



TOWN VIEWS

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2026 Local Government Election

Interested in Serving Your Community?

The 2026 Local Government Election is your opportunity to help shape the future of Creston.

If you care about local issues, community growth, responsible decision-making, and making a positive impact where you live, consider putting your name forward for Mayor, Councillor, or School District No. 8 Trustee. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer, community advocate, local business owner, or simply passionate about Creston's future, your voice and perspective matter.

There are plenty of resources available to help prospective candidates learn about the roles, responsibilities, and election process before deciding to run.

Why Run for Office?

Serving as an elected official is one of the most direct ways to make a meaningful difference in your community. Mayors, councillors, and school trustees help guide decisions on services, infrastructure, budgets, land use planning, community well-being, and long-term priorities that affect residents every day.

Local leaders work alongside fellow elected officials, municipal staff, community organizations, First Nations, and residents to address challenges, seize opportunities, and build a vibrant, sustainable future for Creston. While the role requires commitment and a willingness to learn, it is also an incredibly rewarding way to contribute your skills, experience, and ideas to the community you call home.

Ready for the Challenge?

If you've ever thought about making a difference, now is the time to consider taking the next step. Nomination and Endorsement Packages available at Town Hall or online at creston.ca/2026-election until September 11.

If you would like to explore how citizens can be active contributors to decision-making, check out the workshop below.



Lead Well, Vote Wisely:

A Workshop for Aspiring
Candidates & Engaged Citizens

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TOWN of CRESTON



Town of Creston and RDCK to Host Candidate Information Session

The Town of Creston and the Regional District of Central Kootenay are pleased to announce an information session for prospective Town Council and RDCK Areas A, B, and C candidates on Thursday, August 20, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



Facilitated by Christina Benty, former mayor of the Town of Golden, the session aims to demystify the roles and responsibilities of local government and elected officials, dive into leadership practices and decisions that prioritize long-term sustainability and collaboration, and explore how citizens can be active contributors to decision-making and community-building.

Christina Benty served for 12 years in local government and has over 25 years experience on numerous policy governance boards spanning health care, government, information technology, and community planning. She is passionate about leadership development, organizational culture, asset management, and community engagement and believes in the importance of cultivating boards and councils that lead by governing and not managing.

"Your Elected Officials are your neighbours, your friends, and your fellow citizens. We want to elect people who care," said Benty. "However, caring in and of itself, is not enough. Governance takes both understanding and practiced skills. The most effective elected officials are the ones who understand the system, not the ones who blame the system."

This dynamic and interactive session will be held at the Creston & District Community Complex and is limited to 50 attendees. Pre-registration is required.



CHRISTINA BENTY

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP SOLUTIONS

Scan the QR to register or visit
creston.ca/2026-election.



Important Dates

**Nomination and Endorsement
Packages Available**
August 2026

**Lead Well, Vote Wisely:
A Workshop for Aspiring
Candidates & Engaged Citizens**
Christina Benty, Strategic
Leadership Solutions
August 20, 2026

Nomination Period Opens
September 1, 2026 at 9:00 am

**List of Registered Electors
Available for Public Inspection**
September 1, 2026

Nomination Period Closes
September 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm

**Last Day to Withdraw from
Being a Candidate**
September 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Campaign Period Begins
September 19, 2026

Advance Voting Day
October 7 and 14, 2026

General Voting Day
October 17, 2026

Mail Ballot Voting Deadline
October 17, 2026

Council Orientation
Week of October 26, 2026



We're Hiring

Become a Paid On-Call Firefighter

**CRESTON, ERICKSON, CANYON-LISTER,
WYNNDEL, ARROW CREEK, WEST CRESTON**

*Our fire service is only
as strong as the
community members
who step forward.*

**If you care about your neighbours and
want to be part of something bigger,
we want to hear from you.**

APPLY NOW!

**Contact the Creston Valley Fire Service
for more information or apply online**

**250.428.4321
1505 Cook Street
Creston, BC**

creston.ca/careersjob-opportunities

Answer the Call: Become a Paid-On-Call Firefighter in Your Community

Have you ever wanted to make a real difference in your community? Are you looking for a challenge, an opportunity to learn new skills, and a chance to be part of an incredible team?

The Creston Valley Fire Service is currently recruiting paid-on-call firefighters for the communities of Creston, Erickson, Canyon-Lister, Wynndel, Arrow Creek, and West Creston.

Being a firefighter is about much more than responding to emergencies. It's about teamwork, personal growth, community service, and belonging to a group of people who become like a second family. Ask any firefighter what keeps them coming back year after year, and you'll likely hear the same answer: the people.

The fire service is built on trust, camaraderie, and supporting one another through challenges and successes alike. Whether you're training together, responding to a call, or volunteering at a community event, you'll quickly discover that being part of the fire service means becoming part of a close-knit family.

**// I have enjoyed the camaraderie
of my fellow firefighters and
have learned new skills at each
weekly training session. //**

— Ray Heberer III

No prior firefighting experience? No problem. The Creston Valley Fire Service provides paid training every Thursday evening, giving members the opportunity to learn the skills needed to respond confidently and safely to emergencies.

Training covers a wide variety of topics, including:

- Fire suppression techniques
- Medical response
- Rescue operations
- Vehicle extrication
- Hazard awareness
- Equipment operation
- Teamwork and leadership skills

Whether you're interested in developing practical life skills, building confidence, improving your fitness, or

simply learning something new, firefighting offers opportunities for continual growth and learning.

As a paid-on-call firefighter, you'll receive compensation for training and emergency responses. It's an opportunity to earn extra income while serving your community and gaining valuable experience.

Paid-on-call firefighters protect homes, businesses, farms, and families throughout the Creston Valley. From fires and vehicle incidents to medical emergencies and public safety events, firefighters play a vital role in keeping our community safe.

“It’s a great feeling to know you’ve been able to help someone on one of the toughest days of their life.”

~ Glenn Guthrie



Join the Creston Valley Fire Service and discover the pride, purpose, and friendships that come with being a paid-on-call firefighter.

Applications are now being accepted at creston.ca/careersjob-opportunities.

Application deadline is August 26, 2026.



From the Desk of Bylaw Services

Convenient customer parking plays an important role in supporting a thriving downtown. Business owners and employees are encouraged to use alternate parking areas, such as the Cook Street parking lots, whenever possible during business hours. This helps keep nearby on-street parking available for customers and visitors, particularly seniors and those with mobility challenges who benefit from parking close to their destination.

We also encourage residents who live on side streets in the downtown area to be mindful of parking directly in front of businesses when other parking options are available. By working together and considering the needs of customers, businesses, residents, and visitors alike, we can help maintain a welcoming, accessible, and vibrant downtown for everyone.

Residents and business owners are also reminded that all vehicles must comply with Traffic Regulations Bylaw No. 1546, Section 6.8(c), which prohibits parking a vehicle in the same location for more than 24 consecutive hours.



Chat With Council
at the Creston Valley
Farmers' Market | August 22