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# ROSSLAND CITY HALL NEWS

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## Official Community Plan

*Public hearing date announced*

After several months of reviewing the public feedback of the draft Official Community Plan (OCP), Council has scheduled an official Public Hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on matters contained in the OCP bylaw. Copies of the final draft are available at City Hall or our website: [www.rossland.ca](http://www.rossland.ca).

Please mark the following date on your calendar:

**Rossland  
Official Community Plan  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
7:00 PM  
Miners' Hall**

## Recycling depot closure

*Curbside recycling only as of November 30, 2008*

On September 29, Rossland Council decided to permanently close the Rossland Recycling Depot, which is temporarily located in the Rossland Arena parking lot.

Noise complaints from residents living close to the temporary facility caused council to reflect upon the long-term impact of over-servicing our community by providing both a recycling depot and curbside pick-up.

The decision to close the depot was made primarily to control both regional and municipal capital and operational costs. The new depot would have resulted in a significant expenditure for the Regional District to provide a cement foundation pad, fencing, signage, video surveillance camera installation and maintenance. Additionally, the City of Rossland would be

responsible for on-going snow removal around the site, which is already challenging given the snow accumulation from the arena and curling rink roof structure.

Council is aware that the depot is well used and that habits are hard to change. Staff will be working closely with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) to implement an information campaign to alert residents of the closure. A transition period of 2 months is now in effect. The RDKB has assured the City that all residential areas will be provided with pick up service regardless of location and winter road conditions. Extra Blue Bins are available at Rossland City Hall at a cost of \$9 and there is no restriction on the number of Blue Bins that each resident may put out.

The Trail Recycling Depot located at the McKelvey Creek landfill site is available for those who prefer or find the need to use a drop-off depot. If you require further information or recycling services to a multi-family dwelling, please contact Tim Dueck at the RDKB: 250-368-0231 ♦

## Protecting Topping Creek

*Creekside at Red zoning change*

Recently staff identified a potential problem with the City's ability to protect the watershed at the Creekside at Red development. A previous council zoned the Topping Creek riparian area as "Open Space" which permits uses that are contrary to the environmental standards stated in Schedule F of the OCP, Best Management Practices for Topping Creek. Under the current "Open Space" zoning, the lands adjacent to Topping Creek could see the creation of "outdoor recreation facilities, playgrounds and parks, accessory uses, buildings and structures." Council is now considering a change to the zoning which would prohibit the construction of facilities and buildings in the riparian setback area and strengthen the environmental protection in the Topping Creek watershed.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

OCTOBER 14, 7:30 PM – CITY HALL

OCTOBER 27, 7:30 PM – CITY HALL

ALL REGULAR AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

OCP PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 8 @ 7:00 PM, MINER'S HALL

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES – NOV. 11 – 11:00 AM

ROSSLAND MUNICIPAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 15, MACLEAN SCHOOL ANNEX 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES -

NOVEMBER 5, 8:00AM – 8:00PM ROSSLAND SENIORS HALL

NOVEMBER 12, 8:00AM – 8:00PM – CITY HALL.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT #20 EVENTS

“PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE”

DOCUMENT AND PRESENTATION AVAILABLE AT THE SD#20 WEBSITE: [WWW.SD20.BC.CA](http://WWW.SD20.BC.CA)

THERE WILL BE A ROSSLAND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATE OCTOBER. THE DATE AND TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED PRIOR TO DEC. 31 2008.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,...

[WWW.ROSSLAND.CA](http://WWW.ROSSLAND.CA)

The initiative to rezone the Creekside at Red development was developed by city staff in consultation with our legal counsel and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The proposed change in zoning will create a 15-metre no-build setback to Topping Creek.

By formalizing the required setbacks in the zoning bylaw and by adopting the DFO riparian area setback requirements, no development of any kind will be able to take place within the restricted area. A public hearing on this rezoning will be set by Council at their October 14 regular council meeting.

## Message from the Mayor

Recently I had the privilege of representing our community at a meeting with the Board of Education of School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia). The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the “Planning for our Future” process. This is a new strategic direction for the Board that will include intensive community consultation.

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As Rossland Secondary School is the most underutilized school in the district much of the dialogue focused on our community.

I am confident that our community will make the most of the opportunity to participate in the “Planning for our Future” process to explore the “Neighbourhoods of Learning” approach to our children’s education. The “Neighbourhoods of Learning” concept involves blending school buildings and properties to become centres for delivering education and community services (child care services, public libraries, health care services, social services, theatres, and community recreation, etc).

Please carefully review the “Planning for the Future” documentation now available on the district’s website:

[www.sd20.bc.ca](http://www.sd20.bc.ca). A public meeting will take place in our community later this month.

I hope to see you there❖