



Your New Mayor and Council



Top, left to right: Councillor Norm Eisler, Councillor Monique Arès, Councillor Denise Dumas, Councillor Keith Baldwin, Councillor Jim Eilford, Councillor Anthony Mondia. Bottom: Mayor Arnold DeBoon.

The Town of Creston is governed by a Mayor and six Councillors who are elected for a four-year term. Mayor and Council meet three times a month, twice in Council Meetings, where decisions are made by resolution or bylaw. Additionally, Council meets once a month in Committee of the Whole, where broader discussions take place, and the Committee forms recommendations that are brought forward to Council for their consideration.

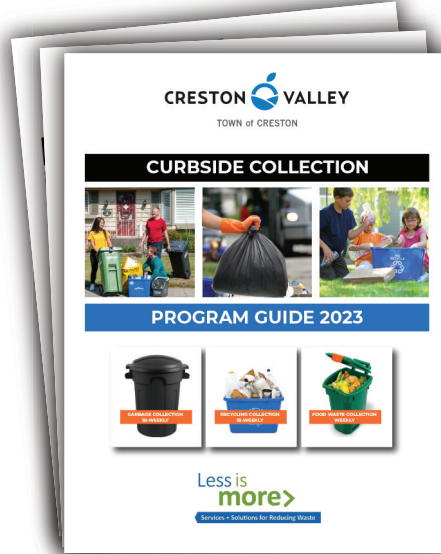
Members of the public are welcome to attend Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings in person. Council also hears delegations (presentations), with advance notice.

To view Council meeting agendas and minutes, meeting schedules and to find out more about Mayor and Council, visit: creston.ca and search for "Mayor and Council".

Curbside Collection - New Program Guide

The Town of Creston's **2023 Residential Curbside Collection Program Guide** is now available. The guide includes the collection schedule, Waste Wizard guide and other important information about recycling, composting and proper disposal of household waste.

The guide is available in PDF format on our **Curbside Collection web page** (creston.ca/2429) and hard copies are available at Town Hall for pick-up. Mail or delivery options are available upon request using the contact information below.



Please note:

There are numerous changes on what is accepted at the curb (especially recycling), so be sure to take a look!

The Town of Creston also utilizes the **Creston Recycles** mobile phone app, powered by ReCollect. Download the app from the App store or Google Play and enter your address to get your collection schedule, reminders, notifications, and search the Waste Wizard tool. The Creston Recycle App is also available for use directly on our web page. For additional assistance, contact the Town of Creston at **250-428-2214** or email info@creston.ca.

A message from Creston Valley Fire Services



We're home! We are still moving things in and getting settled, but our Creston Valley Fire Services crew and trucks are ready to go. Pictured above is the first call-out from our new hall.

We are incredibly grateful to be here, thanks to the efforts of so many people over the past 10+ years:

- Our past and present Town of Creston and Creston Valley elected officials
- The Community Fire Hall Advisory Select Committee (ASC) and Technical Building Advisory Committee (TBAC) members, consultants and facilitators
- Our building professionals, subcontractors and their staff
- Our past and present Town of Creston staff

To everyone who has not only supported us through this process, but also challenged us all to 'show our work', we are thankful for you.

To all of you and those we serve in the Town of Creston, the Creston Valley and beyond – we will continue to serve with **pride, honour and integrity** – always.

~ Your Creston Valley Fire Services

Participate in the Five Year Financial Plan



Town of Creston residents and property owners are invited to provide feedback on the proposed 2023 Budget and Financial Plan.

To have your say, visit our 2023 Municipal Budget project page at letstalk.creston.ca. You can ask questions, provide comments and participate in one of two surveys. We appreciate and welcome your feedback!



Building Code changes are on their way. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is expected to approve the revised set of building regulations in May of 2023. With the revised BC Building Code, we can expect heightened requirements with respect to energy for both residential and commercial buildings. Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code will be the minimum requirement once the new Building Code is enacted. If you have any questions regarding the updated regulations and what to expect, you can reach out to the Town of Creston Building Official at 250.428.2214 ext.431

Business Licence renewals are now due!



A Business Licence is required to own or operate a business in Creston, including retail and commercial establishments, management and professional firms, home-based businesses, bed and breakfasts, and short term rentals. A licence is also required to become a mobile food vendor or for anyone selling their products or services within the Town of Creston. Your licence must be renewed annually and prominently displayed in your place of business. Operating a business without a licence can result in compliance action and fines.

Business Licence renewals commence on January 1st of each year and the licences are good to December 31st of that year. As per the Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1763, a \$20.00 late payment fee will be applied to all Business Licence renewals where payment is received after January 31st of each year. You will not receive your Business Licence until the late fee and balance is paid.

If you have any questions about your Business Licence, give us a call at Town Hall.

Do you know what the Creston Fire Rescue Work Experience Program (WEP) is?

As residents of this great community, you may have noticed strange faces coming and going from time to time. These caring strangers come from all over Canada to be a part of your community to learn and thrive as a WEP firefighter. A WEP firefighter is someone who has uprooted their lives to learn, absorb and capture as much hands-on experience as possible in order to become a career firefighter. These WEP firefighters are hardworking, ambitious and willing to put their lives at risk to protect you and your community. Some are here for short periods as they find a fulltime position elsewhere, while others hang on a little longer as they gain the necessary work experience required to achieve their own exciting goal as a career firefighter. The Work Experience Program is a win-win for the community and the ambitious WEP firefighters who are looking to make their mark in the world. That is how I became a member of your community.



I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Brooke Bean, and I am 22 years old. I was born and raised in a little town on the outskirts of our Nation's Capital, so I am familiar with small towns and big dreams. I graduated from St. Lawrence College, from the pre-service firefighter program during the pandemic, which was challenging in itself. During my time there, I had the opportunity to play Varsity rugby. I've always had a strong passion for the game since being introduced to the sport in high school, where I pursued many years of playing competitive rugby in regional, provincial and

international competitions. I've won gold at the national level. Playing rugby at this high level has emphasized my teamwork and physical capabilities, further advancing my knowledge, technique and collaboration to the level of coaching rugby, where I coached the women's high school team in my final year.

My desire to become a firefighter started at a young age in high school, where they had a 'become a firefighter day' in a physical education class. We were tasked with competing in a miniature combat challenge. This included several firefighter tasks, such as the dummy drag and the stair climb, and I couldn't get enough of it. After graduating high school, I participated in Camp FITT, which is dedicated to providing young women the opportunity to experience real life fire scenarios in a controlled environment. There was no turning back then.

From there I excelled in the pre-service fire program at St. Lawrence College. While living in rural Ottawa, I was a volunteer with my community Station 61 Volunteer Fire Department, where I was awarded the Top Gun award. This award is given to the recruit that has best demonstrated the core values: Standing together - Working together - Serving together. I wanted to become a career firefighter, so when the opportunity to learn on the job was presented to me with Creston Fire Rescue, I took a leap of faith. I quit my job, said goodbye to my family and friends and undertook the four day drive across Canada to join your community.

I am now a Work Experience Program Firefighter and as such, we are able to train and gain experience attending calls. The WEP firefighters all live at the fire hall and respond to calls 24/7 alongside the Paid on Calls (POC). I have been with the Work Experience Program Firefighters for 7 months now. The experience and knowledge that I have obtained serving this community has been immense and humbling.

My passion for community involvement and giving back to the community includes: coaching the flag football teams here in Creston; and, volunteering at the local hockey arena, along with several other community events, by providing a safe environment for players and spectators as a first responder on standby. I am proud to serve as a first responder on the front lines, since this runs in the family. My two younger siblings are also undertaking "blue collar" front line professions.

I am honoured to be welcomed into this community with such respect. Please feel free to say hello the next time you see me in the community!



2023 Pet Licences are now due!

Dog Licences:

- Male – Unneutered \$105 (\$110 after March 31, 2023)
- Neutered \$20 (\$25 after March 31, 2023)
- Female – Unspayed \$105 (\$110 after March 31, 2023)
- Spayed \$20 (\$25 after March 31, 2023)
- Dangerous Dogs \$210 (\$215 after March 31, 2023)
- Special Needs Assistant Animal – No charge
- Replacement Tag \$2.00

Cat Licences:

- Male – Unneutered \$105 (\$110 after March 31, 2023)
- Neutered \$20 (\$25 after March 31, 2023)
- Female – Unspayed \$105 (\$110 after March 31, 2023)
- Spayed \$20 (\$25 after March 31, 2023)
- Replacement Tag \$2.00

Please note: If this is the first time you are registering your pet(s) in Creston, and your pet(s) is/are over 6 months and has/have been spayed or neutered, a veterinarian's certificate is required for each pet.

The licence fee will be reduced by 50% for any pet acquired and/or brought into the Town after August 31st in any year.

Contact Town Hall to pay your pet licence and get your pet tags!



Climate Action Quick Fact

Did you know the best way to warm up your car is to DRIVE it, not to IDLE it? Start your car for 30 seconds to make sure the oil has circulated, then, as long as you have visibility, you are good to go.

Idling wastes fuel and money.

The average car burns nearly two liters of fuel per hour while idling, which can add up quickly over time. If a driver idles their vehicle for 10 minutes a day that equals roughly **95 liters of fuel wasted** annually, which at current gas prices costs **\$159**.

Idling pollutes our air and contributes to climate change.

Idling releases pollutants such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and particulate matter (PM), which contribute to climate change and can impact air quality and human health.

The Town of Creston plays a part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality with the **Municipal Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy**, which establishes guidelines for unnecessary idling of municipal vehicles.

Questions? Contact Us - We are here to help! • 238 - 10th Avenue North, Creston, BC

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