



## Town of Golden News: May 2023

### 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 its:

Upcoming Council Meetings



## **Town Council approved the 2023 Budget and Property Tax Rates**

On April 18, Council adopted the 2023 budget and five-year financial plan with a focus on responsible spending including a number of acquired grants and borrowing. Following the budget and financial plan process, Council adopted the 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw on May 2. The tax rates determine how much each property class contributes, and the revenue collected helps support the Town's ongoing operations and the maintenance of existing service levels. [Learn more about the budget and tax rates.](#)

## **Economic Opportunity Fund**

Council passed resolutions to support three requests for funds from the Economic Opportunity Fund: \$5,000 in partnership with the Area A Director to commission BC Transit to undertake a Transit Feasibility Report for Golden and Area A; \$10,000 in partnership with the Area A Director and the Province to fund the facilitation and delivery of a Wildfire Risk Reduction and Air Quality Open House; and \$15,000 to finance, in part, the Golden Cycling Club's commissioning of an Economic Impact Study of Mountain Biking in Golden and Area A. All three resolutions were then sent to the Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board meeting on May 18 for concurrence.

## **Transportation Plans**

At the May 16 meeting, Council adopted in principle the Golden Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Network Plan.

The final Transportation Plans provide short, medium and long-term plans for capital improvements required to accommodate projected growth and anticipated developments, respond to new transportation needs and trends, and develop a strategy for prioritizing the capital improvements. Learn more at [golden.ca/transportationplan](https://golden.ca/transportationplan).

## **Public Hearing - June 6 at 7 p.m.**

At the Tuesday, June 6 Council meeting at 7 p.m., there will be a Public Hearing scheduled on the following two items:

**Notice of Public Hearing: Desjardins:** The owner of 1215 13th Street South has applied for a rezoning to allow for the conversion of an existing Duplex into a Multiple Dwelling of up to Four Units (the intent is to convert the existing building into a Triplex). The purpose of the Town of Golden Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1481, 2023 – Desjardins is to rezone the subject property from Twin Residential – R2 to Multi-Flex Residential – R3. Visit [golden.ca/DesjardinsPH](https://golden.ca/DesjardinsPH) for more information and to learn how you can provide input.

**Notice of Temporary Use Permit: Prestige:** The owners/operators of the Prestige Inn – Golden (applicant) have identified a need for temporary staff accommodation. To this end, they are seeking a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) in order to place two manufactured homes of four bedrooms each at 1022 11th AVE N, near their hotel. A Temporary Use Permit allows for the temporary establishment of a use on a parcel of land for a period of up to three (3) years. Visit [golden.ca/prestigeTUP](https://golden.ca/prestigeTUP) for more information and to learn how you can provide input.

## **2022 Annual Report**

The 2022 Annual Report is now available for the public to view on our website at [golden.ca/annualreport](https://golden.ca/annualreport).

Copies are also available for pick up at Town Hall.

The report will be reviewed and presented to Town Council during its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 20 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



### Leak detection work

During the week of June 5 technicians will be performing community leak detection work throughout Golden.

This is the first year of a three-year program approved by Council to trace public water system leaks for repair and for water conservation purposes, as recommended in the 2021 Water Conservation Plan report.

Please note that you may see technicians in your community at your property line or in road intersections.

This work may result in very short-duration water shutoffs.

[Learn more about the 2021 Water Conservation Plan.](#)



### Summer Camps

Looking for something fun for the kids this summer? Registration is now open for our weekly, kids summer camps this July and August at the Rec Plex!

Here's what you need to know:

- Pre-registration is required. [Click here to register now.](#)
- Camps will run each week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday, in July and August. Cost is \$180 per child.
- This program is for kids aged 5-13. Drop-off and pick-up at the Mount 7 Rec-Plex.

Activities will include indoor and outdoor games, arts/crafts, play time in various parks around the community, swimming at the pool – and making new friends!

Learn more when you register online, or email any questions to [rec.booking@golden.ca](mailto:rec.booking@golden.ca)



### Property Tax Notices

2023 Property Tax Notices are now in the mail!

Property taxes must be paid in full by 4:30 p.m. on July 4, 2023. 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).

Did you know that the Town of Golden portion of property taxes is only about 58% of your overall tax bill? In addition to municipal taxes, the Town is also responsible for collecting taxes on behalf of other taxing authorities such as the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Province of BC (Police and School Tax), Municipal Finance Authority, BC Assessment Authority, and Kootenay East Regional Hospital District.

[Learn more about the budget and property tax rates here.](#)



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