



## Town of Golden News: May 2022

### Watering Restrictions

This spring and summer, the Town of Golden is reminding residents to be mindful of water usage and to follow the Town's watering restrictions. Golden's water use is at its highest during this time, and lawn watering is a large contributor to increased use.

Watering restrictions are put in place through a local bylaw to make sure residents water their lawns at appropriate times to lessen the impact on the local water supply and our distribution system capacity during peak times.



#### What days can you water?

- Odd numbered addresses are to water on odd days
- Even numbered addresses are to water on even days.

#### Only water during these times on your designated days:

- In the morning between 4 and 10 a.m.
- In the evening between 7 and 10 p.m.

Automatic irrigation systems on a timer should be set to water between midnight and 6 a.m. on the appropriate day, as mentioned above.

Hand watering of plants using a hose with a working spring-loaded shut-off nozzle or a hand-held container is allowed at any time.

For more information, including water conservation tips, visit [golden.ca/waterconservation](https://golden.ca/waterconservation).

## Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting is:

Upcoming Council Meetings



### Town Council approves 2022 Budget and Property Tax Rates

On May 3, Council adopted the 2022 budget and five-year financial plan with a focus on responsible spending including a number of acquired grants and borrowing.

By provincial law, municipalities must adopt a balanced budget and financial plan before May 15 of each year.

For the second year in a row, the Town used an online survey as part of the public consultation process in addition to traditional methods. The online survey was available from April 12-25 and received 72 responses. The information collected from the survey helped inform and very much aligned with Council's decisions in adopting the budget and financial plan. To learn about the results of the survey, visit [golden.ca/budget](https://golden.ca/budget).

Following the budget and financial plan process, Council adopted the 2022 Tax Rates Bylaw on May 9. Set over several classes of property, tax rates determine how much each property class contributes to the budget.

Property Tax Notices are now in the mail! Property taxes must be paid in full by 4:30 p.m. on July 4, 2022. A ten percent penalty will be added to outstanding current charges remaining unpaid after 4:30 p.m. on July 4. To learn more about taxes, including options for payment, visit [golden.ca/tax](https://golden.ca/tax). If you do not receive your tax bill, please email [taxes@golden.ca](mailto:taxes@golden.ca).

Despite a municipal tax budget increase of 5%, the mill rates (the amount of tax payable per thousand dollars of the assessed value of a property) for the Town of Golden have decreased.

What does this mean for the average homeowner?

1. If your property value increased by 25% or less, your municipal taxes will decrease.
2. If your property value increased by the average (30%), your municipal taxes will increase by approximately 3.21% (*an additional \$1.07 per month for every \$100,000 in assessment value*).

[Read the full news release here.](#)

### 2021 Annual Report

The 2021 Annual Report is now available for the public to view on our website at [golden.ca/annualreport](https://golden.ca/annualreport).

Copies will also be available for pick up at Town Hall starting Friday, June 3.

The report will be reviewed and presented to Town Council during its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 21 at 1:15 p.m. in Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom. Public commentary and questions will be invited at this time.

## Project Updates and News



### Make a splash!

The Golden Swimming Pool is back in action!

Based on the positive feedback from last season, swim times will be 1 hour and 20 minutes long with capacity limits so that everyone has plenty of space to play in the pool.

Don't forget that the best way to reserve your spot for your favourite programs is to [pre-register here](#). You can register for programs up to one week in advance.

Swim lesson registration opens two weeks before each session starts and close one week before.

Please note that lesson availability will be limited for May and June but we will be ramping up to a full complement of lessons for the summer!

For more information and to stay up-to-date, visit [golden.ca/recprograms](https://golden.ca/recprograms)

### Basketball courts and outdoor rink surface upgrades

Work is well underway on the Mount 7 Rec Plex block to upgrade and resurface the basketball courts/outdoor rink area.

This work is being completed to improve the basketball courts/outdoor rink surface as part of the overall Skate Park Expansion conceptual plan for the entire Rec Plex block.

Funding for the project was secured by the Golden Rotary Club through the CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program (\$32,000), Rotary Club donations (\$20,000) and the Town through CBT's Revitalization grants (\$84,000).



### Parking in Golden

There are lots of options for residents and visitors to park in and around downtown Golden. Here are some tips for parking downtown and in residential neighbourhoods.

- Check for signs! Take a look around and adhere to all posted traffic and parking signage.
- The downtown core (9th Ave N) has a limit of two-hour parking between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (unless otherwise posted).
- If you work downtown, if possible, please use your businesses parking lot or park in one of the many all-day parking areas.
- Check out the map at [golden.ca/parking](https://golden.ca/parking) all-day parking areas or head across the Highway 95 Bridge and park next to Kumsheen Park or on 9th Ave S. near Town Hall.
- Make sure accessible parking spots remain open for those who need them.

### Residential

- If residents have off-street parking available, please do not park on the street.
- Recreation vehicles can't be parked on any street, unless attached to the vehicle used to tow it and in front of the owner's home up to a maximum of 48 hours.
- Trailers of any kind, when parked on the street, must always be attached to a vehicle.
- Except otherwise posted, no truck or oversized vehicle can be left parked on any street within Town for a period exceeding 2 hours.
- No trucks, loaded/unloaded, or oversized vehicles can be left parked on the street in any residential zone within the Town.

For more information on parking in Golden, or to download the downtown parking map, visit [golden.ca/parking](https://golden.ca/parking).



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