

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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### Garbage Collection

Let us talk trash. Garbage containers should be to the roadside by 7:30 am on your garbage day. Over the past month, we have seen a lot of loose garbage in the garbage bins. Please ensure all garbage is contained in a bag that is tied. This ensures, the garbage does not spill when it is being dumped into the truck. Finally, please move your garbage bin back after it has been picked up. Leaving your garbage bin at the end of your driveway creates an obstacle for snow removal. Thank you for assisting with this important activity that keeps our community clean and healthy.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations and Booster Shots

Northern Health has been working hard to provide COVID-19 vaccinations, including booster shots. I have heard comments about wait times for appointments, so, during a recent call with the Fraser Lake Medical clinic I asked about wait times. Here is what I learned. Covid vaccinations and booster shots are available at the Fraser Lake Medical Clinic on Mondays and Wednesdays. These vaccinations are by appointment only. The Vaccination Van team will set up at the Professional Building, 298 McMillan Avenue (next to Technopure Water) on Saturday and Sunday January 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm for vaccination appointments and walk ins. The Vax Van will bring a team of health professionals to Fraser Lake and they hope to be busy. Even if you have an appointment booked for a later date, you may **drop in** at the Professional Building on that weekend for your vaccination or booster. The team will cancel your appointment on your behalf, and you will walk away vaccinated. If you simply need to register for a vaccination, you can go to the Northern Health COVID-19 Vaccine Plan page. Follow the link at the top of the page for COVID-19 Immunization Clinics. The communities where clinics will be hosted are listed in alphabetical order. Scroll down to Fraser Lake & Area. In the "Details" column on the right side of the page is an italicized "registration" link. Have your provincial health care number handy and it will only take a couple minutes to complete the registration.

### VFL Communications – Fibre Optic Services

With the arrival of winter, construction on our Broadband project has been mothballed until spring. Significant work was accomplished in the short two months of construction with over 7000 meters of conduit having been installed. Preparatory work also began on the VFL Communications Telecoms yard at 15 Chow-sunket Street where the electronic infrastructure for our new fibre optic service will be housed. While we wait for the return of warmer temperatures, applications have been submitted to both CN Rail and the Ministry of Transportation to permit service to Park Drive residences on the north side of the rail grade and the businesses, Medical Clinic, and residences south of the highway. Construction will resume in late spring.

VFL Communications is a new Telecom company formed through a partnership between the Village of Fraser Lake and CityWest. With the installation of fibre optic infrastructure, our businesses, services providers, and residents will have access to world class high-speed internet, television and phone services. This new service will level the playing field between what urban centers have and what is available in Fraser Lake. Access to government services, healthcare, education, banking, shopping, entertainment and so

much more depend on effective and reliable internet services. It has become integral to many parts of our lives. We would like you to give VFL Communications and fibre optic services a try. For the month of January 2022, we would like to offer those who have not yet registered three months of free 250 mb fibre optic service. Television and phone services are not provided in that offer, but I believe you will find those services to be offered at reasonable and competitive rates. As of February, the offer for a trial period of free 250 mb fibre optic service will drop to two months. By registering early, you help us with our planning. These offers come without obligation or term agreement. We simply want you to try us! If you are interested, please register. If you feel like this is a sales pitch, it is! Over the last number of years, we have heard repeatedly about the need for improved internet service in Fraser Lake. By forging ahead with this solution, we are providing our community with the best quality service available. The service is also partially owned by the Village. Even if you only use the internet for email and television, please consider giving us a try. By doing so, you are supporting your community. If you have an agreement with another internet service provider, we are still happy to provide a three-month free trial of fibre optic service. Please call for further details.

It all boils down to, if you want faster, more reliable internet, please phone [1-800-442-8664](tel:1-800-442-8664) or visit [www.citywest.ca/fraser-lake-waitlist](http://www.citywest.ca/fraser-lake-waitlist) and register for three months of free quantum internet service for your home or business. We think you will be excited by what you see. On Family Day, February 21, 2022, we will be collecting the names of all the preregistered households and drawing for three grand prizes. Three lucky preregistered households will be eligible for one of the following prizes

- First prize**, a full year of Quantum 250 internet, television, and home phone service.
- Second prize**, six (6) months of Quantum 250 internet, television, and home phone service.
- Third prize** will be television and home phone service for the same period awarded for your pre-registration. Only the households who have preregistered for service through VFL Communications will be eligible for any of these prizes.

So, don't hesitate or procrastinate, by pre registering before 4:00 pm on February 21, 2022, your household will be entered for the chance to win one of the three grand prizes. The draw date will be Wednesday February 23, 2022. The lucky winners will be notified shortly afterwards. If you have any questions, or require assistance registering, please contact the Village Office at (250) 699-6257.

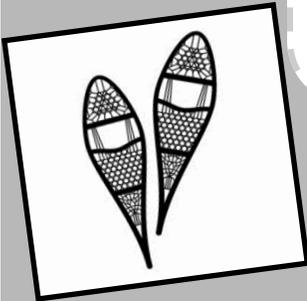


## Snow Removal

**Snow, snow everywhere** -The recent snowfalls have kept our Public Works team scrambling to keep up. They have done a great job keeping our roads cleared and the snow piles pushed back. As a courtesy to our residents, our crews push heavy accumulations of snow that have been left across the end of driveways following street clearing. This service is provided as time allows. The service is intended to assist residents with the sometimes-immovable windrows of snow that can happen following the pass of the grader or other snow clearing machinery. However, as a courtesy service, we will not obligate ourselves to a specific timetable for when the end of your driveway will be cleared.

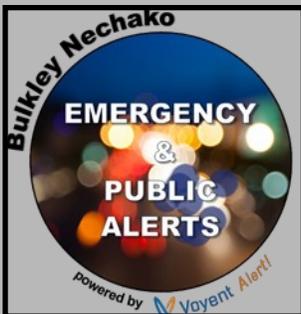
When snow clearing does not result in a significant accumulation of snow across the end of your driveway, we will leave clearing of that snow to the property owner. On weekends, our crew does not clear the end of driveways unless there are exceptional circumstances. If we have a big snowfall and the plow furrow created by snow clearing activities is extreme, like a good neighbor, our crews will stay and help clear the end of driveways. Otherwise, streets are cleared on the weekends and the plow furrow at the end of your driveway will have to wait until a weekday.

This winter there are five snow clearing companies available to residents and business owners who need snow clearing services for your driveway or property. We have listed those companies holding a business license on the Village website. Lester LePoidevin, Wekare Construction, Ian McLean, Dave Sansom and Hurry Help all provide snow clearing services.



### Our Equipment Your Adventure

**Did you know** that the Village of Fraser Lake owns cross country skis and snowshoes and they are available for the public to rent for \$15.00 per day plus a security deposit through Everyday Grocery & More. The cross-country ski package includes skis, boots and poles, sizes are available in youth, junior and adult. The snowshoes come with poles and are available in adult, youth and children's. For a very minimal fee you can use this equipment to write your own adventure.



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Love Fraser Lake is a program where local independent businesses can sign up and receive an online presence, which showcases the owners, location, and product or services offered. Lovefraserlake.com has 28 local businesses currently enrolled. Checkout this site to see locally owned businesses and the products or services offered.

### Support Local

With the Provincial Health Order restricting travel, now is a perfect time to shop local. Did you know that some local businesses are offering curbside pick up and or delivery right to your home? Did you know that by supporting local you are also directly supporting 112 full-time and part time local jobs? The money invested locally, stays locally.

### Reasons to Shop Local.

4 Reasons to shop local:

- 1- Your spending will boost the local economy, every dollar spent locally, 63 cents stay in the local economy.
- 2- Local shops usually sell those unique, one off gifts.
- 3- You support local Fraser Lake entrepreneurs; small local businesses make their livelihood on their business. Often they put everything on the line to make a go of it. Help support these small businesses instead of lining CEO's of large companies that live in different areas of the world.
- 4- Small business builds community. Small business contributes to community markets, community gardens, craft shops and other local clubs. Without this support these community fundamentals would disappear. Small business has community value and combined employ the majority of a community's jobs.

## Voyent Alert! Emergency Call Alert System

### Have you Registered

In times of crisis it is important that residents have access to timely, trusted and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. In response to this need, the Village of Fraser Lake has chosen Voyent Alert! as the communication service provider for these kinds of events.

The Village of Fraser Lake along with the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako have launched a new Emergency Call Alert System called Voyent Alert! This Mass Notification System allows residents to use an App or sign up online to receive text, email and phone alerts during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications such as snow removal advisories, planned maintenance, water advisories, etc. We are excited to provide this alert system to our residents.

Go to <https://voyent-alert.com/community/> and click on "Register Now" to register to receive Voice, Email, or Text alerts.