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- **Operations, Public Works** - Chris Cochran, Ext 226
- **Recreation Services** - Jordan Petrovics, Ext 225
- **Planning** - Phil Armstrong, Ext 236
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- **Corporate Services** - Viv Thoss, Ext 224
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### Thanks for the Input: 2014-2018 Financial Plan (Annual Budget)

Many hours of Council debate and determinations followed by two open council meetings inviting input, an open house on January 22nd, and postings on our facebook page, website, and in the paper are now over for this year. Over 30 people attended our open house which is a record! Maybe it was the great appetizers, the wine, or the jaws of life presentation by the Fire Department. In any case, thank you to the citizens who came out, spoke with us, and chose to be a part of our process.



Council will now go through the input we've received and determine any changes before it passes further readings on the budget for this and the next 5 years. Once finalized, the next step is the annual Tax Rate Bylaw. The budget shows us what we need for the year, the tax rate bylaw determines how much from whom it will come.

### 2014 Town Council Meeting Schedule

The schedule of all anticipated regular meetings of the Town Council of Golden in 2014 is now available to the public. It's posted at Town Hall and is available on our website and face book page. Print it! Put in on your fridge to make sure you never miss a Council meeting! Tell your friends! You know we'd love to see more of you.



### A Bit About Tax Exemptions

Municipalities are required to give tax exemptions to certain properties in their jurisdiction. Generally, these are lands held by themselves or other levels of government, cemeteries, churches, hospitals, schools, orchards, emergency shelters, and sewage facilities. These are called statutory tax exemptions.



Municipalities are also able to provide permissive tax exemptions – in other words, it is up to Council if they are given, and to what degree. These include properties owned or occupied by non profits, and other local authorities provided they are used for their specific purpose (not as side line revenue generator, for example), and associated property uses of churches and hospitals (like parking lots). There are others, but these are the main and most well known ones.



Recently, Council has made changes to the scope of permissive exemptions in Golden, as a way to keep the exempted amount reasonable to general tax payers, and ensure all valid applicants get some kind of exemption.

While municipalities have tools for giving tax deferrals, it is illegal to exempt property taxes other than what is stated in the Community Charter.

### Recreation Happenings

**Winter Walking** - 1pm – 2pm – Monday,\*except Feb 10th Wednesday and Friday at the Rec Plex

**Public Skate** - Wednesday 7pm – 8pm, Friday noon – 1:30pm, Saturday 5:30pm – 6:45pm, Sunday 4:30pm – 5:45pm

**Drop in Hockey** – 19+ Thursday 8pm – 9pm

**Parent & Tot Skate** – Tuesday and Friday 10am – 11am

**Aquafit** – Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the Travel Lodge Pool

**Swimming Lessons** – Register today at Town Hall for the April 1st – 29th lessons set

### Looking for a summer job?

Find out more about upcoming lifeguard certification courses in our area.  
E-mail pool@golden.ca

## Highlights

### Town of Golden – Regular Open Council Meeting: January 14th and 28th, 2014

#### CSRD Policy F-16 “All Electoral Areas Community Works Fund – Waste Reduction”

Council directed staff to notify the CSRD that Golden will contribute towards eligible region-wide waste reduction projects from its Community Works Fund annual allocation up to the limits defined by the policy.

#### D.A.R.E. British Columbia

Council directed staff to send correspondence to D.A.R.E. British Columbia stating that Council is unable to donate to the program at this time.

#### Permanent Occupancy Increase – Rockwater Bar and Grill

Council recommended approval of the Structural Change Application submitted by Aura Holdings Ltd. to the Liquor Control and Licensing Board dated November 26th, 2013.

#### Proposal to Formulate AKBLG Resolution

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution and associated backgrounder for the 2014 AKBLG Annual Meeting soliciting re-establishment of the Province as the dyking authority in municipalities with populations fewer than 5000 residents.

#### Provisional 2014 Budget Project Expenditure Approvals

Council approved 2014 expenditures as follows: \$20,000 for deliverables under the UBCM Age Friendly Grant, \$45,000 for snowmobile trail grooming under the Resort Municipality Initiative Program, \$120,000 for deliverables under the Cultural Services Contract with Kicking Horse Culture, and \$7,000 to the Rocky Mountain Local Government Management Association conference.

#### Road Rescue

Council approved Rural Road Rescue as a continuing service provided by the Golden Volunteer Fire Fighters Association managed through and by the Fire Chief for the Town of Golden and delivered by the Golden Fire Rescue Department for the 2014 year.

#### 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 given first reading.

#### 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 first reading.

#### Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No.1328, 2013

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to establish remuneration and expenses for mayor and council for the calendar years 2014, 2015, and 2016, was adopted.

#### Waste Management and Collection Services Amendment Bylaw No. 1327, 2013

The above bylaw, which is a bylaw to amend the recycling fee annual levy for residents originally established in Town of Golden Bylaw 1257, 2011, was adopted.