

Village Life

VILLAGE OF

radium
hot springs

Spring 2014

Mayor's Message Spring 2014

Happy Spring everyone! I think we can all say with certainty that we are so glad this long winter is over. We would like to welcome back our snowbirds, our weekenders and our visitors! The streets in Radium are getting cleared up after extra gravel was needed to keep from slipping and sliding all winter long. The feeling here, and in the whole Valley, is of true optimism for a great 2014 season. The golf courses are now open for play! ...**actually this Easter weekend, you can ski and golf!!!** We have been promising fresh new signs and finally this spring you will see them going up – event, directional, and our Mountains Shall Bring Peace sign will all have new locations. Along with the new signage, you will see that some of the businesses in town are busily renovating (Helna's Stube), refacing (Crystal Springs) or are new (Leo Burrito and Mountain Cravings).

The Village staff and Council welcome our new event co-ordinator, Melanie Kamphuis, who is working hard planning exciting events for Radium for this and many years to come. She is working closely with Tourism Radium to make sure that both visitors and locals enjoy all that we have to offer. Radium Days and Best of Brits Car Show on Saturday, June 7th will be here before we know it! If you are looking at your calendar plan to stay an extra day and play in the Tourism Radium "Ram into Summer" Fun Golf tournament on Monday, June 23rd at Radium Resort.

One last thing we would like to ask is for you to come out on Saturday, April 26th and reconnect with friends and neighbours at our TRASH BASH event. More information is in the newsletter. We hope to see you all there. **Here's to a great year!!!!**

Dee Conklin, Mayor

Community Recreation Facilities Study

The results of the Community Recreation Facilities Study can be found at
www.radiumhotsprings.ca/content/documents

Over the coming year, Council will continue discussion regarding future plans for our facilities.

Financial Report

IMPORTANT NOTE: The next utility bill and property tax bill will be inserted in the SAME envelope to save postage expense.

The 2014 Property Tax Notices will be sent via Canada Post or email in May with payment due by 4:30 pm on July 2nd, 2014. The penalty for late payment is 10%. Payment options, in Canadian funds, include cheque, cash, money order, debit card or online banking (allow 3-5 working days for processing). Credit Cards are not accepted. Cheques can be postdated for the due date. If you are mailing your cheque, please allow at least 10 days' delivery time. If the timeline is tight and you need to courier your payment, Greyhound is your best option, as many courier companies take more than 2 days to deliver to Radium, if they deliver here at all. The Village has an envelope 'drop slot' in the main door.

Email Option

If you wish to receive your tax or utility bill by email, please email your request (stating tax, utility or both), including your name and folio, to village@radiumhotsprings.ca. Please note that the Village will not be held responsible for rejected or invalid email addresses. It is your responsibility to keep your email address current with our office. Failure to pay your invoice when due, whether that invoice is received by email or not, may result in further charges to your account.

Facility Rentals

Whether you have a wedding, family reunion, anniversary, party, or meeting planned, the Village of Radium has various facilities available for hosting your event. The Community Hall can support up to 186 people for events. Brent's Shack is a commercial kitchen concession outfitted with grills, food warmers and flame burners. Brent's Shack is a great venue for hosting family bbq's, outdoor gatherings and fund raising events. The council chambers can hold up to 32 people and is available for meetings or other small functions. For more information regarding renting any of these facilities, please contact the Village office.



Events Co-ordinator – Melanie Kamphuis

Many of you may have heard that there is a new Events Co-ordinator in town. Some of you I have met, but for the others I would like to introduce myself. My name is Melanie Kamphuis. I am originally from Ontario, but my husband and I are about to move into a house in Invermere. I have been in the valley for many winters teaching skiing up at Panorama and living elsewhere in the summer. But now I am here to stay!

I have worked at various times in different parts of Europe and Canada. I did a few years at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival back in Ontario working as an events co-ordinator for the Education Department, planning and running educational programs for students, teachers and regular patrons. Most recently I spent two years in a small village near Cambridge, UK, running the community coffee shop – a non-profit project staffed mainly by volunteers.

I am excited to take on the Events Co-ordinator position in Radium Hot Springs. My job will be to attract people to Radium by spearheading events that highlight the natural beauty and warm community we have here. I hope that you will join in the fun! If you are interested in helping to make these events a blast, I would love to hear from potential volunteers – we have opportunities from as large as being on an organising committee to as small as running to the grocery store for supplies.

My contact details are:

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(250) 347-9068 (f)
events@radiumhotsprings.ca

*I look forward to getting to know
the community better!*



Annual Trash Bash

In conjunction with Earth Week and a Valley-wide cleanup, the Village will be holding its annual Trash Bash on **Saturday, April 26th**. Volunteers are needed to help tidy up after a long winter. If you are able to help for a couple of hours, please meet at Higher Ground Coffee Shop at 10:00 am. The Village will supply garbage bags and suggest areas needing attention. Your assistance is appreciated. A light lunch will be provided following cleanup.

Radium Public Library

Our library continues to grow and expand yearly, especially with new technological advances for this digital age. A membership, which is free to all residents of the valley, allows access to services like 'Library to Go', for ordering e-books, audio books and 'Interlibrary Loans' for books not locally available. Check out our Facebook page for current information and updates.

Membership numbers increased in 2013 and we even had 108 visitors from around the world drop in to visit and use our patron computer, ask questions about the area, and relate their stories about life in their country.

We now look forward to another busy spring and summer with new activities and programs.

- Tuesday, April 29 - 7pm author, Vanessa Farnsworth, reading from her book 'Rain on a Distant Roof' about her personal experiences living with chronic Lyme Disease.
- July & August - Radium Summer Reading Club is a new program for children ages 3 to 12. Sponsored by the Province of B.C.'s literacy branch, the Minister of Education, and the Royal Bank of Canada, activities include literacy games, and 'keep reading' records. Participants will receive stickers, posters, bookmarks and medals for their accomplishments.
- July & August – book sales at Market on Main.
- Saturday, August 16 - the Annual Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park.

Members are invited to view our website to see additions to our book collection. We continue to add many new books each year.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing away this past spring of our dear friend, Helle Fry. Helle was instrumental in starting the original library in the Radium School and continued to be an active member ever since. Helle was our Library Board Chair for the past 2 years. Known for her gracious manner, Helle was a true ambassador for us at fund raising events and book sales. Helle helped co-author and publish our book, "Big Horn, Small Talk: Tales of Radium Hot Springs." She will be greatly missed.

RADIUM HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Unit #2
7585 Main Street

Please check our website for more summer activities – www.radiumpubliclibrary.bc.ca

Phone 250-347-2434
Email radiumpubliclibrary@hotmail.com

Library Hours
Saturday 10:00 – Noon
Sunday 11:00 – 1:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 pm



RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

Ram into Summer Golf Tourney

June 23, 2014 • Radium Resort Course

\$99 plus GST (includes golf cart), Texas Scramble
9:00 am registration • Shot gun start at 10:00 am
Dinner, prizes and much more!

Call to register: 250-347-6266 Radium Resort Pro-Shop
or email: radiumproshop@radiumresort.com
For more info go to: www.tourismradium.com

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Sidewalk Cleanina

One of the concerns voiced in the Wildlife Survey was the amount of feces deposited on sidewalks by sheep and deer. Staff will endeavor to sweep affected sidewalks, as needed. If you notice a particularly poopy sidewalk, please call the Village office to let us know. We have also stepped up our parks maintenance to help clean up after these four legged denizens.

Reminder!

On that note: pick up after your dog! We have numerous doggy-bag stations around town. Please use them.

Fire Department News

The Radium Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department currently stands at 16 hard-working volunteers and is always looking for more help. Practices are held on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm at the fire hall. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Fire Chief Dave Dixon at 250-342-5733, or email him at firehall@radiumhotsprings.ca. The Fire Department will be holding an open house starting at 11am on May 17th, so come out and support your local department, enjoy a hot dog and a take a tour of the Hall!

Congratulations to the following Volunteer Firefighters...



Don Joubert, 41 years, BC Long Service Medal (25 year medal and 35 year bar)
Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal (25 year medal, first and second bars)

Dave Dixon, 29 years, BC Long Service Medal (25 year medal)

Walter Raven, 22 years, Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal

Todd Logan, 20 years, Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal

Tim Strub, 20 years, Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal

Wildlife Safety Survey and Ungulate Safety Policy

Last November, a wildlife safety survey was mailed to home owners.

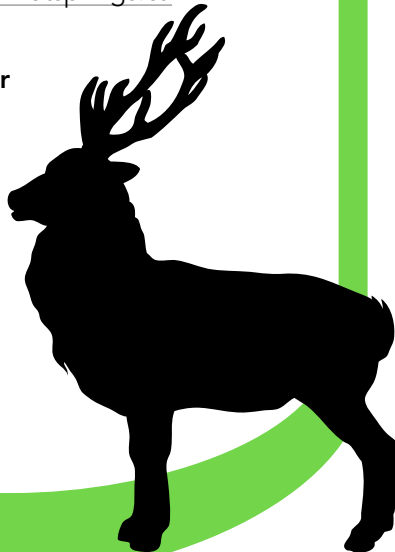
The results can be found on our website:

www.radiumhotsprings.ca/content/wildlife-safety

Under that same tab, there is a draft Ungulate Safety Policy. We would like your comments. Please send them to: mark.read@radiumhotsprings.ca

Remember that it is mule deer fawning season.

Mothers can be defensive around their little ones, especially when canines are around. Please check out the safety tips on our website and give these animals the respect they deserve.



'Do you know what...

The Village has a complicated network of water lines and sewer pipes. Most are located under roads, but some are located under private property. The Village registers right-of-ways on these properties to allow us access for repairs. It is the property owner's responsibility to be aware of these right-of-ways.

These right-of-way agreements contain conditions stating that the property owner will not erect, place or maintain any building or structure on any portion of the right-of-way. Property owners should be aware that the Village will not be responsible for buildings or structures located within the right-of-way if we have to undertake repairs.

Check at the Village office to see if your property is impacted.

...is under your property?'

Kootenay National Park Report

- Work on the Sinclair Canyon restoration project continued over the winter months, while demolition of the Radium Hot Springs Lodge finished in March with clean up continuing into April. Rehabilitation, including seeding and contouring will start as the weather warms and ground softens. Large tree removal is complete, and Bighorn Sheep are already using the area. Hand thinning will continue into early summer. The project's overarching goals are:
 - to restore open forest and grasslands habitats
 - to reintroduce low intensity prescribed fire in the Sinclair Canyon area for ecological benefits and fuel management, and
 - to increase wildfire protection for the Hot Springs facility, the Village, and the Parks Canada McKay Creek facility.
- The demolition and site restoration of the old Parks Canada administration building, located near Redstreak campground, has been underway since February. This will further enhance the grassland restoration work previously done in the immediate vicinity.
- The Juniper trail, adjacent to the former site of the Radium Hot Springs Lodge, will remain closed until thinning and enhancement work in the area is complete. For current trail conditions and closures, visit www.parksCanada.gc.ca/kootenaytrails
- Parks Canada's professional highway crews remind visitors that weather conditions in the park can change suddenly and that winter conditions can be present well into spring. For up-to-date road conditions motorists should check Drive BC (www.drivebc.ca) before heading out.

- Visitor Safety staff remind backcountry users that avalanche hazards can be present throughout the early spring. Avalanche safety information is available online at <http://avalanche.pc.gc.ca>.
- The Radium Hot Springs pools return to their summer hours May 16th to October 13th and will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Redstreak Campground opens for the season May 2nd through October 13th. Ten new tent-cabins, known as oTENTiks, are available to provide visitors with an alternative camping experience. More information is available at www.parksCanada.gc.ca/knp-otentiks
- Marble Canyon and McLeod Meadows campgrounds will be open June 27th to September 1st.
- The Radium Visitor Centre will be open May 16th, and our friendly and knowledgeable staff look forward to helping you plan your visit to the park.
- Parks Canada's Heritage Interpreters will once again run a variety of programs throughout July and August. Beginning this year, visitors are invited to explore the Stanley Glacier Fossil Site on a guided hike. Information and reservations are available online at www.parksCanada.gc.ca/Burgessshale
- Parks Canada encourages residents to enjoy all that spring has to offer in Kootenay National Park!



Market and Music on Main begin June 27

Market on Main every Friday 4-9
 Music on Main every Friday and Saturday 7-9
 for the summer months

Tourism Radium magazine will be ready May long weekend;
 we encourage everyone to come pick up a copy.

Adventure Radium 2019

Hey Kids! Get ready for another two months of summer fun at Adventure Radium. Join Ashlee, Lauren, Nicole and Nicole for games, crafts, water fights and fun. This year's camp begins Wednesday, July 2nd and runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until August 21st. Ages 5 – 8 attend the morning session from 9:30 to noon, while kids ages 9 and up meet in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:30. This program has a drop-in fee of \$5/child; a summer fee of \$25/child or \$50 for a family of 3 or more siblings. Kids need to bring water, a snack, sunscreen and insect repellent. Registration forms are available at the Village Office or on the website, www.radiumhotsprings.ca/departments/recreation (under 'Things to Do'). Come and meet new friends, old friends, and let the Adventure begin!

Did you Know...

The Radium Hot Springs Visitor Centre has Education & Interpretive Displays?

Tourism Radium Hot Springs and Radium Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce support the staffing and operation of the Radium Hot Springs Visitor Centre. Many residents and local businesses fail to realize or appreciate the impact the Visitor Centre has on our local economy and tourism industry. The Radium Visitor Centre is much more than just a visitor centre; here are some of our highlights:

The Visitor Centre also gathers market intelligence for local business on the demographics and needs of visitors to the community thus guiding local business and government decisions on marketing direction and infrastructure planning. Employees are a wealth of knowledge for backcountry safety, avalanche danger, road and trail conditions and wildlife interaction advice.

This May we are thrilled to be welcoming a life size mount of a Mountain Goat. We are always asked the difference between sheep and goats and now we will be able to not only talk about these beautiful creatures, we will be able to show our visitors the difference and teach them where and how each animal lives.

Wings over the Rockies has scheduled 2 Bighorn Sheep Educational and Virtual Tours this year. The Tours will be held in the Radium Hot Springs Visitor Centre on Wednesday, May 7th and Thursday, May 8th. To register for these events visit wingsovertherockies.org.

The Radium Hot Springs Visitor Centre has an important role in teaching our locals and visitors about the natural, cultural and heritage history of the area. Visit our interpretive display, learn about the Columbia Valley Creation Story and view our table top topical map of the Columbia and Kootenay Valleys. The Radium Hot Springs Visitor Centre Staff encourages school groups, families, and group tours to come visit, listen, and learn.

The Radium Hot Springs Visitor Centre is the only Community Visitor Center in the province open 363 days a year, also ranked the 6th busiest Community Visitor Centre in the Province.

So, as you can see the Visitor Centre is a very valuable asset to the community, the businesses, the local residents and, of course, to our most valued visitors.

Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality

The Village is entering its second year providing administration for the nascent Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality (JGMRM). JGMRM pays the full costs of these services, including overhead expenses.

In 2013, the amount transferred to the Village was \$21,008.

The Ktunaxa legal challenge was recently surmounted with a decision in JGMRM's favour. For those interested in the history of the consultative process with First Nation's, the Judge's decision makes an interesting read. This document can be found at www.jgmm.ca

NUMBERS TO KNOW

911 • Police, Fire, and Ambulance Services
250-347-6455 • Volunteer Fire Chief
Dave Dixon
250-342-9292 • Non-emergency RCMP
250-342-2055 • Non-emergency
Ambulance Service
250-342-9201 • Invermere District Hospital
1-800-665-4929 • Road Hazard Reporting
24 hours
250-347-6455 • Village Office