

Modern Building Practice Seminar

Save the date! On June 8th and 9th, the

Town of Creston is excited to host a great opportunity for those in the building industry, including Builders, Building Designers, Architects, Engineers, Exterior Applicators, HVAC installers, Energy Advisors, and Building Officials. The event is also open to owner builders and other individuals interested in the latest building practices.

Join us in the Creston Room at the Creston & District Community Complex for our **Modern Approach to High Efficiency Buildings Seminar**, where distinguished educators and experts from **BCIT, TECA, and other specialists** will share their insights and experience with high efficiency design and construction.

Explore the latest advancements in energy-efficient systems, high-performance insulation strategies, and advanced HVAC systems, and gain valuable tools to excel in your field. Whether you're a seasoned builder, curious architect, or aspiring energy advisor, don't miss out on learning from the best in the business!

Modern Approach to High Efficiency Buildings Seminar June 8 and 9, 2023

Registration is available now at [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)
(search for Town of Creston to find the seminar)

Thank you to FortisBC
for sponsoring this event!

New Standards for Home Construction



As of May 1, 2023, the Town of Creston, in accordance with the revised BC Building Code, now requires

every new Part 9 building (residential and small commercial /industrial) to meet **Step 3** of BC's Energy Step Code. The change will ensure new buildings are 20% more energy efficient than an equivalent building constructed to the 2018 Building Code. The move follows the BC Energy Step Code – a standard based on a series of energy efficiency performance targets, or "steps", for new construction and major renovations in the province. Steps 1 to 5 represent increasing levels of performance related to building energy efficiency. The Town of Creston will remain committed to engaging with our local builders to instill the knowledge and tools necessary to achieve these higher levels of energy efficiency in new home construction.

The change will not affect existing (in-progress) building permits, but applications received after May 1, 2023 will need to follow the new code requirements.

You can find more information on the BC Energy Step Code at www.energystepcode.ca.

If you have any questions about the new building code and how it will affect you, please don't hesitate to contact Brandon Vigne, the Building Official for the Town of Creston, at **250-428-2214 ext. 431**.

Market Park

CRESTON'S DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

The Town of Creston is excited to announce the progress made on "Market Park", the newest addition to our community. The unnamed park is being referred to as "Market Park" until a final name is chosen. Since construction began last year, a number of significant milestones have been achieved.



The installation of underground storm, water, and irrigation main lines have been completed. Additionally, light bases and electrical conduit have been installed, and concrete sidewalks and curbs have been poured. Tables, benches, and garbage receptacles have been purchased and are ready for installation.

Surveying has been completed and the ground is being prepped for pavement. Street and pathway lights are currently being installed, which will further enhance the safety and accessibility of the park.

Looking forward, the Town has exciting plans for the remainder of the year and beyond. Pavement is planned for late April or early May, followed by the installation of security fencing along the railway. The irrigation system will be completed, and shrubs, trees, and green spaces will be planted. The Town of Creston will also complete landscaping and water retention areas, ensuring that the park is as beautiful as it is functional.

In addition to being a location for the Farmers' Market, the park will showcase the rich culture and history of the Yaqan Nukiy peoples through a variety of installations. These will include a gathering circle designed to honor the cardinal directions, and an ethnobotanical garden featuring information panels with common, Latin,

and Ktunaxa names of plants, as well as descriptions of common Ktunaxa uses. Teepees, tulles and interpretive signage will be present where visitors can learn more about the Yaqan Nukiy history and culture. The park promises to be an immersive experience that offers visitors a unique opportunity to learn about and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of the Yaqan Nukiy peoples.

"Market Park" will be an incredible addition to Creston, providing a safe and accessible green space for all residents to enjoy. The Town of Creston is thrilled to be making such significant progress on the project and looks forward to unveiling the completed park in the near future.

The progress on the park has been funded in part by Pacific Economic Development Canada (\$750,000 – Canada Community Revitalization Fund) and Columbia Basin Trust (\$650,000).



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Climate Action Quick Fact

Why Composting is the Way to Go: Say Goodbye to Burning Yard Waste

When organic matter is burned, it releases harmful pollutants such as carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and volatile organic compounds into the air.

Burning grass and leaves is a harmful practice that can negatively impact both human health and the environment. These pollutants can cause respiratory problems and aggravate existing health conditions such as asthma, emphysema, and heart disease. Additionally, the ash from burning organic matter can be a fire hazard, especially if there is a drought or if the fire is not properly controlled.

Composting is a better alternative to burning grass and leaves.

Composting, on the other hand, is a safe and environmentally-friendly way to dispose of grass clippings and leaves. Composting involves the natural decomposition of organic matter, which creates a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used to fertilize gardens and lawns. Composting also helps to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills, which can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the production of methane gas.

By choosing to compost instead of burn, you can help reduce air pollution, reduce waste, and create a healthier environment for current and future generations.

Meet Joey from Creston Fire Rescue's Work Experience Program

Hey there everyone, my name, for those of you who haven't had a chance to meet me yet, is Joey. I've been a Creston local for about 15 years and a member of the Creston Valley Fire Service for just over 10 of them.

I originally came to Creston from Cambridge, Ontario, when I finished high school, for a change of scenery and a chance to go snowboarding. However, that short trip quickly became a permanent stay after falling in love with the beauty of this little town.

I decided to go to college for kinesiology in Cranbrook. After my first semester, I came back to Creston and saw that there was a volunteer fire department. After putting in just a short time with the department, I had fallen in love with the profession and knew that this was something I wanted to do for the rest of my life. So, I inquired about fire school.



After graduating from the fire academy, I continued to serve this valley with the Creston Valley Fire Service as a volunteer firefighter. The years went on, and I decided to join the Work Experience Program so I could turn this passion into a career. It was one of the scariest yet best decisions I have ever made. I've learned more and more about the profession and myself every day since joining the program, and every bit of it brings me closer and closer to my dream job.

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When I'm not busy running calls, or doing fantastic community work with the other work experience students, I'm working on honing my skills, studying, and preparing for the career fire department hiring processes.

Now, as much as I love firefighting, I also have a few hobbies that keep me occupied during my downtime. Chances are, you'll see me at the gym working out as I am a competitive powerlifter. So please, don't hesitate to come up and say hello if you ever see me there lifting weights. When winter comes, you can almost guarantee that I'll be out on the slopes shredding fresh powder. I have been snowboarding for 25 years, traveled all over the world to go riding, and I can safely say that the Kootenys have the best snow I have ever been on.

The day I move out of this beautiful town will be a very sad day indeed. But, for the time that I'm here, you can find me at the new fire hall and ask me anything you want to know. So please, don't be a stranger; I'm always happy to have a chat.

Please Keep this Accessway Clear



Recently, during an emergency call, a fire apparatus was unable to leave the Fire Hall because a vehicle and trailer were parked in such a way as to obstruct the exit/entrance to the backside of the Creston Emergency Services Building (off 16th Avenue, South).

This exit/entrance is solely designated for fire vehicles, paid-on-call responding personnel, and Town of Creston vehicles. If you need to park or turn around, kindly do so at Millennium Park, located just south of this entrance. Your cooperation in keeping this accessway clear is much appreciated.

You are Invited to an Open House!



The **Creston Valley FireSmart Resiliency Committee** (CVFRC) is inviting you to an Open House to share more of the collective work being done to increase fire resiliency in the area. We encourage you to come out, see the faces of the committee, and ask questions.

Curious about what all levels of government (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) and industry are doing to build wildfire resiliency? Want to learn how to reduce the risk of wildfire at home? This is the Open House for you!

The Creston Valley FireSmart Resiliency Committee is comprised of the following organizations:

- Yaqaan Nukiy
- Creston Fire Rescue
 - RDCK
- BC Wildfire Service
- Ministry of Forests
- Huscroft Lumber
- Creston Valley Community Forest Corporation
 - Canfor
- Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area



June 24, 2023

11:00AM - 2:00PM

**Creston Emergency
Services Building
(South Parking Lot)**