



Town of Golden News: February 2022

Golden's Town Council commits to renewable energy plan

On February 15, Town Council made a unanimous decision to engage and commit to the 100% Renewable Kootenays Energy Plan initiative. The Town of Golden now joins 11 other communities in the Kootenay region committing to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

The 100% Renewable Kootenays Energy Plan is an initiative led by the West Kootenay EcoSociety with a goal of working with communities across the Kootenays towards a renewable energy future. The EcoSociety's desired outcome is to have the Kootenays transition to 100% renewable energy at the community level no later than 2050. The Plan is developed around four areas referred to as Big Moves - this includes transportation, buildings, waste and energy generation.



The Town of Golden has already been taking important steps to address climate change and reduce its carbon footprint from a climate adaptation perspective over the last number of years. This includes everything from small steps like replacing lights to be more energy-efficient; medium-sized projects such as installing EV charging stations and solar lamp standards along the pathway and replacing the Rec Plex's HVAC system with energy-efficient equipment; and large scale initiatives such as increased flood protection and mitigation and wildfire interface fuel treatment efforts.

[Read the full news release for more information.](#)

Council Briefs

Find out what's new at Town Hall with Council Briefs.

Find out when the next Council meeting its:

Upcoming Council Meetings



Dike Improvements

Council authorized staff to award TYBO Contracting Ltd. for Kicking Horse River and Hospital Creek dike improvements. Work will include additional raising, reshaping and armouring of earthen dike sections on the Kicking Horse River as well as an embankment erosion repair on Hospital Creek. This work is 100% grant funded through Emergency Management BC under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS), Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Stream (ARDM) in the amount of \$1,477,000

Air Quality

On February 15, 2022, the Golden and District Air Quality Committee made a presentation to Council requesting a new air quality bylaw for Golden. When a person or group makes a presentation to Council, Council does not make a decision immediately. Following the presentation, Town staff will conduct research and report back to Council at a future Council meeting. Timelines can vary depending on the topic or staff capacity.

Development Services:

Public Hearing - King Rezoning: Connie and Scott King have applied for rezoning in order to allow a secondary suite in their home that they are rebuilding at 1331 Selkirk Drive. The purpose of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1464, 2022 – King is to rezone the subject property from Single Detached Residential - R1 to Single Detached With Secondary Residential R1-S.

The Public Hearing will be held at the March 15, 2022 regular Council Meeting at 1:15 p.m. For background information, including how to provide feedback, visit golden.ca/KingPH.

Step Code: Council gave first, second and third reading to the Building Regulation Amendment Bylaw - Step Code. For standard buildings, the amendment introduces Step 1 of the Energy Step Code for any permits issued as of March 2, 2022 and Step 3 of the Energy Step Code for any permits issued as of December 16, 2022. Council will consider adoption of the amended bylaw at the March 1, 2022 meeting. [For more information about Step Code visit our website.](#)

Project Updates and News



Beetle Patches

Over the next few weeks the Town's contract arborist will be placing MCH Beetle Block Pheromone Patches on trees located in and around the campground, on the side hill area of the Selkirk Connector trail system, along the Rotary Trail, Disc Golf Course, cemetery and Kinsmen Park.

The general area of the campground and Selkirk Connector trail system have been undergoing monitoring and treatment for Fir bark beetle over the past few years using pheromone patches.

This work is being completed as part of an effort to deter

Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Program

Join us for the public input meeting!

Come learn about the projects applying for funding in Golden & Area A:

When:
Tuesday March 8, 2022 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Where:
Town of Golden Council Chambers and online via the Zoom link found on www.golden.ca/cip

After each short presentation there will be an opportunity for

Utility Bills

The 2022 annual residential Utility Bills are in the mail!

Every year the Town of Golden sets utility rates at the lowest amount possible to deliver current services, while still providing enough funding to maintain, upgrade and repair infrastructure.

Utility bills include water, sewer, and garbage and recycling services in the Town of Golden. [Learn more about what services your utility bill pays.](#)

Utility bills arrive every year in February in the mail. Payment is due March 31, 2022. If you do not receive one, please contact

Douglas-fir Bark Beetles in highly active areas and protect from large-scale Douglas-fir tree mortality. Bark Beetles emit a pheromone to communicate that a tree is full. The patches are installed prior to the annual beetle flight to provide a slow release of the naturally occurring pheromone to prevent beetles from choosing host trees in the area.

questions from the Town of Golden's Community Funds Local Selection Committee and the public.

the Town office at 250-344-2271 or email utilities@golden.ca



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