



Village News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Bears in our Community

The bears have arrived in our community. This is earlier than usual. The hot, dry weather has had a negative effect on the berry crop. Wildfires and associated loss of habitat have no doubt been a contributing factor.

This problem is not limited to Fraser Lake. Communities across the north are challenged with managing bears in town.

The bears are drawn into town by food sources; saskatoon berries, fruit trees and garbage. Knowing this, we can be part of the solution. Please pick your apples. Secure your garbage. Don't leave food out that the bears may find edible.

The transfer station has a compost area, so, if you have compostable materials such as unwanted apples, please take them to the compost area.

This year the Village purchased bear proof garbage containers that have been placed in public areas across the community. We have also ordered a "bear proofing" apparatus for all residential garbage cans. Our Public Works

crew will begin modification of all residential garbage cans once those apparatus are received. The ordered apparatus has been used in Tumbler Ridge with good success. Let's hope they arrive soon.

Together we can minimize the issues that occur when bears are in the community. Please keep your yard free of items the bears will find attractive. The Village is working with the Conservation Officer Service to address problem bears. However, just because a bear is in town doesn't mean he/she is a problem bear. Please be respectful and recognize these bears are wild animals. Regardless of how tame they may appear, keep your distance. Children should go indoors if there is a bear in the neighborhood. Thank you.

Kin Park

You may have noticed the activity going on at Kin Park. We are building covered structures for a couple of our picnic tables. This will provide some shade for families having a picnic or



enjoying the Splash Pad on hot summer days.

We will also be building a couple of covered structures over several picnic tables at White Swan Park.

BC Hydro ReGreening

This program supports the planting of trees and other vegetation that help enhance ecological networks. The ReGreening grants fund small-scale community planting projects.

What are the benefits of re-greening?

- Enhance open spaces
- Diversify and enhance urban forests
- Beautify Parks and outdoor recreation areas
- Create natural habitats

BC Hydro provide financial support to the Village to purchase 15 trees for our small-scale planting project. The Village was responsible for arranging labour and the maintenance of the trees.

The trees have been planted along the Highway 16 Frontage within the Village boundary. The goal is to beautify this area from spring to fall with flowering trees and beautiful foliage.

Six At-Home BearWise Basics

Never Feed or Approach Bears

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs!

Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.

Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.

Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.

Clean & Store Grills

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

Alert Neighbours to Bear Activity

See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbours and share information on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people: now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.



The Village Office and Public Works will be Closed on Monday September 4th, 2023 to observe the Labour Day Statutory Holiday

Fraser Lake Transfer Station
3366 Fraser Lake Airport Rd
Monday – Sunday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Closed
Statutory Holidays

Watch for the new recycling brochure.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

Joining Fraser Lake Fire Rescue offers you the chance to give back to the community, experience being part of a team 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 699-2859 to learn more

