

5-year Financial Plan Open House

Monday May 2, 4-7pm, Council Chambers

The open house is an informal meeting regarding the Village of Telkwa's 5-year financial plan. All members of the public are welcome. Copies of the plan are available at the Municipal Office or on the website at www.telkwa.ca, under Village Office, Budgets.

May 15-21 is National Public Works Week! Public Works infrastructure, facilities and services are vital to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Village of Telkwa. Many thanks to our Public Works crew for all of their hard work: Jim Harding, Kevin Materi, Jerry Bizarro, and Tom Vanderleest.



LOVE Telkwa!

Small town diversity serves everyone. Interesting businesses are a key part of our vibrant and thriving community and give Telkwa character, personality and soul. Learn more at www.lovetelkwa.com.

THE BEAR FACTS: May Flowers Hold Promise for Bears

Bears depend on berries for prosperity. The weather this time of year has a major influence on fruit production later. May showers can bring flowers but weather conditions can also damage them, resulting in poor berry crops later in the year. As a result, weather at this time of year can have a major influence on human-bear interactions in late summer and fall and even next spring.

Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming bear season and taking action to prevent undesirable interactions with them. Secure your food, garbage and other attractants so that bears cannot gain access to food from people. Don't let attractants become an easy alternative food source for bears that might find it challenging to find food on their own.

Watch for the WildSafeBC information booth at the Smithers Farmers Market. They have tons of info to help prevent conflicts with bears. You can also visit *WildSafeBC* at <https://wildsafebc.com> or *Living With Wildlife Foundation* at www.lwwf.org.

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



2016 Property Taxes

Tax notices will be mailed out around the 3rd week of May. 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. You can pay in installments if you prefer, anytime throughout the year, even before you know your final tax bill. This may help you avoid late penalties.

The Village of Telkwa accepts cash, debit and cheque. We do NOT accept credit cards.

BE WATER WISE!

If we use less, it costs less!



Yard care and lawn maintenance can account for 20-50% of residential water use. This means there are many ways to conserve water around the yard.

- > Water just your lawn, not driveways or paths.
- > Water your lawn in the evening or early morning. This will reduce evaporation and get more water to your lawn.
- > Maintain your lawn at 2 ½ to 3 inches tall. This helps protect the roots from heat stress and reduces water loss due to evaporation, reducing how often you have to water your lawn.
- > Water in several short sessions rather than one long soaking. In three 10 min sessions through the morning your lawn will absorb more water than in one 30 minute session.
- > Too much water can weaken root systems. Water once a week, about 2-3 cms (put a tuna tin on your lawn—when it's full, turn the water off 'till next week).
- > Use a broom to sweep driveways and sidewalks, rather than the hose.

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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 May 9 and 24 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.



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

www.telkwa.ca

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



MAY EVENTS IN AND AROUND TELKWA

- May 3—Tulip Friendship Garden Bloom Celebration. 10:30am at Hankin Corner.
- May 9—Telkwa Museum Yard Sale. 9 am to noon. Fundraiser for St. Stephen's Church roof. Your support will help replace the roof and preserve this beautiful building in the heart of Telkwa. To donate items or rent a table, call Janet at 846-5282
- May 14—The Ark Family Fun Day and Open House. 9:30 to 12. Breakfast, scavenger hunt, prizes, meet the staff and more. Everyone welcome! RSVP to the_ark@telus.net or 846-9661 so everyone can receive a prize bag.
- May 18-20—Minerals North 2016. Smithers Civic Center www.mineralsnorth.ca for complete schedule.
- May 15-21—National Public Works Week.
- May 28—BV Genealogical Society Perennial Plant Sale. 9am to 12. Main St and Hwy 16, Smithers.
- Month long—Telkwa School bottle drive. The Gr 7's are fundraising for a trip to Bear Claw Lodge on the Kispiox. To donate your bottles, please call the school. Students will come pick them up. You can also donate at the bottle depot. Thanks for your support!

Bike to Work (School) Week—Smithers/Telkwa

May 30-June 5th 2016

Join business and residents in a week long bicycle transportation celebration around the Bulkley Valley during Bike to Work Week. Register as an individual or a team and take advantage of the health and social benefits of biking to work and school. There are lots of prizes and events for everyone.

To find out more visit www.biketowork.ca/smithers or find us on Facebook at Bike to Work Week Smithers.

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 St and Riverside. Call Alan at 846-9655 if you are interested.



TELKWA READING CENTRE

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

"Orphan #8" by Kim van Alkemade-This novel is based on true events that occurred at the Hebrew Infant Home in New York in the 1900s. Rachel is brought to the home upon the death of her mother and absence of her father. She is used as a test subject to see the effects of x-rays on the bodies. The story goes back and forth between Rachel as a child and Rachel as an adult. The adult Rachel is a nurse who cares for a patient, the doctor that performed the experiments, whose presence brings back many painful memories. It is the struggle that Rachel feels for her patient that makes the story so interesting. Rachel is a complex character that we follow, never knowing what outcome her decisions will have.

This novel is very well written and the fact that the author presents us with pictures and facts of the Home at the end gives us a glimpse into a relatively unknown piece of history. Do read this story. See you at the library!
Christine

TELKWA MUSEUM

The Telkwa Museum is getting ready for the summer season. The spring workbee has resulted in newly waxed floors, shining glass cases and cobweb free artifacts. Phase II of the Multi-Purpose Room Upgrade is just about complete. Many thanks to Swede's Woodworking for the quality work and many extra donated hours.

We're looking for a **Summer Student** for the position of Museum Assistant. The contract is for 16 weeks starting May 9 and is open to 15 to 30 year olds who are self motivated, organized, comfortable with the public, and attending a post secondary institution. (This is subject to funding approval.) Send resume to dboersema@bulkley.net Closing date is May 4, 2016.

For general museum info, call Doug anytime at 846-9642.

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

Seniors Centre 846-9570 Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Activities for May 2016

- May 7, Sat. Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10am
- May 10, Tues. General Meeting 1pm
- May 11, Wed. Bingo 7 pm
- May 13, Fri. Social Evening 7:30pm (info Carolyn 846-5542)
- May 14, Sat. Coffeehouse 7:30 pm (doors at 7) \$6
- May 18, Wed. Bingo 7 pm
- May 20, Fri. Potluck Supper 6 pm sharp

Weekly Activities

- Mondays **Carpet Bowling** 1 pm—3:30 pm
 - Wednesdays **Sip & Stitch/Painters** 10 am—4 pm
 - Thursdays **Darts** 10 am—12 noon
 - Carpet Bowling** 1 pm—3:30 pm
- Weekly activities are cancelled the first week of May.

We are hosting the B.C. Provincial Carpet Bowling Championships! May 2 to 6.