



VILLAGE OF CHASE NEWSLETTER ~ MARCH 2017

Neighbourhood Golf Cart Pilot Project

Council has decided to move ahead with the Golf Cart pilot project and will consider a bylaw at the March 14 Regular Meeting. The Province is also moving ahead to make changes to the Regulation that allows for this pilot under the Motor Vehicle Act. The speed limits for regular vehicles will stay at 50 km/h unless maneuvering around a golf cart. The actual pilot will not begin before the middle of April 2017 – more information will be forthcoming. Once the pilot is up and running, we welcome input from all motorists in Chase.

Aylmer Road Construction

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



Village Tidbits

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!

Do you have a **fire hydrant** close to your property? Please consider assisting our fire department by keeping the hydrant free of snow and vegetation.

The Village has **rain barrels** for sale!

Composters are now available at the Village office.

Chase Emergency Support Services Team!

Do you want to help people affected by disasters in your community? Please join us at an upcoming information session:

Saturday March 18
Chase Community Hall
547 Shuswap Ave
1:00-2:30 PM

Be among the first responders when an event such as a house fire or flood leaves people vulnerable and in need of assistance. As a **Red Cross Emergency Support Services volunteer**, you will be there for your fellow community members to ensure their needs are met following emergencies and disasters.

Permissive Tax Exemptions - Do You Qualify?

If you are a non-profit organization operating on property within the Village of Chase and are performing services for the citizens of the Village you may qualify for a Property Tax Exemption. If you are not sure if you qualify, submit your application and Village staff can assist you. All organizations may apply. Council may grant a Property Tax exemption for qualifying purposes at their discretion. There is no obligation for council to grant the exemption, and they may grant a full or partial exemption.

The deadline for submitting an application is 31 May, 2017. For additional information visit our website at www.chasebc.ca

Public Works happenings...

Street sweeping will be commencing soon (once Spring gets here...if?), and is dependent on weather and availability of contractors. Unfortunately dust is unavoidable, the sooner we can get the streets swept the sooner the dust will be eliminated. The Public Works Department would like to thank residents for their patience in advance and we ask that you always be cautious when in the vicinity of street sweeping equipment.



Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Construction upgrades at the sanitary sewer lagoons on VLA Road are scheduled to start mid March. Residents can expect increased odour during the desludging process, which is the first step of the upgrade. Desludging is expected to take approximately 4 weeks. We apologize in advance for any odour issues, this will be “short term pain for long term gain”....once the desludging is complete and the new aeration equipment installed and up and running, the whole treatment process will be more efficient and odours will be substantially reduced over the long term. The overall project is scheduled to be complete by 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 ends March 31. All 2016 Business Licenses expired December 31, 2016. For all the details please visit <http://chasebc.ca/doing-business/business-licences/>. 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. We 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 April.

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!



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 14th and 28th 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 4th Tuesday of the month.

The Acting Mayor may 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 2017 meeting dates are posted on our website at www.chasebc.ca