



- **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
 - **Legislative Services** - Viv Thoss, Ext 224
 - **Finance** - Lisa Vass, Ext 227
 - **Fire Department** - Ken Squarebriggs, 250.344.6401
 - **Mayor's Office** - Christina Benty, Ext 229
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2014 General Election - VOTE Golden!

Winston Churchill famously put it – “Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others”. Indeed we have so so much to be thankful for in a country that confidently upholds the fundamental rights and freedoms of its citizens; where we can speak our minds, control our destinies, and regularly elect governments that we believe represent our best interests.



Yet despite the precious societal freedoms we enjoy as we look upon the strife and conflict consuming parts of our world, we continue to see an alarming decline in voter turnout for elections at every tier of government. We cannot allow this to continue. Our governments are meant to mirror society's ethos – can it when not even the majority of a constituency (50% +1) has democratically participated?

Canada currently ranks 14th out of 17 peer countries for voter turnout. Only 53.8 percent of adult Canadians voted in the 2011 federal election – the second lowest turnout in history. Further, of those aged 18 to 24, only 38.8 percent turned up to vote.

For municipalities, which are the most accessible, responsive, and daily life affecting of all the government levels (think water from taps to toilets, rec facilities, curbside collection, roads to drive on etc.), the figures are abysmal. Golden's voter turnout at our 2011 General election was under 26% and the 2012 by-election was barely 34%, ostensibly propelled by a referendum question.



How can elected officials be confident about their representation if fewer than the majority of voters even cast a ballot? And how can a population hold them to account if fewer than 50% even voted them in? Take on the simple task of coming to Town Hall on November 5th or the Civic Centre on November 15th for just a few minutes of your time. Be a part of democracy. Help shape the future of this community. Be a confident voice of opinion. Give Churchill his due. VOTE.

Public Notice for Expressions of Interest

Heritage Site for Sale or Lease

We are soliciting for potential purchasers or long term tenants of the property located at 812 9th Street South known as the “Wixon House”.

The property and buildings are subject to the terms of the trust of the will of the late Ruth Wixon: they must be “preserved as a heritage site”. As such, significant conditions apply to any purchaser or tenant. There is subdivision potential for the property subject to court approval. If a suitable transaction is not arranged by December 31 2014, this property may be listed for sale with a real estate agent.



Interested parties are advised to contact Glen Ewan, Q.C., Ewan & McKenzie, Box 429, 515 9th Avenue North, Golden BC, V0A 1H0, phone (250) 344-5258 or email to glenewan@emlaw.ca

Interface Fire Prevention Work Continues in Campground Area

Beginning November 3rd and continuing for a couple of weeks, our local arborist and his crew will be thinning, pruning, and chipping in the forested areas adjacent to and upslope from the municipal campground.



While there will be work notification signs posted, please avoid these areas during working hours for the first two weeks of November as we continue with this important project over the next year.

Recreation Happenings

Don't forget our Arena public skate times:

Wednesday 7pm to 8pm Thursday 9pm to 10pm (drop in shinny) Friday 12pm to 130pm
Saturday 530pm to 645pm Sunday 430pm to 545pm

Parent and Tot Skating:

Tuesday 10am to 11am Friday 11am to 12pm

Mount 7 Rec Plex – Adult Drop in Public Programming:

Monday 7pm to 830pm Badminton Monday 830pm to 930pm Indoor Soccer
Tuesday 7pm to 9pm Volleyball Wednesday 7pm to 9pm Badminton
Thursday 730pm to 9pm Men's Basketball

Parent and Tot Play:

Wednesday 10am to 1230pm

Highlights

Town of Golden – Regular Open Council Meeting: October 7th, and 24th, 2014

Development Variance Permit Approval

The property at 1609 Spruce Drive was granted a rear lot line setback of 5.6m.

Development Variance Permit Approval

The property at 802 Park Drive was granted a parking variance and required to provide 1 parking stall per 125 m2.

Farmers Market Fee Structure

Council amended the Temporary License of Occupation Policy to reflect an annual fee of \$300 for the CP Parking Lot for Mobile Vendor Associations and \$0 annually for the use of Spirit Square.

2014 Financial Reports – Second Quarter

Council received the second quarter financial report as of June 30, 2014.

ToG 2015 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1338, 2014

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to establish the 2015 Permissive Tax Exemptions for the Town of Golden, was adopted.

ToG Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1339, 2014 – Gybe Resources

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to amend the “Town of Golden Zoning Bylaw No. 1294, 2011”, was adopted.

ToG Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1340, 2014 – Gybe Resources

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to amend “Official Community Plan Bylaw Number 1222, 2008”, was adopted.

Water Systems Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1341, 2014

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to provide for connection to and regulations for the Town of Golden Water System, and to establish rates and charges for the use of water from the Water System, was adopted.

Sanitary Sewer Collection Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1342, 2014

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to provide for the regulation of the Town of Golden Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Town of Golden Wastewater Treatment Plant and to authorize the Council to establish rates and levy a charge against owners of land or real property, was adopted.

Mount 7 Rec Plex Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1343, 2014

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to establish rates for the rental of space or time within municipal recreation facilities, was adopted.

Water and Sewer Rate Bylaw

Council approved a three year water and sewer rate bylaw setting an annual incremental rise of 2.5% per year for the water and 5% per year for the sewer.