



It is now possible to sign up to receive Town of Creston property tax and utility notices online!

Our new online service provides residents the convenience of receiving and viewing future property tax and utility invoices online. Please note that if you sign up, you will receive an email notification each time a tax or utility invoice is sent out and will no longer receive a paper copy in the mail. To sign up, you need your tax roll number and utility account number, along with your access or pin code for each account. These codes are available on your Town of Creston 2025 Property Tax Notice and Utilities invoices.

To register – please go to creston.ca and scroll to the bottom to Quick Links / Account services. For NEW registrants click “How to Register for Tax and Utilities” and follow the guide.

Already have an account? Click, “How to Update my account to receive online invoices” and follow the guide to make changes.

To receive your 2026 Town of Creston Property Tax notice online, sign up by May 1, 2026 .

Housing Corporation Advances First Project and Launches New Website

The Creston Valley Housing Corporation’s first project is officially underway — and it delivers something many local families have been waiting for: a 110-space licensed childcare facility. This much-needed daycare will help address the childcare shortage in the Creston Valley, supporting working families and strengthening our local workforce.

The development will also include 50 rental apartments (studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom units), bringing housing and childcare together in one community focused solution. A few important clarifications:

- This is not a seniors’ residence.
- It is not a low-income or subsidized housing project.

There are no rental or childcare waitlists at this time. The CVHC and the Town of Creston are not currently accepting applications.

Details about availability and applications will be shared once timelines are confirmed.

To stay informed, visit their new website at cvhc.creston.ca to learn more about the Corporation’s vision, Board of Directors, and the latest news.



Creston Welcomes Two New Doctors



There are some exciting changes coming to Creston's medical community. The Creston Valley Health Working Group is pleased to announce the arrival of two new doctors to the Valley.

Creston Valley doctors currently offer office practice, and the vast

majority also offer extra skills covering the 24-hour emergency room department, hospital inpatients, and nursing homes. Some of the team also offer services in maternity care, Yaqan Nukiy Health Services, mental health, addiction care, high school clinic, and sexual health clinic, in addition to serving on multiple medical boards.

Dr. Philip Fitzpatrick (pictured above with his wife) is a Canadian doctor who completed his medical training in Ireland before returning to Canada in 2008. He has extra skills in emergency and anaesthesia work. He will focus his time in the Creston Valley Hospital. His skills will help support both our local physicians, relieving them of some of their emergency room workload, and assist surgical specialists by increasing our operating room capacity.

He has moved to the Valley with his wife and 3 small children, and all are eager to enjoy an active lifestyle.

Dr. Arthur Omorogiwa (pictured below) joined the Summit Medical Clinic on February 17th, where he will assume care of Dr. Kurt Jordan's patients.



Dr. Omorogiwa, originally from Nigeria, has over 12 years of experience with family practice medicine and a special interest in women's health. Dr. Omorogiwa held a research position at the University of Calgary and has been in Canada for more than 6 years. He is looking forward to joining our community as he loves BC.

Dr. Omorogiwa is relocating to Creston under the Practice Ready Assessment (PRA) program. This is a highly competitive program which offers opportunities for internationally educated family physicians to relocate to practice in B.C. The candidates are offered mentorship at a Canadian practice for a three-year commitment.



Updates:

Dr. Kurt Jordan of the Summit Medical Clinic is stepping away from his family practice to explore his passion in oncology - cancer care. He will be going back to school this spring, then working as a permanent GP Oncologist at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital. His care and expertise will help support high-quality care of all East Kootenay patients closer to home. You may still see him in the Valley, and he has expressed maintaining an interest in the Creston Emergency Room and inpatient care at the hospital. We wish him success in his future endeavours and thank him for the years of dedication to the Creston Valley.

The Creston Valley Health Working Group is funded by the Town of Creston along with the RDCK Areas B & C.

Creston Doctors' offices do NOT have individual clinic waitlists. There is a centralized waitlist for the Creston area which is maintained online. Please do not contact the clinics directly. Once you have registered online, your place will be held within that waitlist for all future intakes utilising this system. You will be contacted by the appropriate clinic when it is your turn.

The website for Creston Valley residents without a family doctor is: hcr.healthlinkbc.ca

Those individuals without access to a computer or a smartphone can request assistance by dialing 8-1-1. Your BC Services number and dates of birth for all family members are required for registration.



New Public Art Working Committee Enhancing Our Downtown

The Town of Creston is proud to have a new Public Art Working Committee dedicated to bringing more creativity, colour, and culture into our community — with a special focus on enhancing the downtown core. The committee is made up of passionate community members, including Councillor Megan Holland, Kienna Dyer, Karl Lansing, Heather Stump, Jaye Benoit, Amelia Baumbach-Huscroft, Reuben Burns, and Ashlene Chadburn who share a common goal: to make Creston a more vibrant and welcoming place through public art. While the committee explores ideas, builds partnerships, and secures grant funding, all final decisions are reviewed and approved by Council to ensure projects align with the Town's broader vision and strategic priorities.

Public art does more than simply beautify a space — it delivers real, measurable benefits to the community. It helps attract visitors, encourages foot traffic downtown, and creates spaces that people want to explore and share. Increased activity in the downtown core often translates into stronger support for local shops, restaurants, and services. Colourful and engaging public spaces enhance the overall experience for residents and visitors alike. When downtown feels lively and inviting, people tend to stay longer and that directly benefits local businesses. Beyond economic impact, public art also strengthens community pride and identity. It reflects who we are, tells our stories, celebrates our culture, and fosters a deeper sense of belonging.

Although the committee only officially formed last year, it has already made a meaningful impact. The mural on the side of the previous Ambulance Building on 10th Avenue North (pictured above) and the installation of decorative birds along the fence in ᐃᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ (a-kooth-nee) were both supported through the committee's efforts.

These projects were made possible largely through grant funding, and moving forward, the committee anticipates that projects will be almost entirely grant funded.

Thinking of applying to be on the committee? Visit creston.ca/volunteer-opportunities to learn more.

The Public Art Working Committee is also interested in collaborating with community organizations, local businesses, philanthropists, and anyone who believes in the power of public art. If you are interested in donating, partnering, or learning more, please contact natasha.ewashen@creston.ca or brandy.dyer@creston.ca.

Quick Reminder, Creston Businesses!

2026 Business Licences are now overdue. Licences run from January 1 to December 31 each year, so it's time to get that renewal wrapped up.

Need help or have questions? We're here for you! Contact the Town of Creston or visit www.creston.ca for more details.



Creston Volunteers Step Up to Welcome U.S. Healthcare Professionals

Creston is proud to be one of the first communities to join **Healthcare Infusion**, a nationwide initiative started by Tod and Jocelyn Maffin to support American-trained healthcare workers interested in moving to Canada.

This online portal connects serious medical professionals with the answers they need — from immigration and workplace information to housing, schools, and community life — all with guidance from local experts.

Join the conversation on Discord and help us welcome new healthcare professionals to the Valley:

discord.com/invite/YFW5cxXzJ

Learn more:

creston.healthcareinfusion.org

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Why Use Voyent Alert?

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Download Today

Don't wait until an emergency happens. Download Voyent Alert now for free and take control of your safety.

Please note: If you're already registered for RDCK's Voyant Alert, you're automatically included in the Town of Creston's system. Visit the app to update your info and to make sure everything is correct.



From the Desk of Bylaw Services

Over the past while, our Bylaw Officer and Creston RCMP have been working together and have collected many abandoned bikes — many of which appear to have been stolen and then dumped. If your bike has recently gone missing, there's a chance it's in the collection!

Reach out to the Town of Creston Bylaw Office to find out if your ride is among them.

Let's get these bikes back where they belong!

2026 Pet Licences are Now Due

Dog Licences:

Unspayed/Unneutered \$121 (\$127 after March 31)
Spayed/Neutered \$25 (\$29 after March 31)
Dangerous Dogs \$243 (\$248 after March 31)
Special Needs Assistant Animal – No charge
Replacement Tag \$2.00

Cat Licences:

Unspayed/Unneutered \$121 (\$127 after March 31)
Spayed/Neutered \$25 (\$29 after March 31)
Replacement Tag \$2.00

Hen Licences:

\$23 for a maximum of 6 hens (no roosters allowed)

Please note: If this is the first time you are registering your pet(s) in Creston and your pet(s) is/are over 6 months and has/have been spayed or neutered, a veterinarian's certificate is required for each pet.

Creston's Bylaw states that you can have a maximum of 4 companion pets.

Visit Town Hall to pay your pet licence and get your pet tags!

