- **Corporate Administration** - Jon Wilsgard, Ext 237
- **Operations, Public Works** - Chris Cochran, Ext 226
- **Recreation Services** - Jordan Petrovics, Ext 225
- **Planning** - Phil Armstrong, Ext 236
- **Building -** John Mirehouse, Ext 231
- **Corporate Services** - Viv Thoss, Ext 224
- **Finance** - Lisa Vass, Ext 227
- **Fire Department** - Ken McClure, 250.344.6401
- **Mayor's Office** - Christina Benty, Ext 229

Appointment hours - Tuesday 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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Infrastructure Projects – Almost Ready to Launch

It takes a ton of planning and work to get infrastructure projects done – upgrades and replacements to our water and sewer systems, road reconstruction and re-paving, curb and sidewalk renewals, etc. They also take a lot of money that we don't have. The feds have finally announced the long anticipated New Building Canada Program, with millions of dollars available across Canada for municipalities to apply for. We have to pony up 1/3 of the cost, and Council just approved a number of projects we'll be applying for. Nothing sexy about sewage treatment plant and well rehabiliations but they're pretty critical. The most visible project under application is a re-do of 9th Street from Sobey's to as far into downtown as we can get. We'll keep you updated on how we make out on our applications!

Utility Bills and Business Licenses – Due Dates

Everyone has by now received their annual utility bills (water/sewer/garbage/recycling) for the year. If you haven't, call us! They're due June 4th or you get dinged a penalty. Remember, your utility fees are not connected to taxes. What you pay is what it takes to run them.

Our annual Business License renewal forms have also been sent out and are due April 30th. Our business licence fees are amongst the lowest in the province and they are an important authorization tool to ensure compliance with provincial regulations and local bylaws. They also are part of a database we can give to potential investors to show our business profile.

Keep Boulevard Gravel off the Street

Spring has arrived and with it comes spring clean-up. We understand that you may want to clean the boulevard in front of your house of gravel and debris, but would greatly appreciate you not brushing it on to the street - particularly after we have swept it! The unwanted gravel can make great free-draining fill for landscaping projects, or can be used for gravel driveway leveling.

Street sweeping is a very necessary but costly service. In the interest of being as cost efficient as possible, we schedule this service over the spring to all town areas, but the sweeper will not be specifically directed to make a special trip into areas where boulevard debris has been brushed or raked onto the street by residents. Also, please consider not parking on the street for long periods of time so we can properly sweep the gravel up.

Recreation Happenings

The **Golden Municipal Swimming Pool** is presently recruiting Life Guards for the Summer Season. Apply today for a job that pays a competitive wage, is based outside, teaches people water survival skills. Become part of a proud team of professionals. For more information check out the job postings at golden.ca or e-mail pool@golden.ca **The Golden Municipal Pool opens for the season on Saturday May 17th!**

The Spring Fling Children's Easter Party is back! Join the Amuse Troupe and friends at 1:00pm Saturday April 19th at the Mount 7 Rec Plex for an event designed for everyone who is young at heart. Check out the Red Barn Petting Zoo, spruce up a Easter Basket, play some games and enjoy the fun. Dress up your Easter Bonnet and show it off to win a prize. Also don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt! For more information check out the posting at golden.ca or e-mail rec.booking@golden.ca

Our **Spring Sports and Information Evening** is scheduled for Monday May 5th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Mount 7 Rec Plex. The event is your opportunity for find out more abou t key sports and recreation groups offering activities in the spring and summer. The event will also be your first chance to sign up for spring swimming lessons at the pool.

The **Mount 7 Rec Plex Annual General Meeting** is happening on Wednesday April 16th 7:00pm at the Rec Plex. The board is looking for new energetic members to sit on the board. Show up to the meeting and find out how you can get involved.

Highlights

Town of Golden – Regular Open Council Meeting: March 4th, 18th and April 1st, 2014

Cultural Services Contract
Council as represented by the Mayor solicited to the CSRD Board to return to the long standing jointly funded tax model with the municipality in support of Kicking Horse Culture beginning 2015.

Change Room Policy
Council adopted a Change Room Policy to help manage use of dressing rooms associated with the Golden and District Recreation Centre and Golden Municipal Swimming Pool.

Kicking Horse River Dike Repair
Repair of the dike adjacent to Golden Transfer will be awarded to Dawson Construction Ltd. for the total price of $52,380.

Project Readiness for Federal Infrastructure Grant Funding Application
Council approved staff making application to the New Canada Building Plan in support of capital projects outlined in the CAO's report.

Regional Collaboration
A letter of notice will be sent to the CSRD Area A Director stating the municipality's intent to begin the dialogue and research necessary to potentially introduce a broader scope of shared services between the town and the CSRD.

Remembrance Plaque
The town will install a memorial plaque commemorating former Mayor Red Scott at the Kicking Horse Pedestrian Bridge.

Town Support of MMBC
A letter will be written to the Minister responsible and MMBC advocating that the provincial implementation of the MMBC Recycling Program not place in jeopardy the presence and operation of community newspapers in British Columbia.

Town of Golden 2014-2018 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1329, 2013
The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to adopt an annual financial plan, was adopted.

Town of Golden Recreation Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1320, 2013
Council directed staff to propose amendments to address enforcement clauses specific to pre-paid facility use including formal notification, written warning and re-action processes to be followed when dealing with outstanding accounts.

Town of Golden Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1332, 2014 – Craft Brewery
The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to amend the "Town of Golden Zoning Bylaw No. 1294, 2011", was given first reading.

Town of Golden Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1330, 2014 – Gateway
The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to amend the "Town of Golden Zoning Bylaw No. 1294, 2011", was given second and third readings.

Town of Golden 2013 Statutory Reserves Transfer Bylaw No. 1333, 2014
The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to approve the statutory reserve transfers, was adopted.

Town of Golden Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1331, 2014 - Duplex
The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to amend the "Town of Golden Zoning Bylaw No. 1294, 2011", was adopted.

Trans-Canada Highway Improvements
Council will write to the appropriate Federal and Provincial authorities in support of continuing Trans-Canada Highway improvements including a request for any current and future timelines for project implementation.