

# VILLAGE OF CHASE NEWSLETTER ~ APRIL 2017

# **Chase Skatepark**

The Chase & District Skatepark Society is moving towards building an improved skatepark. This Friday, April 7, 2017, the contractor will be removing the old asphalt from the site in order for preparations to take place for skatepark construction. Stay tuned!



#### **New Increased Utility Rates In-Effect**

The amounts you pay for water, sewer, and garbage have been raised as follows:

- 10% increase to water
- 1% increase to Sewer
- 5%increase to garbage.

These rates will be reflected in your May 2017 utility bill.

The detailed utility rates can be reviewed on our website at <a href="https://www.chasebc.ca">www.chasebc.ca</a>

## Village Tidbits

Free Disposal Day at the <u>Pritchard Dump</u> April 8. Contact the TNRD for more details.

**Volunteers** are needed for Canada Day, Music on the Lake, Cornstock and other events to be held in Chase. If you can donate some of your time, please contact the Village office with your name and phone number. Let's keep our great community spirit energized!

The Village has rain barrels for sale!

**Composters** are also now available at the Village office.

#### **Youth Action Strategy**

The Village was the recipient of a \$5,000 Healthy Communities grant (Interior Health), and Village Council has awarded the task of preparing the strategic plan for Chase youth to Red Pier Consulting after a publicly advertised request for proposal process. The 'plan' achieves to uncover affordable activities to most benefit the youth of Chase over the next couple of years and then start working at implementing those activities/initiatives to ensure youth have things to do and ways to contribute meaningfully to their community. If you have questions about this youth activities strategy or anything else the Village of Chase is doing, please contact the Village Thank you!

## **Aylmer Road Construction**

If you notice construction equipment in and around Aylmer Road and Shuswap Avenue, please know there is sewer and water line installation works being done as part of a residential development.

Residents can expect traffic delays and short duration detours. Please respect construction workers and obey traffic control personnel.

Everyone's patience is appreciated. Contact information for the contractor will be posted in the area but as always if you have questions or concerns please contact the Village Office at 250.679.3238 and ask for Sean or email to soflaherty@chasebc.ca





## **Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project**

Construction upgrades at the sanitary sewer lagoons on VLA Road are well underway. The desludging process is nearing completion and to date we have not experienced any odour issues.....Bonus! The filtration building component of the project is starting and the overall project is expected to be complete and operational in early September 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village Office.

And don't forget, please only put things down your drains and toilets that are appropriate for disposal through a sewer system – the better we treat our sewer system, the less it will cost us over time!

# **VILLAGE BRIEFS**

**Business Licenses** – Please note that the business license 'discount' period has ended for 2017. Business Licenses expire each and every December 31<sup>st</sup>. For all the details please visit <a href="http://chasebc.ca/doing-business/business-licences/">http://chasebc.ca/doing-business/business-licences/</a>. Everybody receiving money for a good or service requires a business license and this includes home based businesses.

**Dog Licenses** – 2017 dog licenses can be purchased for \$17 (\$50 if unaltered). A license is a good idea in the event that your canine ever goes wandering. Think of it as a form of insurance. Plus you will avoid an unlicensed dog ticket. W e also sell an assortment of quality leashes.

Water Billing - As everyone is now aware, the Village's new water rate system is based on water consumption. If you have any questions regarding your water consumption, or notice on your bill that there are unusual 'spikes' in your usage that you cannot explain, please contact the Village office at 250.679.3238 to speak with our staff. You should receive your next quarterly utility bill at the end of May along with your property tax notice.

**Contact Information** – please ensure the next time you are in the Village office or talking with staff over the phone, you provide us with your contact information for our records – a phone number and email address is appreciated in case we need to contact you!

If you need help picking up after Fido...







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## **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**April** 11<sup>th</sup> and 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 may 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 2017 meeting dates are posted on our website at <a href="https://www.chasebc.ca">www.chasebc.ca</a>