

Nakusp is a community that is motivated, skilled, compassionate, caring, and we find ways to get things done. Nakusp in November voted in a new council that wish to work with the community to focus on effective ways of creating a more economically resilient community. One way is to focus on our assets and strengths, emphasizing what the community does have that will continually improve our community's life and sustainability



Since elected your new Council and Mayor in November 2018, we have been very busy.

We have hired a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Cheryl Martens, as of April 29th and she is excited to be here working for our village and community. Council has also eliminated two staff managers, and these management positions will not be replaced at this time.

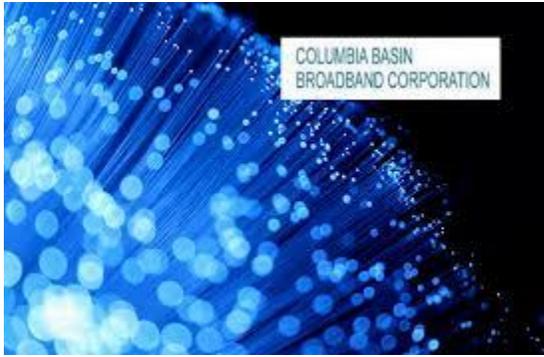
The remaining item in the previous Council's four-year plan was the revitalization of the downtown three main blocks and will be completed end of June 2019. This plan was also supported by the Common Agenda Committee that formed in 2014 with the funding support of the Columbia Basin Trust, NACFOR (legacy fund), RDCK Area K, and the gas tax fund. Council will continue in 2019 to pursue funds to begin Phase 2 in 2020 for one block where Save On Foods, and the Lodge are located. Also, our Public Art Committee have purchased two local artist sculptures that will be displayed along the walkway.



The project for the upgrades to our emergency room at the Arrow Lakes Hospital was announced in January 2018 and construction has begun in May 2019 and expected to be completed in spring 2020.

This project has been the priority of the West Kootenay Boundary Hospital Board and Council. Former Mayor Hamling, Council and the Board worked hard with our MLA Katrine Conroy to help move this forward. One of the features that adds to Nakusp's livability is its available health care.

Many thanks go out to our health working groups and to our physician recruitments (Dr. Lea) for constantly recruiting locum doctors and having some doctors wishing to stay. One item that is unacceptable is the unexpected closing of our emergency department due to unexpected limited nurse availability. We must as a community speak out to help find a solution and work with the Interior Health Authority management along with the BC nurses to develop recruitment and retention strategies.



High-speed internet service will soon be coming to Nakusp and area with the fibre-optic infrastructure located at our EMS building in early spring of 2020. From there the last mile will likely be funded through cellular service providers, alternate sources, and/or partnerships with the Village. Funding is being provided by the Province of BC, Regional Districts, Communiites, and the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of CBT. The Village of Nakusp has also set aside \$90,000 from our gas tax funds

(not taxpayer money). Nakusp’s workforce that work from home is 13%. This is nearly double the National average. This is a great opportunity to make our community a more attractive place to come, live, and earn a living.

The North Road water and sewer services expansion to nine properties has been completed. It has been a long process to find ways to complete this project over the years. We will continue to look at ways to improve expansion to the North Road Kuskanax properties, along with potential expropriation of crown land that will, in return, help sustain our community for further long-term expansion. We must also begin to look for more water sources either through wells or a water treatment plant to expand for growth as we are near our capacity.



Updated the 2009 ATV Bylaw to Village of Nakusp Bylaw No. 686, 2019 – Off Road Vehicles. This bylaw regulates the operation of off-road vehicles within the Village of Nakusp. A working committee was formed to identify trails and routes for off-road vehicle use within the Village of Nakusp and to make recommendations to Village Council of appropriate trails and routes. Throughout the process, the Working Committee will seek comprehensive community input on potential trails and routes identified for off-road

vehicle use and maintain records of the community input received for submission to Village Council. Input can be through surveys, community meetings and open houses or other methods that will obtain valued community input.

A committee will be formed this summer to explore opportunities to expand the Village of Nakusp Municipal campground. The Village would benefit financially by gaining more camping areas with washrooms, new office for staff, power, water, and sewer. There will be open public meetings, especially for 10th Ave. residents. The Village in 2007 had sent a questionnaire to 1,218 mailboxes in Nakusp in April, with 77% of respondents in favor of the project.





Nakusp has received a grant through the Rural Dividend program for the Investment Ready Nakusp project initiative. It is anticipated that this project will position Nakusp for potential investments that will reinvigorate and diversify the local economy. This initiative is projected to increase the number of people who invest in industrial land and will stimulate activity for future growth, for example - sawmill, value added, or other activity; along with development of residential housing; and create jobs. There is now

much more opportunity to work with our local businesses (visions) in partnerships PPE, to expropriate crown land, or other ways to help support their ideas. This project will also help in our quest to begin updating our Official Community Plan (OCP) long term vision, and zoning bylaws. In order to begin Phase 1, a steering committee has now been formed and appointed. The following individuals have put their names forward for appointment: Mayor Tom Zeleznik, Corrine Tessier, Marilyn Rivers, Councillor Aidan McLaren-Caux, Ali Raskob, and Karen Hamling. The Investment Ready Nakusp Project Initiative Committee have also hired a consultant engineer from Aspen Lands Advisory Ltd. If we want to elevate any one factor in terms of economic development, it's the community, its lifestyle and livability.

The Arrowtarian Senior Citizens Society on June 10th, 2019 have applied for the construction of Phase 5 of the Arrowtarian Rotary Villa. Phase 5 will be located at 216 - 7th Avenue NW. The proposed construction is a three-storey, 9 unit apartment block which will include an indoor scooter parking area on the main floor. Nakusp's senior population (65 + years) is 28% of our total population. Our seniors are the fabric that holds our community together. They laid the foundation for the success of this community and are an important part of Nakusp's ongoing success and its future.



Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Society have received funding from BC Housing and CBT for the construction of a 10-unit affordable housing complex. The Village of Nakusp who owned the lot on 101-1st Avenue NW supplied the land for less than market value to this non-profit society in order to enable the development of affordable housing. The development is a three-storey stacked row housing complex of 10 units. There will be one and two bedroom units (one level) on the ground floor and a mix of two, and three bedroom units in a two-level

arrangement on the upper two-storeys. Construction to begin September 2019.

Mount Abriel, just north of Nakusp on Highway 23, is becoming known as a world-class tourism destination. It is part of a larger regional network of association mountain bike riding trails that support physical activity and outdoor enjoyment for persons with diverse abilities and anyone who wants to come out and enjoy the beauty of our Arrow Lakes Region. Funding through many organizations has helped Mt Abriel to become a very successful story, which in turn increases local employment opportunities.



The Nakusp Hot Springs are a vital component to the economy of the Village. Visitors from all over the world visit the pristine, natural spring water pools, which are nestled in the evergreen forest. The Village of Nakusp (satellite community) owns more than 240 acres of land surrounding the hot springs. In ongoing efforts to ensure long term viability and further growth, the Mayor and Council continue to explore options that provide the best benefit/return to taxpayers while maintaining community access.

Some of the Goals and Objectives of councils 2019 to 2022 Strategic Plan for Hot Springs Development.

- Support new development and consider joint venture and sales opportunities.
- Investigate the feasibility of a Hot Springs advisory committee.
- Investigate methods of enlarging the campground and increasing accommodations.

Future endeavors for our community going forward plus others I am sure we have forgotten to add:

- Signage to attract more non-commercial traffic into our downtown core to enjoy our amenities.
- Powell creek major repairs
- Water sources



-Breakwater that protects Nakusp's popular marina, the breakwater has reached its life end and is slowly sinking.

airport expansion and ideas -



We would like to end with high praise and appreciation for the active volunteer groups that willingly carry much of the burden of creating and maintaining Nakusp as of what it is today. High praise and appreciation also to our Village staff at our Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Nakusp Hot Springs, and the Village staff at our main office.

Council and staff are elected to govern in the interests of the entire community. We must be dedicated to the community, along with having a vision for its future. In addition, we must always be open to discuss your concerns and answer questions.

Sincerely,
Tom Zeleznik, Mayor Village of Nakusp



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*****REMINDERS:**

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The Village of Nakusp has blue or clear bag recycling pick up every second Thursday. Please ensure that items placed inside the blue or clear bag are accepted, see the Village website for more information. At this time, **glass is not accepted curbside**, but has its own separate bin next to the Arena Parking lot. A trailer is also available next to the glass bin for the collection of donated returnable bottles.

The next dates for pick-up are:

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| July: 4 th & 18 th | August: 1 st , 15 th & 29 th | September: 12 th & 26 th |
| October: 10 th & 24 th | November: 7 th & 21 st | December: 5 th & 19 th |

WATER CONSUMPTION: (Can change as per the release of the updated Water Advisory Restrictions)

Please remember that Nakusp has **YEAR-ROUND WATER RESTRICTIONS:**

Odd numbered houses water on Odd calendar days

Even numbered houses water on Even calendar days - only one sprinkler device per property

No watering on the 31st of any month

Lawn and garden watering by hose between 7 am to 9 am & 7 pm to 9 pm on permitted days

Automatic underground sprinklers between 12 am and 4 am on permitted days

The Village's consumption of water almost triples between May to September, due mostly to lawn watering. The amount of water used every day to water lawns is equal to fighting a house fire and can deplete our water reservoirs. We ask that you do not wash vehicles or driveways during the summer months (May to September). Please help us conserve.