

**FRASER LAKE
VILLAGE OFFICE**

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Village News

OCTOBER 2019

2019 Small Business Expo

On Saturday September 28, the Village of Fraser Lake, Lovefraserlake.com, and the Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2019 Small Business Expo in the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School gym. There was a total of 30 local vendors, non-profits, local and regional governments and emergency service groups that set up booths. Autumn Services operated their smoker / BBQ for tasty hot dogs and burgers.



The area residents that popped by had a vast selection of booths to visit. Thank you to all who set up a booth and for those who took the time to pop in and see the

event.

Logging in Fraser Lake

You may have noticed logging activity around the southside lots the

past few weeks. The Village has had several inquiries about purchasing these lots the past few months. The obstacle to selling the lots has been due to the thick brush and trees, interested buyers could not fully see the lots sizes and did not want to spend the time to log the lots before construction. With the area now cleared the Village is anticipating interest in the properties to increase.

Coastal Gas Link Pipeline Project Update

Coastal Gas Link and Prime Contractor Macro Spiecapag staff met with the Chamber of Commerce in September and provided an update. The Lejac Camp is expected to be occupied by early November. The number of workers this winter will be approximately 150. These workers will be developing access to the pipeline area, clearing trees and expanding the camp for the second phase which is the Mainline

Construction. The second phase is expected to begin late fall 2020. The Lejac camp will be expanding the second phase to a capacity of 700 people. The Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Project has a total of 8 sections that start west of Dawson Creek and ends in Kitimat for a total of 670km. The Fraser Lake section is #5, which will be 82km long, starts just west of highway 27 and ends at Tchesinkut Lake (just south of Sheraton). The prime contractor will be looking for locals to fill some of the employment opportunities. Equipment operators and camp staff are just a few of the workforce required. Want to learn more.... Coastal Gaslink and the Prime Contractor are holding an

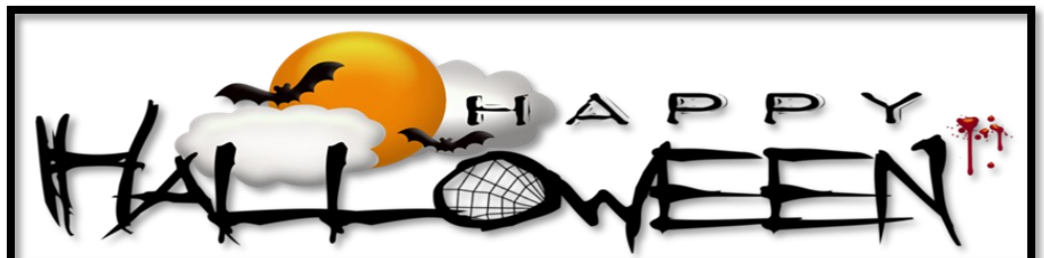
Open House and Job Fair in Fraser Lake, October 29, 4pm – 8pm

in the Complex upstairs meeting area (above the arena – 30 Carrier Crescent).

Come prepared with a resume if you are applying for a job.



Monday, October 14, 2019 the Village Office, Public Works and the Arena will be closed to observe the Statutory Holiday.



The Community Halloween Party sponsored by the Village of Fraser Lake and the Chamber of Commerce will be held at White Swan Park on October 31st. Come gather around the bonfire, enjoy some free refreshments and hotdogs and watch an amazing display of fireworks.

Bonfire begins at 6:30 pm
BBQ at 7:00 pm
Fireworks at 8:00 pm



Plan & Practise Your Escape!™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6 – 12, 2019

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department 911.
- Practice your home fire drill!

For more information talk to your local Fire Chief at 250-699-7783

UTILITY BILLS

The water, sewer and garbage invoices have been sent out and are due November 30, 2019.

DOG TAGS

The 2020 Village of Fraser Lake dog tags are now available. If you are a resident within the Municipality, please come into the office to pick up your free tag. The tag is a great identifier for your family pet and provides us with contact information should your dog be picked up by the dog catcher.

Visitor Information Centre & Museum

The Fraser Lake Museum and Visitor Centre opened May 17, 2019 and closed for the season on September 13, 2019. The Visitor Centre recorded 1711 guests which is an increase of 7.13% (122 guests) from the 2018 records. The 2018 area wildfires are still effecting our tourism numbers. While the number of visitors were up over 2018, we are still below the pre-fire numbers by 17.65% (302 visitors). Many of our visitors this year had heard about the 2018 wildfires and thought everything in the area had burnt to the ground from media reports. The Fraser Lake Museum and Visitor Centre attracted guests from around the world. This year most guests came from Northern BC, Southern BC, Alberta, South Western USA and Mexico. Our European guests decreased significantly from previous years. Comments from this year's guests include; "Lovely town, absolutely lovely", Grande Prairie AB, "Great history, love the museum", Bridgetown BC, "Beautiful spot at White Swan", Sun Peaks BC.

A huge thank-you to our summer student Arianna Chmelyk and the volunteers from the Fraser Lake Historical Society who operated the Visitor Centre this year.

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
May	89	1	70	95	163
June	294	53	249	477	463
July	698	724	783	535	520
Aug	243	639	614	339	405
Sept	0	125	297	143	160
Total	1324	1542	2013	1589	1711
% Change		14.14%	23.40%	-26.68%	7.13%

October Recreation

PICKLEBALL Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at FLESS Gym. No charge for this event.

SENIOR BALANCE & STRENGTH Every Friday at Autumn Services from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. This event sponsored by the Village of Fraser Lake.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in town? Check out the Village webpage calendar at www.fraserlake.ca.

Remember to pick up your copy of "Active Sunday's Fall Program" at local businesses. Check out what's happening Sunday's in Fraser Lake from October to December.