# FRASER LAKE VILLAGE OFFICE

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# Village News

### SEPTEMBER 2019

# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Village of Fraser
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#### VILLAGE OF FRASER LAKE SUMMER RECAP

#### Did you know...

Each year, the Village strives to improve our Community through the completion of various projects. To ensure you are aware of what we have been up to we offer the following:

Trails Chip Sealing (White Swan Park and the highway frontage trails)

We knew people use the walking trails but during

the Age Friendly
Assessment we
heard loud and
clear our trails
need to be more
accessible and
available for yearround use. So,
we've seal coated
66,000 sq. feet of
trails. This provides a harder sur-

face that is easier for people to walk on, push strollers, walkers or use scooters. This work was fully funded by the Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Federal Gas Tax.

## Infield Rehabilitation Softball Field #1

We have seen a reinvigorated interest in softball. This past summer we've seen two softball tournaments and Thursday night drop in softball. Our ball fields needed some care. Specific to Softball Field #1, we dug down, placed landscape fabric and packed layers of red clay infield mix. Initial comments from ball players have been very positive. This improvement makes for a safer, more enjoyable surface. We'd like to recognize and thank the Northern Development

Initiative Trust, Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund and the Federal Gas Tax for funding this improvement.

## Boat Launch Parking Lot Rehabilitation

Our boat launch is one of our most used community assets. On warm sunny days the parking lot is full, while residents enjoy a day out on the lake. We have been working to improve this area over the past 5 years. This year we sculpted the surface of the parking lot, removed any muck and added 360 yards of new gravel. This allowed the Village to raise, expand and level the parking lot. These improvements provide extra room for turning around and parking. Our boat launch parking lot is now protected from the impacts of high water, drains more quickly following rain and is cleaner. Again, we'd like to recognize and thank the Northern Development Initiative Trust, Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund and the Federal Gas Tax for funding this project.

and appliances. This saves money and helps reduce our carbon footprint. This year we replaced 34 florescent light fixtures with new LED ballasts and lights in the Arena and Curling Rink lobbies. This project has created a bright, welcoming and safer environment for users of our Recreation facility. Thank you to the Northern Development Initiative Trust, Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund and the Federal Gas Tax for funding this initiative.

# Park Drive Ditch Upgrade

Over the years, several problems have developed along the stretch of Park Drive between Tunasa Crescent and the railway crossing. Ground water and a lack of ditching kept the structure of the road saturated with water. A couple years ago, our Public Works created a ditch on the uphill side of the road. The improvements to the road were noticeable within a short period of time; however, the hillside above the ditch began to slough. This summer our Public Works crew installed gabion cages and rock along the most mobile portion of the ditch. At the writing of this newsletter, the project is being completed. We anticipate these improvements will stabilize the sloughing bank, continue to move water down the ditch instead of into the road surface and improve the appearance of the ditch.

#### UTILITY BILLS

The water, sewer and garbage invoices will be sent out soon and are due November 30, 2019.

AREA "D" (FRASER LAKE) TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday-Wednesday and Friday 8:00am-6:00pm

Weekends 10:00am-6:00pm

Closed Thursdays & Statutory Holidays

Operated by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako 1-800-320-3339



#### Arena and Curling Rink Lobby Lighting Upgrade

Each year our Village looks for opportunities to reduce our energy costs by upgrading lighting

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## September Recreation

OAK hikes will be on a TO BE ANNOUNCED weekly basis for the month of September as weather permits.

Pickleball will be returning to FLESS gym for the winter season.

Village of Fraser Lake Senior Balance exercises continues at Autumn Services on Friday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Ice will be in C.H. Foote Arena by the end of September so watch for Public Skating to start beginning of October.

Remember to check out www.fraserlake.ca website calendar to see what's happening in the Village of Fraser



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

#### Park Drive Water **Main Extension**

After 22 years, we've finally been able to provide the residents of Park Drive with access to the Community Water system and full fire protection through the installation of three fire hydrants. Although this was a contracted proiect. it consumed many hours of time from our Public Works and Administrative personnel. This was a big project. This was an important project. We are now able to declare, all residents of our community have access to a safe. clean supply of drinking water

#### **Wastewater Sewer** Lagoon Fencing

This summer our Public Works staff took on the 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 remains in compliance with Ministry of Environment requirements to secure our Wastewater treatment facility.

#### **Green Space Beautification Project**

Over the past four years, Tree Canada and BC Hydro have partnered to provide funding opportunities for communities wishing to beautify urban greenspaces. This year, the Village planted 9 trees along the highway 16 corridor and in White Swan Park. These trees are intended to provide color and varying texture. We've planted flowering crab apples, maples and Hawthorne. As these trees mature, they'll beautify our municipal landscape and provide a desirable appearance for our community. This project was fully funded by BC Hydro and Tree Canada. Please note, the crab apple trees do not produce any fruit that will attract bears.

#### **Wastewater Dump Station Fence**

Several years ago, the Village installed a commercial wastewater dump station at the west end of the Fraser Lake Villa Trailer Park. From time to time we receive requests from local industry to accept limited amounts of wastewater. Rather than directing them to the sani dump station, this site was developed to improve our management of these commodities. This year, we've improved the site by installing a chain link fence with gates and privacy slats around the dump station. This secures the site and provides a safe, professional looking station. This project was fully funded by the Northern **Development Initiative** Trust, Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund and the Federal Gas Tax.

The Village of Fraser Lake would like to acknowledge and thank the Northern Development Initiative Trust. Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund and the Federal Gas Tax for supporting our community through the various contributions to these Community enhancing projects.

#### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Joining Fraser Lake Fire Rescue offers you the chance to give back to the community, experience a true brotherhood and make a real difference in the lives of your neighbours.

"Your community needs more volunteer firefighters"

If you are:

- ... at least 18 years of age
- ... in good health
- ... interested in learning new skills
- ... interested in being part of a team

Why not stop by the fire hall or call 699-7783 to learn more.

## **2019 RECREATION & SMALL BUSINESS** EXPO

Saturday September 28, 2019 10am – 2pm

Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School (FLESS) Gym

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

Come out and enjoy this FREE event, with local and regional exhibitors. Want to book a table? Call or email DAVE CHRISTIE Economic Development Officer at 250-699-6257 or <a href="mailto:dchristie@fraserlake.ca">dchristie@fraserlake.ca</a> or pick up a table booking form from the Village Office.