

2016 Property Taxes

Property tax notices have been mailed out. If you did not receive your tax notice, please contact the Village Office immediately. **Taxes are due by July 4th, 4:30 pm.** After July 4, any unpaid taxes are subject to a 10% late penalty, levied by the Province.

The Village of Telkwa accepts **cash, cheque** and **debit** (please ensure your daily debit limit is sufficient). Sorry, we are unable to accept credit cards.

Don't forget to claim your Home Owner's Grant (HOG). Fill out the bottom section of your tax notice and bring it into the office when you pay your taxes, or pay online at www.telkwa.ca, under 'Village Office'. You must claim your HOG by July 4 to avoid penalties (even if you aren't paying your taxes in full).

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions in Effect

Stage 1 watering restrictions are in effect from June 1 to September 15, unless otherwise directed by Village staff. Restrictions are as follows:

- Flowers, shrubs, trees and gardens—any day, between 4 am & 9 am or 7 pm & 10 pm, using a hose-connected or in-ground sprinkler
- Lawns—two days a week (see schedule below), between 4 am & 9 am or 7 pm & 10 pm, using hose-connected or in-ground sprinklers
- Washing of motor vehicles, boats and RVs—two days a week (see schedule below), with a hose equipped with a hand controlled, spring loaded sprayer.

WATER RESTRICTION ZONE SCHEDULE

 Monday & Thursday Downtown, Tower, and the Bench area (East of the Bridge)	 Tuesday & Friday Cottonwood Flats and Aspen Subdivision (West of the Bridge, West of Coalmine Road)	 Wednesday & Saturday Woodland Subdivision and BBQ Grounds (West of the Bridge, East of Coalmine Road)
		

The Village has limited water storage—only one reservoir for all residential water needs. Overuse by residents through watering lawns, etc. can put properties at risk in the event of a fire and water shortage. Your cooperation and adherence to the schedule is appreciated.

Village of Telkwa 1415 Hankin Avenue PO Box 220, Telkwa, BC V0J 2X0
Phone: 250-846-5212 Fax: 250-846-9572

Municipal Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:30-1:30 pm
Closed all Stat Holidays.

Maintenance Shop & After Hours
Emergencies : 250-846-9144
Bylaw Enforcement: 250-846-5212
Fire Dept. Emergencies: 911

The next regular Council meetings are June 13 and 27 at 7 pm. Agendas may be viewed at the Village office or on our website at www.telkwa.ca. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, or the Tuesday following a statutory holiday.

THE BEAR FACTS: Resources for Resolving Conflicts Between People and Bears

by Debbie Wellwood, Telkwa BearSmart Committee

Knowledge is important in supporting decisions about how to better resolve conflicts between people and bears. A recent study looked at how black bears respond to changes in food availability and perceptions of risk that humans pose to them. The study was done in three urban-rural areas in the western United States. The study found that bear use of developed areas depended on conditions of the bears' environment and their physiology. Black bears used developed areas more in summer and fall, when natural foods were less abundant. Bear age and gender also influenced behavior—older bears and male bears used developed areas more. Bears living in poorer quality habitat accessed developed areas more than those living in higher quality natural habitat. Researchers concluded that black bears appeared to be using developed areas to find human sources of food to subsidize natural foods. Evidence suggested that conflicts between people and bears increase when bears' needs for food resources outweigh the risks of being around people. This is just one of many studies available to support problem solving to reduce conflicts with bears.

A big part of preventing undesirable interactions with bears is to reduce the availability of non-natural food sources by securing or removing garbage and other attractants. It also takes individuals and communities to participate in problem solving. Solutions need be effective and practical. Fortunately, we have plenty of knowledge, experience and other resources to draw from to achieve success—people living more peacefully with bears.



For information about preventing conflicts with wildlife, watch for the WildSafeBC information booth at the Smithers Farmers Market or visit their website at: <https://wildsafebc.com>

To report a serious wildlife conflict, call the Conservation Officer Services toll free at 1-877-952-7277.

Reference: Johnson, H. E., S. W. Breck, S. Baruch-Mordo, D. L. Lewis, C. W. Lackey, K. R. Wilson, J. Broderick, J. S. Mao, and J. P. Beckmann. 2015. Shifting perceptions of risk and reward. *Biological Conservation* 187:164–172.

TELKWA MUSEUM NOTES

Thanks to everyone who helps keep the Museum and Church operating:

- Rimas for many summers of cutting the grass between the Museum and Cointe Inn. We are in need of a new grass cutting volunteer. If you are able to help out please call Carol at 846-5280
- Janet & John McDivitt for washing the Church fence
- Erik Jacobsen for filling the Church planters with flowers for the summer
- Tom Andreasson of Swede's Woodworking for work on the multi-purpose room. Phase II has been completed with an outstanding set of cabinets, shelving, a counter and a large worktable with drawers. (Please come in and see the new back room – it's amazing!).
- Wetzin'kwa Community Forest for the grant for the multi-purpose room project

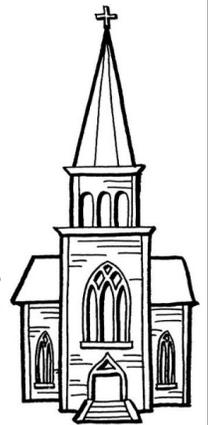
Our new summer employee is Cassandra Thummerer, recently from Sparwood. She is very enthusiastic about local history and is interested in dressing in period costume to add to the flavour of the Museum for the enjoyment of visitors. Please check your closets and dress-up trunks for garments from the early to mid 1900s.

July 1, Canada Day, will be celebrated at the Museum from 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Face-painting, music, cupcakes and anything else people would like to help organize. Call Linda at 846-5472 if you can help out.

The Yard Sale raised \$500 towards a new roof for St. Stephen's Historical Church and to repair leaks and water damage inside. Total project cost is \$24,500. Cash donations can be made at the Museum.

St. Stephen's Church has a new addition—the pump organ, residing at Smithers Anglican Church for many years, has returned to its original home. We would like to know more about how it originally came to be in Telkwa. If you have any information please call Dianne vander Meulen at 847-5433.

Our next project is the purchase of a new computer and a Museum Standard program, which will enable digitization of records and archives. Researchers will be able access information more easily and on-line.



Regional District Cardboard Ban —July 1, 2016

As of July 1, Regional District landfills (the dump) will NOT accept cardboard as garbage. All residents MUST recycle cardboard. Here are some ways to ensure your cardboard is recycled:

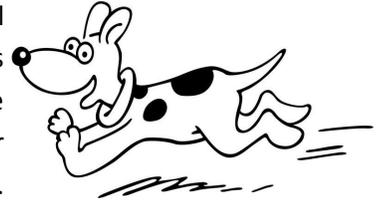
- Put cardboard in the blue bags for curbside pickup
- Take cardboard directly to the recycling facility in Smithers (at the Bottle Depot on 19th Ave)

The landfill will accept cardboard for recycling (in the large bins) until June 30th. After July 1, cardboard can be dropped off at the Bottle Depot (hours are Tues. to Sat., 9 am—5 pm).

Please do not put cardboard in with your garbage. Businesses are encouraged to arrange recycling services with local collectors. For more information on Telkwa's recycling program visit www.telkwa.ca.

DOGS RUNNING LOOSE

We are still experiencing a lot of difficulty with dogs running loose in the Village. With warmer weather and longer evenings, there are more people out and about, including kids. There have been several incidents of dogs chasing kids on bikes. ALL dogs must be confined to their own yards or on a leash while out walking.



You may know that your dog is friendly, but others do not. People, especially children, need to feel safe when they are out and about. Patrols will be stepped up. Fines for a dog at large start at \$100. Fines for failure to have a dog tag are \$50. Dog tags are \$15, available at the Village Office. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring everyone can enjoy their time outside.

Mica, Bylaw Officer

Transportation and Trails Assessment Project

The Village of Telkwa is conducting a **Transportation and Trails Assessment and Action Plan**. This complements ideas and areas of focus suggested by the community in the Age-friendly Community Assessment that was completed several years ago. The goals of the Transportation and Trails Assessment project are to:

- Gather information regarding transportation solutions between Telkwa and the services in Smithers to inform future Village financial requests for increased transportation services;
- Gather information from Telkwa seniors and community residents on trail infrastructure improvements necessary to support their health and community experience; and,
- Make recommendations on investment decisions in trail/transportation infrastructure based on the results of conversations with Telkwa residents and the project.

How can you get involved?

Do you walk the Trails in the Village? Do you have ideas on how to make the trails more accessible? Do you have ideas on new trails or trail connections? Do you have ideas on how the Village, schools, recreation groups and other users could help improve the trails? Do you have ideas or opinions on how to improve the transportation options for seniors and other community members between Smithers and Telkwa?

We want to hear from you! Come to a public information and brainstorming session on **Thursday June 23rd from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Telkwa Reading Centre**. Learn about the trail assessment project and explore trail improvements, conditions, concerns and potential future trail connections. In addition, we will explore the topic of age-friendly transportation to and from Smithers.

Having a community event, meeting or neighbourhood BBQ? Invite the coordinator to your event to talk trails, share your ideas and learn more.

Please also take a few minutes to answer the Trails and Transportation survey. The online version can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/JY5CYW2. Paper copies are available at the Village Office.

For more information call Liliana at 778-210-2873 or email lilka.dragowska@gmail.com.



Need to get around? Consider the bus! Transit Information: 250-847-4993
Bus schedule can be viewed at www.telkwa.ca or www.scsa.ca



For more information on what's happening in Telkwa visit our website:

www.telkwa.ca



You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

It's Bike to Work and School Week!!

May 30-June 5th 2016

Celebrate bicycles!! Take advantage of the health and social benefits of biking to work and school and join business and residents in a week long bicycle transportation celebration around the Bulkley Valley. Visit www.biketowork.ca/smithers and register as an individual or a team. Log your rides and be entered to win great prizes. There are daily events to join in and lots of prizes and draws to enter.



To find out more visit the website or join us on Facebook at 'Bike to Work Week Smithers'. Bike on!

BARKING DOGS—There have been a lot of noise complaints due to barking dogs in the Woodlands area. Community reminders through the newsletter and on the bulletin board have been unsuccessful in resolving the problem. As a result, patrols will be stepped up and letters will be given to owners whose dog(s) are barking. Fines will follow as necessary. Fines for animals disturbing the peace and noise violations start at \$50 and can go up to \$350. Please ensure that your animals are not barking for extended periods of time. If you would like some tips regarding training, bark collars, etc., please contact the Bylaw Officer at 846-5212.



Telkwa Community Garden

The Telkwa Community Garden has garden plots available. We are seeking interested gardeners; beginners or experienced. A plot is \$25 for the season. As a gardening community we share expertise and help take care of each other's gardens. We are located beside the outdoor rink between 5th Street and Riverside Avenue. Call Alan at 846-9655 if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School program at the Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa. July 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13. Entitled "Camp Kilimanjaro, An Epic Adventure Through the Proverbs". More info to come in the next newsletter.



TELKWA READING CENTRE

WED AND THURS 3-5 PM AND
7-9 PM
SATURDAY 2-4 PM

"**Day After Night**" by Anita Diamant is based on the true story of Jews released after the 2nd World War and interred in a British camp called Atlit in the Mediterranean region. The author introduces us to four of the women in the camp and tells us their story and how they struggle to find their place after the horror of the War. The women all see the world differently and have secrets they struggle to keep within themselves. Although not prisoners, they are kept here because there is nowhere else for them to go. All of them want to escape and resume some kind of life but it is difficult for them to imagine what freedom might mean to them. This is a very beautiful novel that does not dwell on the horrors but gives us hope for their futures.

Wednesday evening hours (7-9 pm) will start again on June 8th. We are curious to see how many of you would prefer another afternoon shift instead of an evening shift. Please let staff know so we can see if a change to our hours is necessary.

The **Summer Reading Club** will take place again this year. Sign up at the library. More information coming soon.

See you at the library!

Christine

CHURCH WORSHIP

Telkwa Christian Reformed Church
Sunday Services - 9:30 am and 10:30 am
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (at St. Stephen's Church)
Sundays -10 am
Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa
Sundays - 10 am & 2:30 pm

Questions or Concerns?

Mayor Repen would like to remind residents that he is happy to answer questions and hear residents' thoughts. You can reach him at 846-9008 or email darcyrepn@gmail.com.



TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY (Young at Heart Club)

Seniors Centre 846-9570 Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Activities for June 2016

June 1, Wed Bingo 7 pm
June 4, Sat. Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10 am
June 7, Tues. General Meeting
June 15, Wed. Bingo 7 pm
June 17, Fri. Potluck Supper 6 pm sharp—BBQ and Games at the Centre

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays - **Sip & Stitch/Painters** 10 am to 4 pm

Darts and Carpet Bowling take a break for the summer. See you again in the fall.

New members always welcome. \$10 for the year. Age 50 +