



Town of Golden News: September 2023

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2023

It's Truth and Reconciliation week, and Sunday, September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. A day to honour and raise awareness of the tragic legacy of residential schools and to honour the thousands of Survivors and their communities. The Orange Shirt represents the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children of generations. To commemorate this day, the Town of Golden has raised the Survivors' Flag in Spirit Square for the week. The flag is an expression of remembrance, meant to honour residential school Survivors.



- Learn more about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation here: <https://bit.ly/2XSEBQY>
- Learn more about Orange Shirt Day at orangeshirtday.org

Golden sits on the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc people and is the chosen home of the Métis Nation Columbia River Society and other diverse Indigenous people. The Town of Golden recognizes and acknowledges the history and ongoing legacy of residential schools and honours the Survivors, their families and communities. Reconciliation is the responsibility of every Canadian. Over the last year, a number of the Town's staff have taken part in Indigenous-related training activities and we are committed to ongoing education and building relationships with Indigenous partners.

Please note Town Hall and the Mount 7 Rec Plex will be closed on Monday, October 2 in honour of the statutory holiday. The Rec Plex and Arena will also be closed on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Here are some resources to stay informed and get involved:

- Participate in online events throughout the week hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Commission: <https://nctr.ca/education/coming-soon-truth-and-reconciliation-week-2023/>
- Learn about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action: <https://bit.ly/3wKDOhJ>
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation: <https://nctr.ca/>
- Resources from the Government of Canada: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1621447127773/>
- Indigenous Canada – a free 12-lesson course from the University of Alberta's Faculty of Native Studies: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>

Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting its:

Upcoming Council Meetings



Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

Council voted to approve the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Funding Agreement in principle subject to review of the committee Terms of Reference. The regional committee is being formed to carry out the Province's Accessible British Columbia Act and Accessible British Columbia Regulations - aimed at making public sector organizations more accessible and inclusive.

Housing Accelerator Fund

Council voted in favour of having staff submit a Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) application. The objectives of the HAF program are to:

- Create more supply of housing at an accelerated pace.
- Enhance certainty in the development approvals and building permit process.

Golden Jr. Rockets

Council voted to deny the proposal from the Golden Rockets Jr. B Hockey Society to waive or reduce the \$5,000 fee associated with the advertising program at the Golden Arena and maintain the existing revenue sharing formula for arena advertising as outlined in Recreation Fees Bylaw 1477, 2023.

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Council voted in favour of amending the 2023 budget to proceed with the update to the 2013 Water Distribution System Study valued at \$135,000.

Council also voted in favour of amending the 2023 budget to proceed with planning of an extension to the Kicking Horse River concrete flood wall and additional earthen dike upgrades valued at \$235,000 for 2023, with the remaining grant funds of \$1,010,000 amended and budgeted to the project in 2024.

Project Updates and News



Wildfire Risk Reduction

Wildsight's Youth Climate Corp (YCC) has started work in the Keith King Memorial Park area on a wildfire risk reduction project. The goal is to reduce fire risk by removing ladder fuels and some ground fuels and increasing spacing by removing



Bear-resistant Bins

Fall is here, and that means bears are frequenting areas of our community looking for food sources before winter. Here are some important reminders about using your bear-resistant bin to keep our community safe for both humans and wildlife:



Fall Yard Waste: Oct. 19

The Town of Golden will run its annual Free Yard Waste Roundup on Thursday, Oct. 19. Golden residents can place yard waste in containers, compostable bags or bundles at their regular curbside collection

small trees with stem diameters less than 12.5 centimeters. No trees larger than that will be cut.

All removed material will be chipped, not burned, to protect Golden's air quality. The crew is brainstorming ideas for good use of the woodchips; if you have any ideas, please contact goldenycc@wildsight.ca. This work is being done as recommended by a professional fuel management prescription that was developed for this area.

The YCC will be working with professional arborists to complete the project. If you see the crew out working, please say hi but adhere to signage and stay clear of their work.

The Golden YCC is also engaged in numerous other projects including several related to local food and ecosystem enhancement.

Wildsight's [Youth Climate Corps program](#) exists to connect, inspire and empower young adults interested in making a difference on climate change. Through the YCC, Wildsight hires, trains, and pays 17-30 year olds to complete local projects in a variety of fields that make communities more climate resilient while advancing their own careers.

This wildfire project is made possible in large part with support from Columbia Basin Trust and the Province of BC. The Town of Golden has also supported it through planning and by providing the crew with training from Golden Fire Rescue.

- **Lock it up!** To use the bin, unclip the locking latch and place your garbage in the container. Don't forget to lock it back up! Bins must be locked 24 hours a day (except for the morning of pick-up days).
- **Put out your bin!** On the morning of your garbage pick-up day, put your bin out between 6 and 8 a.m. and make sure it's unlocked for collection.
- **Put it away!** Once your garbage has been collected, lock your bin up and put it away.

Bear-resistant bins are only resistant, not bear-proof. If you can, we ask that bins are secured and placed in a shed, garage or other enclosure that cannot be accessed by a bear.

Bylaw, Conservation Officers and the WildSafeBC Golden Community Coordinator work together to conduct random bin checks and tagging throughout the year to make sure bins are being used properly and aren't being put out the night before collection.

For more information about curbside collection, including rules for using your bins, collection schedules and maps, visit golden.ca/curbsidecollection

Fruit trees! Don't forget to harvest the fruit from the trees in your yard and remove any fallen fruit from the ground.

area before 8 a.m. on October 19 for free pickup.

Here are some tips that residents need to know about this year's yard waste roundup:

- No registration is required.
- Place yard waste in containers, compostable bags or bundles at your regular curbside area **before 8 a.m.**
- Bagged yard waste **must be in compostable bags** or it will not be picked up.
- This service is for **yard waste only**. This includes grass clippings, leaves, tree cones, tree branches, shrubs and bushes. These items must not exceed eight inches in diameter or eight feet in length. Items exceeding these maximum dimensions will not be picked-up.
- Please bundle prunings to make it easier and faster for us to collect.
- No other types of waste will be accepted, including construction wood waste.
- If residents wish to use their black garbage container, please ensure it does not contain garbage before adding yard waste.

Any yard waste not placed in containers, bags, or bundled at the curb will not be picked up.



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