



Town of Golden News: March 2022

Spring has Sprung!

Tips for responsible pet ownership

As the temperatures rise and the trails get busier, the Town of Golden wants to make sure pets, their owners, and neighbours are safe and can enjoy Golden and all it has to offer.

Here are our top 3 tips for being a responsible pet owner in Golden:



1. Scoop that poop! Let's keep our shoes, trails and parks clean. Cleaning up after your pet isn't just the right thing to do, it's the law. Dog waste can be harmful to people, pets and the environment if not picked up and disposed of properly. The Town provides biodegradable pet waste bags at 20 stations around Golden.

2. Don't let your dog run loose! "It's okay! my dog is friendly." Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean other dogs are. Some dogs may be nervous, reactive, fearful, in training, or owned by people who want to be left alone.

Keep an eye on your dog, use effective hand/voice control, and respect other dogs and owners. Please make sure you are familiar with the on-leash areas of town.

3. License your dog! Licensing your dog (and making sure they wear their ID tag) is their ticket back home if they sneak out or wander off. Licensing your dog with the Town of Golden can cost as little as \$13 a year!

For more information on responsible pet ownership, including a downloadable on-leash map, visit golden.ca/pets.

Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting its:

[Upcoming Council Meetings](#)



2022 Budget Process

The Town of Golden's 2022 Budget and 2022-2026 five-year Financial Plan process is underway! Here are the upcoming meetings related to budget discussions:

April 4:

- Standing Committee on Finance at 6 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting at 7 p.m. - Proposed First Reading of the Budget and Financial Plan

April 5 - 19: Public Consultation period. Stay tuned at golden.ca/budget and on social media for opportunities to provide input.

April 19: Regular Council Meeting at 1:15 p.m. -

April 26: Special Council Meeting at 10 a.m. - Proposed Second and Third Reading of the Budget and Financial Plan

May 3: Regular Council Meeting at 7 p.m. - Proposed Adoption of the Budget and Financial Plan

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings in person in Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom. To view Council and Committee agendas, including the Zoom links to join virtually, visit golden.civicweb.net.

Electric Vehicle (EV) RideShare

Council voted in favour of contributing \$20,000 from the Off-Street Parking Spaces Reserve Fund as requested by Golden Community Resources Society (GCRS) for an "EV RideShare Program." The funds are contingent on other funding sources being obtained in the next twelve months and on a commitment to GCRS on monitoring metrics.

The project is modelled on Wildsight Invermere's Spark electric vehicle share program.

Development Services:

Step Code: Council adopted 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. [For more information about Step Code visit our website.](#)

Project Updates and News



Business Licences

A reminder to business owners in Golden that business license fees are due by April 30. Here's what you need to know:

- A 10 per cent penalty, or a minimum of \$10, will be added to all 2022 Business License fees that are unpaid or cancelled by the due date. Any prior year balances are due and payable immediately.



Bear Bins

The bears are awake and making their way into the valley. Here are some important reminders about using your bear-resistant bin to keep our community safer for both humans and wildlife this spring:

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! Bins must be locked 24 hours a day (except for the morning of pick-up days).



Spring Yard Waste Roundup: April 21

The Town of Golden will run its spring yard waste roundup on Thursday, April 21. Residents can place yard waste in containers, compostable bags or bundles at their regular curbside collection area before 8 a.m. on April 21 for free pickup. For details, visit golden.ca/yardwaste

- Business licenses automatically renew. If you need to cancel your license, written notice by letter, e-mail, or in person is required prior to the due date to avoid the late penalty fee.

- Payment options include: in person at Town Hall (chq, money order, cash or debit), or by mail (chq or money order).

- Unpaid license fees are subject to fines and enforcement. Licenses that are overdue by more than one year may be revoked.

To learn more about business licenses, visit golden.ca/business

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.

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

Temporary Licence of Occupation

Are you looking to use public property for a special event, food truck or merchant display? Then you need a Temporary Licence of Occupation (TLO)!

A TLO gives legal authority for a business, individual, or group to use public property in order to carry out specific activities. These activities can include patios, sidewalk cafes, merchant displays, food trucks, raffle stands, charity barbeques, street performers, fairs, parades, weddings, sporting events and farmers markets

The Town would like to remind those looking to apply for a TLO that it may take up to two weeks for approval; other regulations may apply, so plan ahead! For more information on the TLO process, including how to apply for a TLO, visit golden.ca/TLO.



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