"I’ve been asked to compile my vision of what I would like to see accomplished in the next 10 years. This is not Council’s initiative – this is my own wish list." - Mayor Tom Zeleznik

“Here Comes the 2020’s”

Nakusp the next 10 years as we gaze into the crystal ball

Connectivity – Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation has partnered with the Village of Nakusp, other entrepreneurs, and have formed a co-op as a utility company to provide a much better/faster/reliable internet service than previous that will encourage entrepreneurs, youth and others to bring their home-based businesses and tech hub offices to Nakusp. Connectivity is critical for Nakusp, it has the potential to unlock a new era of economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social well-being in our communities.

Our Nakusp park master plan is now complete with the campground expansion/walking trails, plus more spaces for all users including cultural spaces, gathering spaces, senior’s activities etc. We are seeing more Broadway Street Festivals like October Fest, Nakusp Mardi Gras, different types of markets, our beach/Waterfront Area has expanded. Our marina and Breakwater are repaired.
Nakusp has now become the center connection to our Trail network—New Hi-way bike lane path from Nakusp center Broadway to Mt Abriel on Hi-way 23. – Mixed-Use trail connected from Nakusp/campground to the rail trail and the ‘major washout” repaired for Mixed-Use again.

Forestry Value Added – New industrial park has been developed with a partnership with value-added companies, Village of Nakusp, CBT, and our own Community Forests bringing a wood supply for sustainability. The Community Forest has also expanded its wood supply by receiving more forested tenure crown land and purchase land for their long-term future. Bio-mass products are also being developed from the wood waste for heating, electricity, biochar, and now fuel.

Green Energy Community – Nakusp has recently been awarded British Columbia’s nostalgic award for reducing its carbon footprint more than any other community per capita. Achievements for this award were having the most electric bikes/pedal bikes, electric cars/scooters per capita. Using local organic certified green community forests value-added wood products for construction which also reduces the carbon footprint in transportation. Using green energy wood waste biomass products for hot water heating to industrial businesses, commercial, residential homes, dry kilns, biochar products and biomass fuel products/reducing carbon. Green Houses are heated twelve months a year by green energy biomass wood waste/solar panels, producing local organic produce instead of importing which reduces its carbon footprint. Nakusp Hot Springs (satellite community) has begun generating its own electricity from its natural water source along with heating its buildings/showers reducing its dependency on propane and BC Hydro power outages. Village of Nakusp has also installed another microhydro plant to help generate more revenue/acts as a back up generator for emergency use/power outages. New affordable homes/commercial are nearly 100% green energy efficient in all capacities.
Recently installed three large new timber frame signages as entering all three entrances that directs tourists and others into our community. Nakusp has now become known as the Valley of the Hot Springs, Green Energy Community, and a Forestry Value Added community.

Columbia Basin Treaty – Has recently been ratified bringing more guaranteed annual funds into our community along with a guaranteed water level.

Water/Infrastructure – Village has three new water wells that are fed into our reservoirs. Now have a good supply of water for future growth/expansion in and outside of village boundaries. Village has installed water meters to residents who are outside of village boundaries along with commercial/industrial to help the village to monitor usage.

Housing/Medical – With the new steady growth in our community we are experiencing an affordable housing boom bringing many new trades, doctors, nurses, jobs, and school enrollment is increasing. Mainly because of all the initiatives that the village has undertaken. Now our hidden gem community has been found and we must share. Sorry!!