



Town of Golden News: October 2023

Get ready for 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.



When clearing driveways, clear to the right when facing the street 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

Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting its:

Upcoming Council Meetings



Keith King Playground

Council voted to amend the 2023 adopted budget to include a \$122,500 budget for playground upgrades at Keith King Memorial Park and authorized the Rotary Club to install the playground equipment in 2024 in compliance with Canadian Safety Association playground standards.

Provincial Short Term Rental Legislation

Responding to the announcement by the Province with respect to the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act, Council directed staff to bring forward more information outlining the implications for Golden once the new legislation is ratified.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Council voted to support the opportunity for members to attend the 2024 Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference being held in Calgary pending budget considerations.

Pickleball Delegation

Rachel Wilde and Deb Kwiatek made a presentation to Council and requesting support for the Pickleball Expansion Project. The requested that Council consider Keith King Memorial Park as a location for new pickleball courts and that Council direct staff to provide time and resources for the project. Town staff will bring a report back in November for Council's consideration.

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:



Dogwood Park Test Drilling

On October 16 and 17, contractors completed test drilling in Dogwood Park. Dogwood Park has been identified as a potential location for an additional drinking water well to support the Town of Golden's water system.


Earlier this year, the Town completed a comprehensive study to determine a suitable location for an additional drinking water well. Based on criteria such as system risk protection





Airport Rehabilitation

Work is underway to renew (mill and repave) the Golden Municipal Airport runway as part of the Airport Airfield Rehabilitation project. This project will improve aviation safety and regulatory compliance and supporting business development for the airport.

This project is funded through a \$2 million grant from the BC Air Access Program, just over \$650,000 from the Economic

 Every month you should test your CO and smoke alarms.

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

 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.COafety.tips.

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.

and redundancy, as well as hydrogeological information to confirm a site that can produce the volume of water required to meet future demands, Dogwood Park was selected and approved as a location for test drilling to confirm a suitable water source both in terms of water quality and capacity.

Currently, summertime peak water demands are nearing the design capacity of our existing community water wells. This means we need to add additional water pumping capacity. Once the location is confirmed through successful drilling tests, we will need to build a pump house. This work is expected to take a couple of years to complete before it is up and running and capable of pumping water to our distribution system.

Additional testing will be completed in November.

Opportunity Fund, and \$250,000 from the Town of Golden.

This work is being done as one of the recommendations from the Golden Municipal Airport Strategic & Tactical Plan completed in 2021 as part of an Economic Viability Study. The Economic Viability study involved the evaluation of airport infrastructure, operations and financial standing and engaged over 600 residents and regional and national stakeholders on the future of the airport. The results of this study led to Council voting unanimously to continue the operation of the airport and adoption of the Strategic & Tactical Plan.

[Learn more about the Strategic & Tactical Plan and Economic Viability Study.](#)



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