



Town of Golden News: August 2024

Dogtooth Wildfire

On July 23, 2024, the Golden and Area Emergency Management Program (GAEMP) activated the Golden Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in response to a wildfire near Parson. After almost one month, the Evacuation Alert issued by the GAEMP due to the Dogtooth wildfire was rescinded to all clear for all properties on August 21. In addition, the remaining Evacuation Orders were rescinded and downgraded to all clear.



The Dogtooth wildfire has not been declared out by the BC Wildfire Service. Currently, the wildfire is considered under control. For updates from BC Wildfire visit www.bcwildfire.ca or download the BC Wildfire app.

Please remain diligent and abide by current fire restrictions. To view the most up-to-date information on fire bans and restrictions, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

To report a wildfire or irresponsible behaviour that could start a wildfire in British Columbia, please call 1-800-663-5555 or (*5555 from a cell phone) as soon as possible.

The Town of Golden would like to thank all those agencies, organizations, businesses and community members who assisted with the wildfire effort. This includes members of the BC Wildfire Service who continue their efforts to battle the Dogtooth wildfire, local heavy equipment operators and contractors, the Nicholson and Golden fire departments, helicopter operators, RCMP, Emergency Support Services volunteers, Golden and District Search and Rescue and Emergency Centre Operation staff.

Be prepared and be safe!

Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting its:

[Upcoming Council Meetings](#)



July 16 Regular Council Meeting

Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

Council approved the Terms of Reference and Funding Agreement for the Town of Golden to join the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and member municipalities to create a Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee to support the development of an Accessibility Plan for Golden and Area A.

What We Heard: Responsible Pet Ownership

Staff presented the results of the Responsible Pet Ownership & Animal Bylaw survey conducted between November 14 and December 2, 2023. The What We Heard report provides a summary of feedback received during the public engagement period, including the full survey results and verbatim comments. Learn more at www.golden.ca/pets

Golden Community Economic Development Funding

Council approved the contribution of \$285,000 from the Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) in 2024 as a grant to the Golden Community Economic Development (CED) Society for social and CED services provided to the Golden area for 2024-2025. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board provided concurrence and approved the funds at the August 15, 2024, Board meeting.

August 20 Regular Council Meeting

Rezoning and Development Variances for Golden CED at 525-527 9th Ave N

Council adopted *Town of Golden Bylaw No. 1491, 2024 Zoning Amendment - Golden CED* for the Golden Community Economic Development (CED) rezoning from C1 - Historic Downtown Commercial to C2 Mixed Use Commercial, for the purpose of supplying affordable rental housing units and commercial/retails units. Council also approved the parking variance being reduced to five stalls and the CED will pay \$49,500 cash-in-lieu for eleven stalls and Council granted a flood plain exemption based on recommendations from Groundtech Engineering. [Learn more here.](#)

Stolen Bell Distillery Liquor Application

Council recommended the approval of the Lounge and Outdoor Patio application for the Stolen Bell Distillery, to allow the business to operate with a maximum person capacity of 133 persons (75 interior and 116 on the patio) and hours of Monday to Sunday 11 a.m. – 1 a.m., subject to the outdoor patio closing at 11 p.m.

Solid Waste Management Plan

Ben Van Nostrand, General Manager, Environmental and Utility Services for the Columbia Shuswap Regional District made a virtual presentation to Council to provide an update on the Public and Technical Advisory Committee process for the regional update to the existing Solid Waste Management Plan. [Learn more here.](#)

Project Updates and News



Bear-resistant Bins

Fall is on its way, and that means bears are frequenting areas of our community looking for food sources before winter. Here are some important reminders about using your bear-resistant bin to keep our community safe for both humans and wildlife:

- **Lock it up!** To use the bin, unclip the locking latch and place your garbage in the container. Don't forget to lock it back up!



Fall Recreation

The fall recreation schedules are now available, and we've got something for everyone!

Here's what you need to know:

Rec Plex:

- Kids Multi Sport and Youth Open Gym start Tuesday, September 3. Multi Sport is for kids ages five to nine (Kindergarten to Grade 3) and features a variety of sports and games each day! Kids Multi Sport is

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.

Bear-resistant bins are only resistant, not bear-proof. If you can, we ask that bins are secured and placed in a shed, garage or other enclosure that cannot be accessed by a bear.

Bylaw, Conservation Officers and the WildSafeBC Golden Community Coordinator work together to conduct random bin checks and tagging throughout the year to make sure bins are being used properly and aren't being put out the night before collection.

For more information about curbside collection, including rules for using your bins, collection schedules and maps, visit golden.ca/curbsidecollection

Fruit trees! Don't forget to harvest the fruit from the trees in your yard and remove any fallen fruit from the ground!

supervised and follows the school calendar.

Pick up from APES is available, register online or email rec.booking@golden.ca

- Classic community recreation programs start Wednesday, September 4.

Arena:

- Public programs start on Friday, September 6!
- Private rental inquiries can be directed to rec.booking@golden.ca

Visit golden.ca/recprograms to check out the schedules and register online to ensure your spot!

