



Council News: March 2019

Elkford to Take Part in Local and Regional Events

- The District of Elkford will enter two golf teams in the Tee off for Tots Golf Tournament that will be held June 7, 2019 in Elkford. The proceeds from this annual fundraiser will be used for continued programs and services for young families and children in Elkford.
- A member of Council will attend the 98th Annual East Kootenay Mine Rescue and First Aid Competitions in Fernie on May 11th. The competitions will showcase and test the emergency response, rescue and first aid abilities of local Mine Rescue Teams.
- Elkford will be represented at the Sam Steele Days Grand Parade in Cranbrook on June 15th. With an anticipated audience of greater than 10,000, this is the largest parade in the Kootenays and is a great opportunity to showcase Elkford on a regional scale.

Purchase of Carbon Offsets

The Province's Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) was initiated in 2008 to offset carbon tax paid by local governments who have committed to the goal of becoming carbon neutral in their corporate operations. The District of Elkford signed the Climate Action Charter in 2008, and in doing so, committed to becoming carbon neutral. Annually purchasing carbon offsets is one means by which carbon neutrality is achieved. The District of Elkford has established an Energy Conservation Reserve Fund that is used toward carbon footprint-reducing measures with the District's operations. The fund was used to purchase solar panels for the new District Office.

Ministry of Environment Conservation Officer Service Presentation

Patricia Burley, Conservation Officer, reviewed the 2018 Access Management Compliance and Enforcement Program, noting that it is the only program of its kind in British Columbia. She reported that last year's outreach programs, public education projects and program goals were successful and that efforts will continue through 2019.

Elkford Chamber of Commerce Delegation

Members of the Chamber appeared before Council to highlight the Chamber's 2018 activities and outline 2019 goals and initiatives, noting that the main focus is to align efforts and funds to better support local businesses while building an effective business network in Elkford.

Bylaws

- **District of Elkford Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 817, 2019** was adopted. This Bylaw amends the District of Elkford Zoning Bylaw No. 737, 2013 to allow for the keeping of horses on any parcel larger than 1 acre in the Urban Reserve Zone.
- **District of Elkford Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 818, 2019** received its first three readings. This Bylaw will guide the District's budgeted activities for 2019 through to 2023. The District will conduct an Open House on April 3, 2019 (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm) at the Community Conference Centre to provide information to the public on the financial aspects of municipal activities contained within the budget.

Mark the Upcoming Council Meetings on your Calendar!

- April 1st at 6:00 pm: Committee of the Whole (Financial & In-Kind Assistance Grants)
Elkford Community Conference Centre, 750 Fording Drive
- April 2nd at 6:00 pm: Urban Wildlife Management Advisory Committee
- April 4th at 4:00 pm: Youth Action Network Commission
Elkford Community Conference Centre, 750 Fording Drive
- April 8th at 6:00 pm: Regular Council
- April 23rd at 6:00 pm: Regular Council
- **Unless otherwise noted above, these meetings are held in the Council Chambers at 816 Michel Road. All meetings are open to the public.**

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