



# Quarterly Newsletter

## January 2025

### Upcoming Council Meetings:

- January 13 at 7pm
- January 27 at 7pm
- February 10 at 7pm
- February 24 at 7pm
- March 10 at 7pm
- March 24 at 7pm

### Committee Of The Whole Meeting

- Monday January 13 at 5pm
- Monday March 10 at 5pm

All Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at Greenwood City Hall, or you are welcome to join via Zoom. For information on how to attend via Zoom please contact City Hall.

### Welcome to Our Community!

#### Stay Connected with Us

If you're new to town, we want to ensure you stay informed and don't miss out on any important updates or events. Please contact City Hall to provide your correct:

#### Mailing Address, phone number & Email

Keeping your information up to date helps us serve you better and keep you in the loop. We're glad you're here!

### Discounted Until January 31, 2025!

Get your 2025 dog licences at discounted rates before January 31, 2025!

- \$15 for spayed or neutered dogs
- \$25 for unspayed or unneutered dogs

Don't miss out on these savings—ensure your furry friend is licenced for the new year!

#### Explore Boundary Country!

Looking for fun things to do? Visit [BoundaryBC.com](http://BoundaryBC.com) for a full list of activities, events, and attractions in the Boundary area. The site also offers fascinating information and rich history about the communities within the region. **Discover something new today!**

### Message from the Mayor

Happy New Year to all! We look forward to a great 2025 in the City of Greenwood.

I'd like to take this time to thank all the volunteers, including the Seniors Centre, Food Bank, and all those helping their family, friends and neighbours in our community. I can't list everyone but please know that you are all appreciated. I would also like to thank the Board of Trade and its members for lighting up downtown Greenwood for Christmas.

The City continues to move forward this year with infrastructure projects, OCP, and Asset Management to name a few. We will keep you updated as grants come in and projects get underway.

Thanks to all City staff in the office and Public Works for all of their hard work in 2024. I look forward to working together with the citizens, staff and Council to do the best for Greenwood in the year ahead. We will build on our successes as we move forward in this new year.

### 2025 Business Licences

Attention all business owners operating within city limits: it's time to renew your business licence for 2025. The regular business licence fee is \$100, all other business type licence fees are outlined in Bylaw 1016, 2024,

Important Deadlines:

- **Renewal Deadline to avoid penalties: February 28, 2025**
- Penalties: The Regular Business Licence Fee will be \$120 (20% penalty).

Invoices will be sent to all active licence holders in January. You can contact City Hall or visit our website to access the business licence application form.

### 2025 First Quarter Utility Bills

City Council set the 2025 Water and Sewer Utility rates in December 2024, which include a **10% increase** over the 2024 rates. **The first-quarter 2025 utility invoice**, included with this newsletter, reflects this adjustment.

The 2025 first quarter utility bills are **due March 31, 2025**. To avoid a **2.5% penalty for late payments**, please ensure your payment is submitted on time.

#### Payment Options:

1. **Mail:** Send your payment to City Hall.
2. **Drop Box:** Use the secure drop box on City Hall's front steps.
3. **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** Through your financial institution (allow 3 business days for processing).
4. **E-Transfer:** Send to [finance.greenwoodcity@shaw.ca](mailto:finance.greenwoodcity@shaw.ca).  
- Include your account number in the memo section to ensure proper processing.

### Exciting News!

We are thrilled to announce a new opportunity for residents to engage with our community! Starting in 2025, we'll be hosting town hall meetings to discuss important topics and gather your valuable input.

#### Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

- **January 22, 2025**, at 7 PM: **Asset Management System**
- **January 29, 2025**, at 7 PM: **Corporate Strategy**
- **March 19, 2025**, at 7 PM: **Bee's & Hen's**

Location: McArthur Centre Community Hall, 1355 Veteran's Lane, Greenwood, BC  
We look forward to seeing you there! Your voice matters—let's shape the future of our community together.



GREENWOOD CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION: OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY : 8:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4:30PM.  
CLOSED 12 - 1 PM FOR LUNCH - CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS & STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

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## **BC Assessment and Appeal Process – Important Information**

Your 2025 BC Assessment notice will be arriving this January, showing the assessed value of your property as of July 1, 2024.

If you have any concerns about your assessment, you can:

- Contact BC Assessment: Call 1-866-825-8322
- Visit their website: [info.bccassessment.ca](http://info.bccassessment.ca)

The deadline to file a Notice of Complaint (appeal) is January 31, 2025. Don't wait—reach out promptly if you have questions or concerns!

**As winter conditions continue**, please be cautious of **slippery and icy side roads and sidewalks around the city**.

Also, please be mindful of road crews working hard to plow streets and sidewalks. Give them plenty of space to work safely.

**Questions about City Regulations?** Section 7.5 of the The Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 1013, 2024 speaks to snow removal.

### 7.5 Regulations

- Every owner and occupier of real property shall remove all snow and ice from all sidewalks bordering the real property within 24 hours from the cessation of a snowfall or storm event which caused such accumulation.
- An owner or occupier shall not use equipment which could cause damage to the boulevard or sidewalk due to excess weight of the equipment or sharp edges which could cause abrasions or scrapes to the sidewalks or boulevard.
- Every owner or occupier of real property shall remove all snow and ice from the roof or other part of any structure on the property, where the location of that structure is such that it is reasonable to expect that the snow or ice on it may fall onto any sidewalk or highway, within 24 hours of the cessation of any snowfall or storm event that caused the accumulation.
- No persons shall deposit snow, ice or other material removed from real property onto City property or highways.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe this winter!

## **Looking for Some Fun?**

Why not check out **Friday Night Bingo** at the Greenwood Community Association! Located at 1355 Veterans Lane, Greenwood, BC!

- 🕒 When: Every Friday
- 🕒 Doors Open: 5:00 PM
- 🎲 Who: Ages 19+



Bring your friends, test your luck, and enjoy a fun-filled evening with your community.



Check Out the **Boundary Expo Recreation Centre!** ❄️

Whether you're planning a skate, a game, or a special event, the Boundary Expo Recreation Centre has you covered! With great rates and amazing ice, it's the perfect spot for your next gathering.

- 📍 Location: 734 Seventh Ave, Midway, BC
- 📞 Ice & Arena Rentals: Contact the Village of Midway at 250-449-2222

Don't miss out on this fantastic community resource!

## **Want Your Pet Featured in Our Community Newsletter?**

Do you have a special pet you'd love to show off? We're inviting you to submit your pet's photo for a chance to be featured in our next edition of the Greenwood Community Newsletter!

To participate, send a photo of your pet along with their name and a short blurb about what makes them special to: [reception@greenwoodcity.ca](mailto:reception@greenwoodcity.ca).

A random draw will take place to select the featured pet for our upcoming issue. We can't wait to meet your amazing companions!

Please note City Hall will be **CLOSED**: **February 17th, 2025 for Family Day**



## **Coffee With Council – Let's Chat!**

We're excited to announce that the **City of Greenwood** is now hosting **Coffee With Council** meetings every month!

This is your chance to meet and connect with the **Mayor** and/or **Council Members** in a casual, friendly setting.

Share your thoughts, ask questions, and let your voice be heard on the issues that matter most to you.

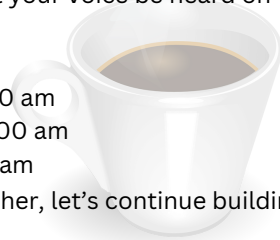
Drop in times and dates:

**January 23, 2025** – City Hall – 9:00 to 10:00 am

**February 20, 2025** – City Hall – 9:00 to 10:00 am

**March 13, 2025** – City Hall – 9:00 to 10:00 am

We look forward to seeing you there! Together, let's continue building a strong, vibrant Greenwood.



**Are you a local business owner?  
Would you like to host 'Coffee With Council'?**

You provide the space for community members to drop in and speak with Mayor and/or Council and we do the rest! This can be an indoor space or outdoor space depending on the time of year and weather!

If the answer is YES please email [reception@greenwoodcity.ca](mailto:reception@greenwoodcity.ca) to express your interest and get on the 2025 schedule.

## **Curbside Collection: Blue Box Recycling**

Curbside recycling of packaging and printed paper is managed by Recycle BC, a not-for-profit, industry-sponsored organization that is responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout the RDKB and the province of British Columbia.

Visit [recyclebc.ca](http://recyclebc.ca) for more information or download a collection schedule and guide for information on what is and is not accepted in your blue box and how to sort your materials at <https://recyclebc.ca/where-can-i-recycle/home-collection/kootenay-boundary-boundary-region/>

## **ENSURE MORE MATERIALS ARE RECYCLED AND KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL BY REMEMBERING THESE PRO-TIPS:**

- 1 Line it up.** Put your cardboard between your boxes, not on top. Leave about 1m (3 feet) of space between recycling boxes and your garbage/organics bins.
- 2 Keep it clean.** Empty and rinse containers to prevent contamination, recycle more materials, and avoid attracting wildlife when you put them out for collection.
- 3 Flatten and cut.** If your cardboard is too big for the blue box, flatten and cut it into smaller pieces, no larger than 76 cm x 76 cm (30 in x 30 in). Stack them loosely between your boxes. Don't forget to keep plastic wrap out of your recycling!
- 4 Avoid litter.** Don't overfill your recycling boxes. If you can't fit everything comfortably, contact Recycle BC's collection partner for an additional box or use a similar open box (like a laundry basket or storage box) to sort your material properly.
- 5 We're here to help.** Download our app, email us at [info@recyclebc.ca](mailto:info@recyclebc.ca) or reach out on social media @RecycleBC.



## **OOPS! Did you receive an Oops tag on collection day?**

Our collection partners may leave these behind if your material is unable to be collected. The tag will indicate the issue.

GFL Environmental is Recycle BC's curbside collection partner in the Boundary Region of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. They can answer questions about collection zones, missed pick-ups, holiday schedules, or recycling blue boxes.

**Contact: GFL Environmental  
Phone: 1-888-791-1190  
Email: [csrtrail@gflenv.com](mailto:csrtrail@gflenv.com)**

For information about garbage, compost, or yard and garden waste services in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, please contact your local government.

## **Need a Blue Box?**

If you are new to the area and need a blue box for curbside recycling, please call Recycle BC's curbside collection contractor, GFL Environmental. Boundary and West Boundary residents, **call: 1-888-791-1190**.