



## Town of Golden News: April 2024

### Emergency Preparedness Week 2024

If there were a large-scale emergency in the community, would you and your family be prepared? Emergency Preparedness Week is the perfect time to learn the risks and develop your own emergency plan.

Emergency Preparedness Week, which runs May 5 to 11, encourages Canadians to take concrete actions to be better prepared to protect themselves and their families during emergencies. Use these three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

- Know the risks – Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare. Golden's top hazards include flooding, wildfire and transportation events (road/rail).
- Make a plan – Make an emergency plan that says how you and your household will respond to an emergency or disaster situation, so you and your family know what to do.
- Get an emergency kit – Build a 72-hour emergency kit and grab-and-go bags for each member of your household. Learn how to build an emergency kit and a grab-and-go bag at [www.PreparedBC.ca/emergencykit](http://www.PreparedBC.ca/emergencykit)

Residents of Golden and Area A can learn more and sign up for Alertable emergency notifications at [www.csr.d.bc.ca/alertable](http://www.csr.d.bc.ca/alertable). Alertable helps keep yourself and others up-to-date on critical events in Golden and Area A, like fires or floods through your mobile phone, by email or voice call alerts.

To learn more about emergency preparedness, join the Town, GFR, BC Ambulance and GADSAR at Spirit Square on May 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or visit [the Prepared BC website](http://the Prepared BC website) for a wealth of information, checklists and even a printable family emergency kit that you can create online. Check your kit twice a year and re-stock as needed. Read the full news release [here](#).

For more information on our local Emergency Management Program and emergency preparedness, visit [golden.ca/emergencyprogram](http://golden.ca/emergencyprogram)



Know the Risks



Make a Plan



Get an Emergency Kit



## Council Briefs

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### Updated Traffic Bylaw

Council adopted Town of Golden Bylaw No. 1482, 2024, Traffic, Parking & Streets Regulations which replaces the outdated bylaw last updated in 1996. The new bylaw has been modernized to make it easier for both staff and the general public to understand, to be consistent with changes to the Motor Vehicle Act and Transportation Act, to align with provincial legislation, to consolidate all previous amendments, and to include revised fines for infractions.

### Golden Pool Condition Assessment

Council approved a Pool Condition Assessment operating project to be funded from the Asset Management Reserve, for inclusion in the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw and authorized staff to award a contract to Read Jones and Christofferson at a value of \$16,500.00. An updated and detailed condition assessment is required to gain a complete understanding of the capital upgrades necessary to keep the facility in good working order.

### 13th Street Rail Crossing improvements

Upon being informed of Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway's intent to rehabilitate the 13th Street North rail crossing to ensure ongoing compliance with Transport Canada standards, Council authorized staff, under the 2024 provisional budget, to issue a purchase order to Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway in the amount of \$125,172.85 from the Capital Road Reserve. The municipality is jointly responsible with CPKC Railway in terms of cost sharing for regular maintenance or capital renewals.

### 2024 Budget Public Consultation

After the closing of the public consultation period for the proposed 2024 Five-Year Financial Plan, and as part of the Budget process, Council reviewed, discussed and acknowledged a report detailing public feedback. At the Regular Open Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, Council will consider adoption of the 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw and the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw.

## Project Updates and News



### Spring Yard Waste Roundup

The Town of Golden will run its annual free spring yard waste roundup on Thursday, May 9. Residents can place yard waste in containers, compostable bags or bundles at their curbside collection area before 8 a.m. on



### Lock up your bear-resistant bins

Here are some important reminders about using your bear-resistant bin to keep our community safer for both humans and wildlife:

**Lock it up!**



### KKMP Playground project gets underway

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Golden, enhancements to the community play park at Keith King Memorial Park are now underway.

May 9 for free pickup. Here are some tips that you need to know about the yard waste roundup:

- No registration is required.
- Place yard waste in containers, compostable bags or bundles at your regular curbside area before 8 a.m.
- Bagged yard waste must be in compostable bags or it will not be picked up.
- This service is for yard waste only. This includes grass clippings, leaves, tree cones, tree branches, shrubs and bushes. Items must not exceed eight inches in diameter or eight feet in length. Items exceeding these dimensions will not be picked-up.
- Please bundle prunings.
- No other types of waste will be accepted.
- If residents wish to use their green garbage container, please ensure it does not contain garbage before adding yard waste.
- Any yard waste not placed in containers, bags, or bundled at the curb will not be picked up.

Unclip the locking latch and place your garbage in the container. Don't forget to lock it back up! Bins must be locked 24 hours a day (except for the morning of pick-up days).

#### **Put out your bin!**

On the morning of your garbage pick-up day, put your bin out between 6 and 8 a.m. and make sure it's unlocked for collection.

#### **Put it away!**

Once your garbage has been collected, lock your bin up and put it away. If you can, we ask that bins are secured and placed in a shed, garage or other enclosure.

If you have clips or a bin that needs replacing, please email [ops@golden.ca](mailto:ops@golden.ca) and we will work with VP Waste to have your bin assessed for damage and repaired or replaced as deemed necessary.

For more information, including rules for using your bins, collection schedules and maps, visit [golden.ca/curbsidecollection](https://golden.ca/curbsidecollection)

Contractors will be on site for the next week to install the equipment and the Rotary Club will be hosting a work party on Saturday, May 4 to install the landscape ties and bark mulch.

The upgraded play park will include four new pieces of play equipment, including a track rider, mini zipline, monkey bars and a wheelchair-accessible swing.

#### **Sewer Flushing**

From May 1-31, crews will be flushing the sewer system in Golden as part of the annual maintenance program.

This process involves the use of a high-pressure water jet-rodding device to clean the pipes.

In most cases, the flushing has no effect on the pipes in your home, but as a precaution we remind residents to do two things during this time:

1. Keep your toilet lids closed after use to guard against any potential back splashing.
2. Make sure you flush your toilet after each use.

