



## Town of Golden News: June 2023

### Canada Day!

Each year, the Town of Golden compiles and promotes free community-organized events for Canada Day. Here is what's happening in Golden for Canada Day 2023:

- Head over to the Golden Museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for live music, cake, snacks and old fashion games.
- The Canada Day Farmers' Market will be located in front of the Museum from 10 am. to 3 p.m.
- Join Golden B.C. Fire-Rescue at the Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate its 125th anniversary alongside Canada Day! The event will include a pancake breakfast, demonstrations, obstacle courses, BBQ lunch, games, and an open house of the Fire Hall and trucks.
- The Golden Team Redline Car Show is back! Make your way downtown for the car show and a Rotary BBQ from noon – 3 p.m.!
- Aim for a hole-in-one at the Golden Golf Club for FREE mini-golf!



Please note that the following roads will be impacted by Canada Day events: 9th Avenue North, 5th Street North, 11th Avenue South. Active transportation options like walking or biking is encouraged!

Make a splash at the Golden Swimming Pool on Canada Day with public swim times available from noon to 5 p.m. Register to save your spot at <https://bit.ly/2WC19r8>

Town Hall will be adjusting the hours of operation for Canada Day. Town Hall will be closed to the public on Monday, July 3.

Fireworks will not be a part of this year's Canada Day events in Golden. This decision was made proactively based on the annual risks of wildfire (we typically book fireworks and a technician many months in advance), as well as feedback received from the community about the impact of fireworks on pets and wildlife.

Canada Day is also a day for us to reflect on what it means to be Canadian. This includes educating ourselves and reflecting on the story of Canada and what that means for Indigenous peoples.

Here are some resources to learn more about Canada's history:

- History of Canada: [www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/history-canada.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/history-canada.html)
- Indigenous History: [www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/history-heritage/indigenous-history.htm](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/history-heritage/indigenous-history.htm)
- Learn about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action: <https://bit.ly/3wKDOhJ>
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation: <https://nctr.ca>

## Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting is:

Upcoming Council Meetings



### Canyon to Confluence

Larry Sparks and Brace Lee made a presentation to Council about the [Canyon to Confluence Initiative](#) (C2CI), seeking Council's support in principal the objectives of the project, include natural asset management as part of Council's strategic priorities, incorporate C2CI within the Official Community Plan and provide resources to Golden Community Economic Development and C2CI for project initiation, funding applications and execution.

Council directed staff to bring back a report regarding the project at the next Council meeting to be held July 18, 2023 at 1:15 p.m..

### Wildsight's Golden Youth Climate Corps

Kiana Froese and Graeme Lee Rowlands made a presentation to Council about the Wildsight-led, wildfire risk reduction, youth employment training and community project on Selkirk Hill and made a request for financial support.

Council directed staff to bring back a report regarding the project at the next Council meeting to be held July 18, 2023 at 1:15 p.m..

### UBCM 2023 Appointments

Council directed staff to request meetings with the following Provincial Ministers, staff and third-party organizations at the 2023 UBCM Convention as appropriate:

- Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to discuss the Kicking Horse Bridges (Floodwall Addition) Project
- Ministry of Citizen Services, Attorney General and staff regarding an occupancy Partnership with Province for New Services Building in Golden
- Ministry of Forest regarding a Community Forest license
- Ministry of Environment staff regarding Wildfire Risk Reduction and Air Quality
- BC Hydro regarding tiered billing

### 2022 Annual Report & Statement of Financials

Council received two reports from staff as part of annual reporting requirements at the June 20th meeting. The [2022 Annual Report](#) was presented and acknowledged and the [2022 Statement of Financial Information \(SOFI\) Report](#) was presented and approved.

Both reports are completed annually as per provincial regulations under the *Community Charter* and *Financial Information Act*.

## Project Updates and News



### **Project milestone: Mount 7 Rec-Plex Block redevelopment**

We have reached a major milestone on the Mount 7 Rec-Plex Block redevelopment! Concrete work in the expanded skatepark is officially complete and the park is now OPEN!

Caution!

Please be aware of your surroundings and use caution while using the park. Active construction will continue onsite with ongoing work to complete pathways and landscaping. Temporary closures may be required for sections of the skatepark as contractors work to connect the pavement.

What's next?

Work will continue over the summer to landscape the area and build connecting pathways between the skatepark and pump track and between the bowl feature, beginner zone and sidewalks.

This fall we will start upgrades to the tennis courts, replacing the current format with two new tennis courts and two new pickleball courts.

Additional work will continue in 2024 with the construction of a shelter, washroom and lighting for the outdoor arena.



### **Summer Camps**

Registration for our summer camps is now open!

There are still a few spaces in July (weeks 2 and 4) and we have just added camps for each week in August! Be sure to register in advance for a fun-filled week of swimming, games, crafts and outdoor adventures!

Here's what you need to know:

- Registration is now open and pre-registration is required.
- Camps will run each week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday, during the months of July and August. Cost is \$180 per child.
- This summer camp program is for kids aged 5-13. Drop-off and pick-up at the Mount 7 Rec-Plex.
- Campers should bring their own water bottle, lunch and snacks for the day. Don't forget to pack your sunscreen, bathing suit and appropriate clothing/footwear for the weather conditions!
- 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 at [golden.ca/recprograms](https://golden.ca/recprograms) or email any questions to [rec.booking@golden.ca](mailto:rec.booking@golden.ca)



### **Property Taxes due July 4**

Reminder for property owners: 2023 Property taxes must be paid in full by 4:30 p.m. on July 4, 2023.

There are four ways to pay your property taxes:

1. In Person at Town Hall, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or through the mail slot at the front entrance.
2. Using your online banking platform.
3. Online using a credit card.
4. Sending a cheque or Money Order in the mail.

To learn more about these payment options, visit [golden.ca/payments](https://golden.ca/payments)

Please note that payments made through financial institutions and other providers can take at least 4 business days to process.

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 have not received your tax bill, please email [taxes@golden.ca](mailto:taxes@golden.ca) or call 250-344-2271.

Don't forget that home owners must apply for the home owner grant every year through the Province of BC. You can do that now at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](https://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or by calling 1-888-355-2700.



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