



Town of Golden News: November 2022

The Mount 7 Rec Plex is now open, and we've got a shiny, new floor!

This fall, a long-standing community recreation facility received a major upgrade that will make sure a variety of programs can operate safely now and in the future.

The Mount 7 Rec Plex recently reopened with a brand-new hardwood floor thanks to a grant from the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia.

The new floor features upgraded sports-court configurations for a safer experience and to address the growing popularity of sports like pickleball. The court configurations also allow for multiple activities to be happening at the same time. The flooring is ideal for a variety of recreational and sporting activities and can support tournament play.



[View the full news release.](#)

We've got lots of great programs running at the Mount 7 Rec Plex and our fall/winter [schedule is now in effect!](#)

We have a new after-school, kids' multi-sports program! Designed for kids aged 6 to 9, the program will introduce participants to a variety of gym-based activities and help burn off some of that after-school energy. Pre-registration is mandatory, gym shoes are required, and participants should come prepared with a snack.

Don't forget that the best way to reserve your spot for your favourite program is to pre-register!

[Register for Recreation programs](#)

Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting its:

[Upcoming Council Meetings](#)



Inaugural Meeting

The Inaugural Meeting saw the new and returning members of Council take their Oaths of Office. Golden saw the return of three incumbents (including the Mayor) and four new members of Council.

Learn who your current Town Council is at www.golden.ca/council.

Resort Development Strategy

Town Council voted unanimously to endorse the Town's 2022-2024 Resort Development Strategy (RDS) as developed by local tourism stakeholders and approved by the Province. [Learn more about the 2022-2023 RDS project as part of the November 1 agenda package.](#)

BC Rural Health Network

Paul Adams from the [BC Rural Health Network](#) made a presentation to Council and requested that the Town of Golden become a member. Council voted unanimously to direct staff to engage in a membership with the BC Rural Health Network.

Budget Process

The Town's CFO, Carolyn Brown, gave Council a presentation on the 2023-2027 Financial Plan Process. Council voted unanimously to direct staff to develop the 2023 Corporate budget and financial plan based on an overall 6 per cent budget increase year over year. [View the schedule of upcoming Standing Committee of Finance Meetings related to the 2023 Budget and 2023-2027 five-year Financial Plan here.](#)

Learn more about the budget process at www.golden.ca/budget.

Project Updates and News




Keeping Warm this Winter


Keep warm and safe this winter season.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Test both your smoke and CO alarms and make sure fuel-burning appliances, chimneys and vents are properly maintained and clear of snow, ice and debris.

Here's what you need to do to make sure your alarms are up-to-date and working properly:

 Every month you should test your CO and smoke alarms.

 Twice a year you should change the batteries in your alarms.



Winter in Golden

Residents and businesses are encouraged to do their part to help Golden's snow removal crew be as effective as possible.

For residents

Keeping Golden's roads and alleyways clear is an important part of helping make winter operations more efficient and to ensure public safety:

- Keep vehicles off roadways and out of alleyways leading up to and after a storm event.
- Throughout the winter season keep roads, alleyways and boulevards clear of woodpiles, cars, boats, travel trailers, recreational vehicles and anything else that might obstruct snow removal or emergency vehicles.
- Watch for snow removal and parking restriction signs and adhere to all posted signage.

✔ If your alarm is more than seven years old (check the end-of-life date), it's time to get a new one.

For more tips and information to prevent CO in your home, visit www.COsaftytips.

Wood Stoves

Burn dry, seasoned wood and keep your chimney clean. Use a screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks, embers or burning wood from escaping.

Keep anything that can burn at least one-metre away from heating equipment and always turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed. Never use an oven to heat your home.

Holiday Hours

Please be advised of the Town of Golden's upcoming holiday hours of operation.

Town Hall will be closed to the public December 26 to January 2 inclusive.

Some staff may be working during this time and may take appointments if available. Please contact staff members directly to arrange.

Payments can be made online at golden.ca/payments, by mail or through the mail slot at Town Hall.

Town Hall will re-open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3.

When clearing driveways, clear to the right and try to wait until the equipment has gone through at least once. Crews often return to widen roads which results in additional windrowing across driveways. Shovelling out on to the roadways is a bylaw infraction.

For businesses

Keeping sidewalks in Golden clear of snow and ice make winter safer for everyone. When a winter storm hits, Town crews will generally clear downtown sidewalks as soon as they can or when snowfall stops or lessens.

During business hours, it is the responsibility of businesses to remove snow around doorways, access areas and away from buildings, applying either traction control or ice melting product to the same area. Here are some tips for businesses:

- Apply traction material or ice melting product to the entire area you clear.
- DO NOT shovel snow over the curb and onto the street. This creates a compaction problem with vehicles, turning the snow into raised ice shelves that blocks drainage.
- If you create a snowbank on the sidewalk at the curb, please cut a reasonable path for people to get from their vehicles to the sidewalk.

The Town reminds the community to be aware of equipment, ice on sidewalks and to plan ahead. Drive according to the conditions and if walking, wear appropriate footwear to prevent accidental slips and falls.

For more information on winter maintenance, visit www.golden.ca/snow.



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