



## VILLAGE OF CHASE NEWSLETTER ~ APRIL 2016

### TOWN HALL MEETING - WELL ATTENDED AND WELL RECEIVED

Over 180 people attended the Town Hall meeting last Friday evening April 22, 2016 to hear from our local RCMP representatives and representatives from the RCMP's Southeast Division in Kelowna. Information regarding incidents of crime in Chase and the other parts of our detachment area were shared, and it was evident that the number of incidents reported to the police in Chase is higher than the number of incidents reported in the other areas of the detachment (Scotch Creek, Pritchard, Seymour Arm). One of the major issues is the number of RCMP members available to our detachment in relation to the large geographic area those members need to cover. Those in attendance shared ideas on how to reduce crimes of opportunity including keeping areas well lit, keeping valuables locked and secure, being aware of your surroundings and the people in them, and seriously consider becoming an active member of our local Citizens on Patrol group.

The Mayor has been in contact with our MLA, Todd Stone, and discussions will take place regarding the need for more RCMP members in our detachment area.

An important thing to remember, please report ALL criminal activity to the local RCMP detachment. Even if the RCMP cannot attend to the situation immediately, it is important for them to have accurate information about the numbers of incidents that occur – if the decision makers see that we have high numbers of incidents on an ongoing basis, we have a better chance at receiving additional resources.

### KUDOS TO:

The Rotary Club for hosting their annual Silent Auction and dinner. With the proceeds from the auction and the 121 tickets sold for the event a significant amount was raised.

The community and 17 visiting Rotarians were treated to a wonderful evening and dinner. **KUDOS** to Chase Excellence for that!

Help support Rotary by filling a "Yellow Bag of Help" for their food drive being collected from residences on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

### HELP PREVENT WILDFIRES

Many fires occur in spring and early summer when human activity increases. Grass burning and spring cleanup fires occasionally escape control and result in wildfires.

BC Wildfire Service crews have responded to 59 wildfires since April 1, 2016, almost all of which were caused by people.

Wildfires caused by people unnecessarily divert firefighting crews and resources from naturally occurring fires. Homeowners are encouraged to safeguard their properties from wildfire threats by using FireSmart principles. By reducing the amount of flammable material around your home and providing more open space where firefighters can work, property owners can help slow the spread of an approaching wildfire.

The recently updated FireSmart Homeowner's Manual was developed to help people reduce the risk of personal property damage due to wildfires. It contains lots of fire prevention tips and is available online at <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/firesmart.htm>

Up-to-date information about current wildfire activity and burning restrictions is available online at <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

From the Office of the Fire Chief

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 10  
May 24  
June 14  
June 28  
July 12  
July 26

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 each Council meeting. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

The Acting Mayor will chair the Council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.chasebc.ca)

## WATER / SEWER UTILITY BILLING

Village Council is still in the process of reviewing the options available for development of metered utility billing rates and procedures.

As the review is still underway, the January to April 2016 billing will be issued at the end of April 2016 and charges will be based on the existing billing rates.

## DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!

In line with the Province's fight against invasive mussels watch for new signage at the motorized boat launches at Memorial Pak and Mill Park.

The signs remind boaters to "Clean, Drain & Dry" their boat after each use in order to try and prevent further invasion.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING BINS

### Collection Reminders

- Styrofoam is not recyclable by TNRD facilities and must go in the garbage
- Park your bins so wheels are against the curb or just off the roadway
- Containers are to be placed at curbside before 7:00 a.m. on collection day
- Please only put out your bins when they are at least half full
- Container lids must be completely closed for pickup
- Do not overfill or compress items
- Cut down large cardboard pieces
- Keep at least 1 metre between objects on all sides of each bin

(measure by standing sideways between your bins with your hands on hips like our superhero above!)



## 2016 STRATEGIC PLAN

At its March 22, 2016 meeting, Council adopted its *2016 Strategic Plan*. The three main areas of focus are Economic Development, Communications with the Public, and Fiscal Responsibility.

Council will continue to enhance communications with the public, ensure spending is done wisely with the future of the community as a priority, and will focus efforts on attracting tourists and residents. For a full copy of the plan, please contact us or visit our website at [www.chasebc.ca](http://www.chasebc.ca) under the "Administration tab".

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