepare to stop. The bus is preparing to stop or may already be stopped.

Stay stopped until the bus moves on, or the driver signals that it's safe for you to proceed, by turning off the flashing lights. Some buses also have a stop sign that swings out from the bus or a digital display.

Be aware of signs indicating children may be nearby, such as schools, school buses, and playgrounds.

CHARGE
into Fire Safety™

**Lithium-Ion Batteries
in Your Home**

- **BUY** only listed products.
- **CHARGE** devices safely.
- **RECYCLE** batteries responsibly.

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Creston Valley Fire Service is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) to promote this year's FPW campaign, **"Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."** It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this type of battery. If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home — it's important to know which devices are powered by them. "Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere," said Fire Chief Riel. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach."

Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.
- Creston Valley Fire Service encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year's FPW theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week (October 5 - 11, 2025) and lithium-ion battery safety, visit fpw.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Event

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Creston Landfill, 1501 Mallory Road

Sunday September 28, 2025

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please note that this is for **RESIDENTIAL HHW MATERIALS ONLY**



Gleaners Food Services is accepting donations at the event.
(Good dated non-perishable foods and/or monetary donation only)



For more information visit
rdck.ca/hhwevents