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Town of Golden News: November 2023

Recreation Holiday Schedule

The holiday recreation schedule runs from December 24 to January 7 and we're offering lots of great programs!

We've got extra family shinny times at the Golden Arena and family open gym times at the Rec Plex, so bring your family and friends out for some fun!

Did you know you can rent our recreation facilities?

You can rent recreation facilities outside of program hours by emailing rec.booking@golden.ca

Check out the schedule and register to secure your spot at golden.ca/recprograms



Town Hall 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 25 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 Wednesday, January 3.

Council Briefs

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

Find out when the next Council meeting its:



Wildsight Youth Climate Corps update

The Youth Climate Corps team provided an in-person presentation on the Wildfire Risk Reduction Project at Keith King Memorial Park Area, other projects in the community and the Youth Climate Corps program. [View the presentation here.](#)

WildSafeBC year-end report

Jenni Barrera, WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for Golden, made an in-person presentation to Council outlining the program's goals, objectives and outcomes in 2023. [View the presentation here.](#)

Golden Light Horse Club Delegation

Ron Watson, President of the Golden Light Horse Club (GLHC), made an in-person presentation requesting that Council provide the club with a Licence of Occupation for the Reflection Lake area to support expansions for the club.

Staff provided information about the stakeholder engagement process that is taking place with the GLHC, the Golden Off-Road Motorcycle Association, Wildsight and the Golden Cycling Club. Information will be brought back to Council in 2024 for a decision on the Licence of Occupation.

Project Updates and News



Province supports climate-emergency projects in Golden

The Town of Golden has received funding through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund under the Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation stream to support two projects in Golden.

\$1.24 million will support additional raising of dike sections along the Kicking Horse River up to one metre above the one-in-200-year flood elevation. Earthen dike improvements will take place along Fisher Road,



The governments of Canada and British Columbia invest in more resilient connections for communities in southeastern B.C.

Two bridges crossing Kicking Horse River will receive upgrades that make them more resilient to the impacts of climate change, thanks to a combined investment of more than \$89.6 million from the governments of Canada and British Columbia. Announced by Member of Parliament John Aldag and Minister Rob Fleming, this project will reduce the risk of



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.

and a concrete flood wall extension will be constructed near adjacent to the Highway 95 bridge connecting to the River Walk. The earthen dike project includes dike crest raising, rock armouring, dike face reshaping, and vegetation restoration. The concrete flood wall extension includes design services for ultimate construction in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

\$135,000 will be used to complete an Integrated Water Plan that will evaluate climate-related risks on water infrastructure and inform growth related water demand management and conservation with a changing climate. This will make sure our infrastructure and systems can continue to provide an adequate supply of clean drinking water to our community now and into the future.

Both projects have started. Earthen dike construction and the Integrated Water Plan are anticipated to be completed in 2024. Timing for construction of the concrete flood wall extension has not been determined at this time. [Read the full news release.](#)

damage to essential infrastructure in Golden caused by climate-related events.

Kicking Horse Bridges 1 & 2 cross the river on Highway 95 and act as the sole link for vehicles between the north and south sides of Golden. They also provide a key link between Highways 1 and 3 and several communities along Highway 95 between Golden and Cranbrook. Funding will replace and increase capacity of the Kicking Horse River bridges to withstand the impacts of climate-related events such as ice jams, debris flows, and flooding.

The upgrades will prevent the damage and potential loss of important connections that could threaten access to essential goods and services for communities in the area. Project funding will also improve active transportation options on the bridges by constructing multi-use paths that connect to the municipal active transportation network.

[Read the full news release.](#)

[Learn more about the project.](#)

- 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.

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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