

# VILLAGE OF CHASE NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER 2016

## Living in Chase

The Village of Chase Mayor and Council thanks everyone for making our community a great place to live. From small business owners/operators to residents who keep their yards tidy, to those who volunteer their time for events and community supports, to those who speak out on matters that they are passionate about, we say, "Thank you!" There are so many things that make Chase a great place to live – and Mayor and Council want everyone to know that they continue to welcome input, concerns, and ideas. All input may not be practical to implement, however suggestions and ideas from our community members helps Mayor and Council make more inclusive decisions. Not everyone will always like decisions made by Council, but that does not mean that we want to stop hearing from the public on matters that are important to our community. If you have concerns, feedback, input, ideas, or complaints, please either email us at chase@chasebc.ca or send a letter to PO Box 440, Chase, BC, or drop off letters/information at 826 Okanagan Avenue in Chase.

#### **Unlicensed Vehicles**

There are a number of unlicensed vehicles parked on public boulevards has been noticed . As part of an overall goal to achieve a clean and safe community, removing unlicensed or derelict vehicles and trailers from public property and streets is a public safety priority. Unlicensed vehicles on public property are illegal, can pose a hazard, and are a liability to all taxpayers Similarly, the Province has a Motor Vehicle Act which is enforced by the *RCMP* and by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer which authorizes "the removal, detention or impounding of vehicles unlawfully occupying a portion of a highway or public place, and a scale of fees, costs and expenses for that purpose". The Motor Vehicle Act fine for such an uninsured vehicle is \$598.

Please conduct a quick assessment of your vehicles, make sure they have valid plates and current insurance if they are on public property. And remember, derelict vehicles cannot be stored on private property in a residential neighbourhood. Let's all participate in making our Village safer and cleaner.

### Council Attended UBCM

Mayor and Council attended the annual Union of BC Municipalities convention in Victoria during the last week of September and met with Provincial representatives about various matters of importance to our Community. They also attended several education sessions regarding grant opportunities available to municipalities. Council met with MLA Todd Stone to discuss concerns raised by the Village's community members regarding the Neighbourhood Golf Cart Pilot Project.



#### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 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 any municipal matters 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 <u>www.chasebc.ca</u>. Agendas and Minutes from all meetings are also located on the same website.

### VILLAGE BRIEFS

**Curling Club** – The Village has now officially assumed ownership of the curling club facility. Operation of the curling club remains in the capable control of the Chase & District Curling Club. Why not give curling a try this winter? Curling ROCKS!



**Rain Barrels** – Rain barrels are available at the Village office for \$60 + tax.

**Dog Licenses** – 2017 dog licenses will be available for purchase at the Village office at the end of the month. This is especially timely for those who temporarily vacate to warmer climes for a while...

**Water Billing -** As everyone is now aware, the Village's new water rate system is based on water consumption and bills went out in August. If you have any questions regarding your water consumption, or notice on your bill that there are unusual 'spikes' in your usage that you can explain, please contact the Village office at 250.679.3238 to speak with our staff.

Washrooms at Memorial Park – ...will be closed for the season on October 11.

BICYCLING

SIDEWALKS

You may notice some new signs being installed in our downtown core soon. The signs indicate that bike riding is not permitted on Shuswap Avenue sidewalks between Wilson and Coburn between 8a.m. and 8p.m. It can be unsafe for pedestrians especially older folks who may not be able to maneuver out of the way of a cyclist Skateboards also must not be ridden on sidewalks. Please respect this law and remember your helmet when you ride.

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