

Save Money on your Property Taxes!



Did you know that if you set up monthly pre-payments for next year's property taxes, you can earn interest on that money?

The province sets quarterly interest rates for pre-payments on property taxes. It is currently set at an attractive 4.95%. This means that by proactively managing your tax payments, you can earn a substantial return on the money you allocate towards your property taxes. Rates are subject to change.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity as a means to maximize your savings while fulfilling your tax obligations. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dedicated team at Town Hall.

Annual Report 2022

The Annual Report reviews the operations of the Town of Creston for the proceeding year and provides a clear understanding of the financial position and financial activities of the Town. View the Annual Report at creston.ca or pick up a copy at Town Hall.

Trails Master Plan



Join us in shaping the future of the Creston community! We have an exciting vision for our town - one that emphasizes active modes of transportation and recreational activities. We want to make it easier and safer for everyone to walk, bike, and scoot around our beautiful neighbourhoods.

To make this vision a reality, the Town of Creston is creating a Trails Master Plan. This plan will lay the foundation for a comprehensive trail network and a long-term strategy. And here's where you come in: we need your input and ideas!

We have released a new survey or photo contest every week since June 5th. This will continue until the end of July. We invite all residents to take part in our survey series and photo contests. By sharing your thoughts on our trails and suggesting improvements, you can help shape the future of Creston. Not only that, but your stunning photos of our trails could be featured in the plan, or in other Town of Creston materials.

Here's the best part: complete all four surveys and enter for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift certificates to a restaurant of your choice in Creston. It's our way of saying thank you for your valuable contribution.

Find out more about the Trails Master Plan and participate at letstalk.creston.ca.

Creston's Newest Murals



You may have noticed that the Spirit Square in downtown Creston has recently been adorned with a series of four extraordinary new murals!

The Town of Creston put out a call for artists (and a request for quotation) last fall, and Lacey Jane and Layla Folkmann were the successful artists hired to take on the project.



Lacey and Layla have been working as an artistic duo since 2010. In fact, they started their mural career right here in Creston when they painted their very first

murals together. Since then, they have produced over 100 murals all across Canada, from an over 4,000 square foot farm silo in the Ontario countryside to the notable Rogers Place hockey arena in downtown Edmonton. Internationally, they have painted in Honduras, France, and Northern Uganda. With over a decade of professional collaboration, Lacey and Layla have forged a notable career with a specialization in monumental public art. They have and continue to work with a number of influential businesses such as Microsoft, Absolut Vodka, Simons, and Yves St. Laurent. They have collaborated with organizations such as MURAL Montreal, MU, stART Up Toronto, Mural Routes, as well as multiple other arts councils, arts organizations, and festivals.



For the Creston murals, they wanted to celebrate the agricultural heritage of the area and the symbiotic relationship between planting, gardening, and nurturing the landscape. With a rich color palette, they chose to depict juicy cherries to represent the region's bountiful fruit, a chicken as a symbol of farming and agriculture, a cow to symbolize the town's deep-rooted connection to dairy farming and ranching, and a weathered hand holding a plant to honor the hardworking farmers, and people of Creston who preserve, protect, and nurture our incredible land.

By framing each panel with a gorgeous Art Nouveau frame, Lacey and Layla were able to emphasize the beauty and importance of these often overlooked elements, elevating them to the status they truly deserve. Their signature colour palette, and bold realism, make these new murals a captivating sight for passersby, inviting them to pause and appreciate the town's charm.

These murals stand as a testament to the remarkable story of the Creston Valley, a tale of growth, resilience, and profound love for the land that sustains us all.

Learn more about the artists at laceyandlaylaart.com.

Creston's Newest Art Sculpture



The Town of Creston has just installed a new art sculpture in the downtown walk-through called "Call Across the Sea". The piece was created by artist Jim Unger from Abbotsford BC, and is inspired by the incredible architecture and people of Fogo Island, Newfoundland. Fogo Island is also home to a world-famous arts residency program. If you haven't heard of Fogo Island, it's worth looking up!

The art was acquired by the Creston Valley Public Art Connection (CVPAC) and was donated to the Town of Creston. A huge thank you to CVPAC for continuing to acquire art for the Creston Valley!

Living and working in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia, artist Jim Unger works primarily in metals with an emphasis on copper, taking it to new and unexpected places with the addition of colour and patinas. With a background in wood-working and cabinetry, his work has evolved from simple garden objects to large sculptures and contemporary works of art.

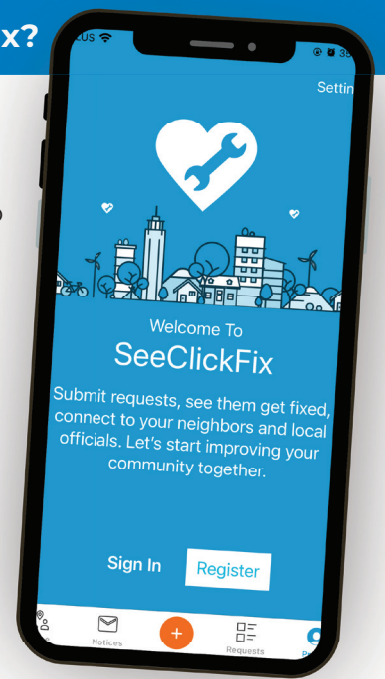
Call Across the Sea's evocative tableaux is formed from copper, steel, wood, paint, and sand.

What is SeeClickFix?

It's easier than ever to report and submit non-emergency Public Works service requests to the Town of Creston through SeeClickFix, an online and mobile application.

Have you noticed a pothole? Burnt out street light? Damaged sidewalk? Water pressure issues? SeeClickFix allows you to document concerns and areas that need improvement, quickly and easily! We don't always know there is a problem until someone lets us know!

The SeeClickFix app is available for free download for iOS and Android users. You can also select the SeeClickFix tab on our Town of Creston Facebook page or click on the "Report An Issue" banner on our webpage at creston.ca.



Extra Garbage Waste?

We all have extra waste sometimes. If this is the case, EXTRA Bag Tags are available at Town Hall for \$2 each. Simply place the EXTRA Bag Tag on your extra waste bag that weighs no more than 25lbs, and it will be picked up. Without a Bag Tag, waste over the quantities outlined in Creston's Bylaw No. 1959 will be left behind.



Visit creston.ca for more info on waste.



From the Desk of Bylaw Services



We'd like to remind the public that the Town of Creston has a Property Maintenance Bylaw in place for the benefit of all residents. This bylaw outlines the responsibilities of property owners to keep their yards and properties in good order and free from any hazards, or unsightly conditions. It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain their property and keep it neat and tidy. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that lawns are mowed regularly, garbage and recycling are properly disposed of, and any debris or clutter is removed. Your cooperation in adhering to this bylaw helps to keep our community clean, safe, and attractive for all residents and visitors. Thank you for doing your part!

If you have a concern regarding compliance with one of the Town Bylaws, the Bylaw Compliance Department requires you to fill out a written Bylaw Complaint Form with your name, address, and phone number as well as a detailed description of the alleged bylaw violation. Please note: we do not accept anonymous complaints (no personal information will be divulged).

A Bylaw Complaint Form can be obtained in person at Town Hall, or online:

- Visit Creston.ca
- Hover over the 'Government' menu at the top
- Click on 'Bylaw Compliance'
- Scroll down the page to find 'How to Submit a Written Complaint'



Fire Ban in Effect

As of Monday, July 10, 2023, Category 1 - campfires, fireworks, sky lanterns, burn barrels or burn cages, binary exploding targets, air curtain burners, tiki and similar kind of torches, and chimineas are prohibited throughout the province. This campfire prohibition will remain in effect until October 28, 2023, or until the orders are rescinded. Find out more at creston.ca.

Canada Community Building Fund

The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) provides predictable, long-term and stable funding to local governments in British Columbia for investment in infrastructure and capacity building projects. The CCBF is guided by three national program objectives, which include productivity and economic growth, a clean environment, and strong cities and communities. The Town of Creston has been grateful to receive this funding and last year, the grant which is received annually, was used towards:

• Storm Water Retention	\$13,119
• Creston Emergency Services Building	\$100,000
• Hurl Street Paving	\$215,629
• Transportation Master Plan	\$50,000
• Road Restoration 2022	\$10,749

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Water Restrictions



June 1st marked the beginning of the Town of Creston's Stage 1 water conservation measures (watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs only between the hours of 7 pm - 10 am). These water conservation measures go into effect every year from June 1st to September 30th, regardless of seasonal weather patterns. Watering using drip irrigation, a watering can and/or hand held hose which eliminates over-spray, is permitted at any time.

For a complete description of the Town of Creston water conservation measures visit:

letstalk.creston.ca/water-restrictions

Please contact the Town of Creston at 250-428-2214 with any questions.