



VILLAGE OF CHASE NEWSLETTER ~ FEBRUARY 2016

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 9
February 23
March 8
March 22
April 12

Meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise advertised

The public will be able to speak on current Agenda items at the beginning of the Council meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The opportunity to speak on municipal matters (formerly held at Committee of the Whole meetings) will be provided at the end of the Council meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

The Acting Mayor will chair the Council meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If required Special meetings will be convened with appropriate notice as per the *Community Charter* and Council policy. All 2016 meeting dates can be found on our website at www.chasebc.ca

KUDOS TO:

Fire Chief Brian Lauzon for his recent receipt of the prestigious Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

LOOKING FOR A FUNDRAISER?

Council approved the renewal of the Village agreement with Criterion pictures. This allows movies identified as Pre-Release and Home to be held in the Community Hall. Fundraisers are able to keep all fees received from the sale of snacks. Call 250 679 3238 for details

2016 BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE

For those of you that have been following Council's budget meetings, you will know that Council held a public meeting on December 14, 2015, at which time public works, fire department and administration operational budgets were discussed. Council held another budget meeting on January 11, 2016, at which capital projects were discussed, and some areas of the public works and fire department operational budgets were also reviewed.

Thanks to the hard work of our Financial Services manager Leif Pedersen, along with the Public Works Supervisor and our Fire Chief in consultation with several of his officers, Council can proudly say that the 2016 proposed budget is as lean as we can manage, and still provide the level of service that our community expects. Both Public Works and the Fire Department relinquished several capital and operational hopefuls in 2016 to ensure the budget will be balanced.

We would like to thank all of the members of the public who participated in our meetings – well-informed citizens help us serve the community better.

DO YOU HAVE A LICENCE FOR THAT?

A reminder that dog licences, fire / burning permits and business licences all need to be renewed for the 2016 calendar year.

If you purchase your business licence on or before March 31st you will receive a 25% discount!

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

If you have questions or concerns about your recent property assessment please contact the Kamloops branch of BC Assessment at:

Toll-free: 1-866-825-8322
Fax: 1-855-995-6209
Website: www.bcassessment.ca

STOP LIGHT DOG LEASHES

We are now offering residents the opportunity to adopt a colourful 'stop light' system for dogs. Leashes are available in green, yellow, red and orange.



The \$15 plus tax leashes are also marked with wording. Green says 'friendly', yellow says 'nervous', red says 'caution' and orange states 'no dogs'. The leashes will help identify canines as friendly or aggressive and the fluorescence means you can see the dog coming.

If you think picking up dog poop is unpleasant try swimming in it.

Pet waste pollutes our rivers, lakes & streams



NEW PUBLIC OPENING HOURS

Effective February 15, 2016, the Village office will now be open to the public Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except statutory holidays.

There will be no change to staff working hours, however, this small change will have a significant impact on our ability to serve you more efficiently.

FIRE HYDRANTS MUST BE VISIBLE!

Fire hydrants are a crucial part of extinguishing fires; if we can't find them we can't do our job. Chase Fire and Rescue, along with the Village of Chase, is asking residents who have a hydrant in front of or close to, their property help to keep it clear!

Fire hydrants need to be kept clear of snow, debris, shrubs, ornaments and trees by a minimum of 3 feet at the rear and 12 feet from the sides. Vehicles need to be parked a minimum of 15 feet from a hydrant. Vehicles can be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. The snow is still around so please ensure you shovel so our firefighters have clear access in the case of an emergency.

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