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Cops for Cancer Tour de North September 14 – 20, 2018

Cops for Cancer Tour de North is an exciting annual event that takes place each September, when a team of RCMP members and emergency services personnel, from across northern BC, braves all types of weather as they cycle over 850 km on the East/West route from Prince George to Prince Rupert. Leaving Prince George September 14th and arriving in Fraser Lake late afternoon September 15th come out and watch for our local riders Craig Lepoidevin and Cathy Scott.

Autumn Services

“End of Summer” BBQ
September 21st, 2018
At 312 McMillan Ave
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Pulled Pork & Coleslaw

All proceeds to
Autumn Services

FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Municipal Elections

Municipal Elections are mandated every 4 years. 2018 brings to the end the current 4-year term. A municipal election will be held this fall for the offices of Mayor and four (4) Councilors.

Nominations will be received at the Village of Fraser Lake, Municipal Office, 210 Carrier Crescent, Fraser Lake, B.C. from 09:00 am on Tuesday September 4, 2018 to 4:00 pm on Friday September 14, 2018 by the Chief Elections Officer or the Deputy Chief Elections Officer.

For more information on qualifications to hold office or the nomination and election process, please contact the Village Office at (250) 699-6257.

2018 Wildfires

For many, this has been a difficult summer. Although our Village was not evacuated, the impacts of the fires were significant. We are thankful for the Wildfire BC Fire Camp on our Soccer Fields. There have been up to 650 personnel in that camp; all of whom were working very hard to manage the area fires and to achieve the very best outcome possible. Our airport served as home-base for water bombers and helicopters for refueling, maintenance and overnight storage. Many of our local agencies and volunteers kicked into high gear to assist those who were displaced by the fires. Our local Emergency Social Service team of volunteers opened a Reception Centre on August 7th. They

worked to support evacuees with services and lodging. Our staff managed hundreds of inquiries before and after hours, manned our Emergency Operation Centre, participated in daily Wildfire Conference Calls, and assisted with the organization of Public Information Meetings. Our Fire Department personnel helped orient incoming fire fighters, to set up structure protection units, conducted night time patrols to suppress spot fires and liaised with Stel-lat'en and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations. In the early days of these fires, YRB employees manned the barricades where roads had been closed due to evacuation. The RCMP gathered resources from around the province to take over security for the large areas that had been evacuated. Residents conducted fundraising and coordinated donations for those in need. Others opened their fields and properties for livestock and pets. So many rolled up their sleeves, extended their generosity, prepared meals, fed responders and evacuees. Thank you. A very significant group who should be recognized are the many contractors and equipment operators who worked tirelessly to build fire guards and to complete other works along the fire line. Many worked extremely long hours for weeks on end to help contain these fires. This was neither comfortable or glorious work. Like many in our community, they went above and beyond. Thank you. Evacuees found themselves camping at White

Swan Park or in the Southside Subdivision. People still needed to report to work, livestock needed to be fed and many people simply felt uneasy about leaving town at a time when their homes could be in jeopardy. To provide some relief from the heavy smoke, our Recreation Director offered daytime programming. We circulated the daily updates from the Fire Centre to ensure accurate information was available to our community; regardless of their access to the internet. All the while, our office staff and Public Works employees were doing their best to conduct the daily business of the Village. Many of our local businesses worked with our Emergency Social Services program; providing meals and services to evacuees. Those gestures are appreciated. I would like to thank all those who responded to the call for help. At the writing of this article, not one life was lost fighting these fires and very few structures were lost. Through all the hard work, I've not heard a single complaint for those who have been asked to go above and beyond. Most would agree that the community of Fraser Lake extends far beyond the municipal boundary of the Village. In terms of governance, the municipality and the Regional District have very distinct responsibilities for geographic areas. Thankfully, the people are not constrained by those boundaries. We all care about the whole community and we contribute where we can. Thank you.



September Recreation

Hello everyone! Wow, what a month we've had. Recreational events enjoyed, some cancelled, and others forgotten as we all adjust to 'life' with the smoke and fires. With much anticipation of a less stressful month ahead of us, there are a few things on the calendar I'd like to share: A Molyhills golf clinic for young and old; A mine tour; The Terry Fox run; Tour de North coming through; a craft day; Continuation of Roller Ball Hockey; The ever enjoyable Pickle Ball; Pickle Ball Learn-how workshop; and maybe, finally, a hike or two in an area where there has been no fire.

Arena Concession

A well-functioning concession is important to our arena. It can make the arena experience much more enjoyable. It also provides a highly social opportunity for persons operating the concession. The Village of Fraser Lake is advertising for a Concession operator. Although we provide a fair amount of flexibility to the Concession operator in regards to hockey practices and public skating events, the Concession must be open during hockey tournaments, exhibition and league games, special events and when requested for curling bonspiels. This is a great opportunity for a seasonal business or as a fundraising activity for a not for profit organization.

Late Ice

The Village is replacing a major component in our Ice Plant; the condenser. This is a required ice plant upgrade. I'd like to thank the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund, the Regional District Bulkley-Nechako and Northern Development Initiative Trust for their significant financial support of this project. As a result, the seasonal opening of the Ice Arena and Curling Rink **will be late**. We are hoping to have the ice in by Novem-

ber 14th. Curling Rink will be available in early December. The replacement of the condenser is a significant and necessary project. Without this upgrade we would not have been able to operate our ice plant. We apologize for the delayed opening of the ice facilities.

Residential Garbage

I'm told the easiest way to learn about someone is to look at their garbage. In July our Garbage Truck broke down. Our staff was required to hand bomb garbage into our dump truck. We encountered garbage cans full of loose garbage, cans half full of stinky slimy water, cat litter dumped straight into the garbage cans, automobile parts and pretty much anything else you can think of.

Our garbage cans are intended to hold garbage bags containing household garbage. The garbage cans reduce the possibility of dogs, cats, birds or bears spreading garbage all over town. They are not intended as a catch all receptacle. There were a large number of garbage cans that were tagged and not picked up. We received phone calls from irritated residents, however, as soon as they learned our employee were hand loading the garbage the tone of the conversation changed.

Our Village has a bylaw that

specifies how garbage is to be placed in garbage bags. You are limited to "household" garbage only. Large items such as exercise equipment, lawnmowers, etc. should not be stuffed into the garbage cans. They should be transported to the dump. If you or a friend don't have the means to dispose of larger items, there are other means to get rid of them. If it can wait, each spring the Village picks larger items from the curbside. Picking up the garbage is not a glorious task for our Public Works staff. Enduring a shower of used cat litter or rancid liquid from a garbage can makes it that much worse. Please be considerate of our staff. And, if you receive a tag on your garbage can, I'll be happy to find out why it wasn't picked up. There is always a good reason.

Community Compost area

In the next month, those with gardens and fruit trees will be collecting their fall bounty. If you have fruit or garden produce that cannot be used, please do not take it to the compost area behind the Skateboard Park. These items often attract bears. We would prefer to limit the possibility of human/bear encounters. Art and Joanne Blomquist of Savory Farms are interested in your phone call if you have produce that could be fed to livestock. Art or Joanne can be reached at (250) 699-8083.

Check out local businesses & artisans from our area

Sign up for Hockey and other Programs

PRIZE DRAWS

Support Your Local Economy

Keeping your town in business, by keeping your business in town

Small Business

Artisans

2018 RECREATION & SMALL BUSINESS

EXPO

Saturday September 15, 2018
11am – 3pm
C.H. Foote Arena

Recreation

Home-Based Businesses

Presented by Village of Fraser Lake, Love Fraser Lake, and Fraser Lake and District Chamber of Commerce

If you are interested in booking a table, please contact Dave Christie or pick up a table booking form from the Village Office. Come out and enjoy this **FREE** event, over 50 local and regional exhibitors.

Want to book a table? Call or email DAVE CHRISTIE Economic Development Officer at 250-699-6257 or dchristie@fraserlake.ca.