

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- From the Chief Administrative Officer
- Christmas Hours
- Fraser Lake Santa Claus Parade & Late Night Shopping
- Annual Charity Hockey Game
- Family Social & Dance
- C.H. Foote Arena Christmas Hours
- Public Skating

### Christmas Village Office and Public Works Hours

December 24<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am to Noon

December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Closed

December 26<sup>th</sup>  
Closed

### New Year's Village Office and Public Works Hours

December 31st  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

January 1st, 2020  
Closed

## FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

### Seasons Greetings:

On behalf of our Village Council and Staff, I would like to extend Seasons Greetings to you and your families. As another busy, productive year nears conclusion, I look forward to the approaching festivities so often associated with Christmas and New Years.

Our Emergency Services will conduct a food drive the evening of Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your donations will go to the Crisis Centre for their Santa's Anonymous program. Last year, your generosity supported the distribution of 130 Christmas hampers. This is a local initiative that benefits local families. If you miss this event, please feel free to drop off donations of non-perishable food items at the Crisis Centre.

The Santa Claus parade is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is gathering momentum with more floats and more community involvement. Mr. and Mrs. Claus have promised to appear in the parade again this year. After the parade winds its way through the community, everyone is invited to the Fraser Lake Mall where community artisans will be displaying their wares inside Canada's Grocery Store and More. Local retailers will be joining in these activities; providing late night shopping. The Fraser Lake Supermarket will be providing hot chocolate and snacks for your time around the bonfire; enjoying the company of family and friends.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup> both the Family Fun event and Community Hockey game will provide great opportunities for family and friends to gather to enjoy activities and opportunities to rekindle friendships. These events will take place at the CH Foote Memorial Arena. Following the game, for those wishing to continue

your conversations, a social event has been planned at the Legion after the hockey game.

During the hustle and bustle of the coming season, please take the time to enjoy your community, your family and your friends. If you must travel, please be safe.

### Village Activity Report:

2019 has been another busy year for the Village of Fraser Lake. Many of our 2019 accomplishments are the result of careful planning, successful grant funding applications and persistence. Our efforts are intended to build community capacity and sustainability. We feel we are making progress. Our goals are simply: be accountable, be fiscally responsible, take care of what we have, address long standing issues, maximize available revenues, plan for the future and leave the community in better shape than when we started.

### Strategic Planning:

It's been a year since Mayor Sarah Storey, Councillors Craig LePoidevin, Kim Watt-Senner, Joe Jenkinson and Audrey Fennema were sworn in as your Village Council. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, they will be engaged in a Strategic Planning session to establish strategic priorities for the Village for the next three to 5 years. These priorities will assist Council and Staff in decision making and work activities. This process is intended to establish a clear vision for the future of the community and to identify next steps toward achieving that vision.

### Asset Management:

Asset Management is the industry term for managing and maintaining public assets. This includes locating all infrastructure, developing a detailed inventory, establishing an understanding of replacement costs for this infrastructure, ensuring we have accu-

rate maps and coordinates for buried structures so they can be located in the future, conducting inspection and maintenance activities and planning for future upgrades or replacement. We've made significant strides forward in these activities. However, this is an ongoing pursuit. Improving and expanding the breadth of our Asset Management Plan continues and will ensure we are attending to infrastructure that needs attention versus infrastructure that is simply old.

### Park Drive Water Main Extension:

This project has been completed. It provided access to the Community Water system to the 9 properties on Park Drive. Each property now has water service to the property line. We've also installed three fire hydrants to provide these properties with the same fire protection as that enjoyed by the rest of the Village. This project did not cost the general tax base anything. Rather, this project was funded through Federal Gas Tax dollars and the 9 property owners on Park Drive.

### Water Conservation Plan:

We are developing a Water Conservation Plan for our community. This plan will identify a few achievable activities that when implemented will support conservation of community water supply. This initiative is ongoing. As stewards of our water resource, it is our collective responsibility to manage our water in a reasonable and responsible manner. It may also be important to know, both Provincial and Federal agencies from whom we have obtained funding in the past require the development of a Water Conservation Plan.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the  
Village of Fraser Lake's, Mayor, Council & Staff

**C.H. Foote  
Arena  
Christmas &  
New Year's  
Hours**

December 24.  
Closed  
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**FRASER LAKE  
SANTA CLAUS  
PARADE  
& LATE-NIGHT  
SHOPPING**

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2019  
Parade starts at Firehall  
at 6:30 pm Sharp &  
goes throughout town  
ending at Fraser Lake  
Shopping Mall.  
Local Vendors inside  
Canada's Grocery  
Store  
Stop in and take a pic-  
ture with Santa.  
Free Hot Chocolate and  
Bonfire in mall parking  
lot.

**Public Skating**

Friday's -  
5:00 to 6:30 pm  
Cosmic Light skating  
Sunday's -  
5:00 to 6:15 pm  
Public skating  
Admission: Free

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**Park Drive Ditch Project:**

For several years, the Village has been working to stabilize the roadbed on Park Drive. Several years ago, we excavated the ditch on the upper side of the road to dry out the roadbed. That worked, but the bank above the ditch began to slide into the ditch. This summer, our public works crew excavated the ditch and installed gabion cages and large rock to stabilize the bank above the ditch. The result is quite attractive. This work has provided the desired result.

**Water Intake Screen:**

This summer you may have noticed a large herring boat on Fraser Lake near White Swan Park. The professional divers from Cariboo Divers had been hired to install the replacement screen on our Community Water system intake screen. The old screen was damaged and not doing its job. With the installation of the new screen, we can look forward to years of reliable service from the new stainless-steel screen.

**Ball Field upgrade:**

This year, our Public Works Department replaced the material on the infield of our northern most ball field. The entire infield was dug down 10 inches. Landscape fabric was installed, and then a red clay infield mix installed. The appearance of the ball field is greatly improved and the initial comments from people following the upgrade that it's a great improvement to the previous material.

**Wastewater Treatment Facility Fencing:**

This summer our Public Works staff took on a big job of fencing our Wastewater Treatment Facility. This was a big project that required the installation of 10' posts and wildlife fencing. Each year we ask our Public Works crew to complete challenging tasks. This was one of those projects and they've done a great job. This project ensures the Village's requirements to secure our Wastewater treatment facility.

**Fraser Lake & District Fire Training Society:**

Although the credit for the development of the Fire Training Centre falls squarely on the shoulders of the dedicated volunteers of the Fire Training Society, our Village Council and Staff have provided a fair amount of support along the way. This is an important facility for our community which will provide realistic training opportunity for both fire fighters and first responders. With better trained firemen, our community is better prepared for emergency circumstances. I would like to thank those volunteers who were at the core of bringing this dream to fruition.

**Fraser Lake Fire Department:**

Our Fire Department consists of 19 members; our Fire Chief and 18 volunteers. Fire Department personnel respond to calls of fire, highway accidents and medical emergencies within the Village boundary seven day a week, 24 hours a day. They also participate in many com-

munity activities such as the food drive on December 2nd, Canada Day and Halloween activities, ordering, setting up and setting off fireworks, and managing fire hazards around the community. Our Fire Chief is also our Emergency Program Coordinator; working to ensure our community is well organized and prepared as well as we can be should an emergency occur.

**Public Works Department and Village Office:**

This list of projects and Village activities is far from complete. Our Public Works team is kept busy repairing water leaks, plowing snow, mowing grass, clearing trails, maintaining our Water Treatment system, Wastewater system, Arena Ice Plant, Recreational facilities, etc. At the same time, our Administrative staff keep Village projects on track, funded and organized. Our Administrative staff ensure our Village runs effectively and within our means. Although it's not glorious work, Administrative staff have been praised time and again by the Auditors at KPMG, our funding partners and the public for their professional quality of work, their helpfulness and friendliness. Contributing towards a stronger, more resilient community is our goal. We are moving in the right direction.

The effective operation of a Local Government is a team activity. From the Mayor and Council to the most junior member of staff, I believe our team functioned very well in 2019. We accomplished a lot and we each look forward to a busy and productive 2020. Thank you.

**Fraser Lake Hawks  
Annual Alumni  
Charity Hockey  
Game**

Monday December 23  
C.H. Foote Memorial Arena. Puck Drops at 7:00 pm.  
Admission: Donation of Non-Perishable Food item or Cash Donation with all Proceeds to Santa's Anonymous.



**Family Social & Dance  
December 23rd  
Fraser Lake Complex**

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Family Dance & Activities

- Candy Canes
- Snacks
- Door Prizes

Admission: Completely Free