

Columbia Ave Infrastructure Project

The City, Ministry of Transportation and ISL Engineering are working on the final design for Columbia Ave so the package is ready for Tender.

This is the tentative schedule. More information on the overall project is available on the City Website under Columbia Ave Infrastructure Project.

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
1	PROJECT DURATION	400 days	Wed 4/6/11	Tue 10/16/12
2	CONCEPTUAL - Section 1	49 days	Wed 4/6/11	Mon 6/13/11
15	PRELIM / DETAILED DESIGN - Section 2	188 days	Mon 6/13/11	Wed 2/29/12
16	Conceptual Design Presentation to Council	1 day	Mon 6/13/11	Mon 6/13/11
17	Preliminary Design & Drawings 75%	70 days	Mon 6/20/11	Fri 9/23/11
18	Detailed Design & Drawings 90%	20 days	Mon 9/26/11	Fri 10/21/11
19	Contractor Site Information Meeting	1 day	Mon 10/24/11	Mon 10/24/11
20	Council Presentation by ISL	1 day	Mon 10/24/11	Mon 10/24/11
21	Revise following City Input	15 days	Tue 10/25/11	Mon 11/14/11
22	Stakeholder Meetings	0 days	Tue 11/8/11	Tue 11/8/11
23	Revise following Stakeholder Input	5 days	Wed 11/9/11	Tue 11/15/11
24	Public Open House	0 days	Mon 11/21/11	Mon 11/21/11
25	Merchant meetings and Council Meeting with ISL	2 days	Sun 12/4/11	Tue 12/6/11
26	Final Detailed Design	73 days	Mon 11/21/11	Wed 2/29/12
27	TENDER AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - Section 3	162 days	Mon 3/5/12	Tue 10/16/12
28	Public Tender	15 days	Mon 3/5/12	Fri 3/23/12
29	Tender Close	0 days	Fri 3/23/12	Fri 3/23/12
30	Council Award	0 days	Tue 4/10/12	Tue 4/10/12
31	Construction (based on 5 days/week)	125 days	Wed 4/25/12	Tue 10/16/12

Rossland Recreation

The Spring Brochure is almost finished and will be in your mailboxes and available for pickup by the second week of March. If you don't receive our mail, you can view the brochures electronically on the City's website.

The Recreation Department is now on **Facebook!** Check out "**Rossland Recreation**" for program updates, pictures, videos, questions, answers, brochures, contests etc. If you're between 13-18 years, "like" us on Facebook and your name will be entered into a contest to win a \$50.00 Gift Card from "The Source". Contest ends February 29!

If you have a youth in the house who would like to play soccer this Spring, don't delay registering them with **Kootenay South Soccer**. Early bird registration deadline is February 29, 2012 with the closing

date for registration on March 16, 2012. Log on to www.kootenaysouthsoccer.com to register.

Spring Break is still a few weeks away, but if you're looking for something for the kids to do over the break – Shelley Painter will be running some **March Break Art Classes!** Running Monday to Friday, March 12 to March 16 and then again from March 19 to 23, these two hour long classes run from 2:00 -4:00pm. Each day will be a different project and some days will explore more than one project, using a specific technique. Participants can come to one class or all the classes – whichever works best for your child's schedule. Suggested ages are 6 to 12 years, but 3-5 year olds are welcome to come with a parent or babysitter, for the first hour only. Please log on to www.rossland.ca for a complete day to day listing of

the art projects planned.

The Recreation Department has purchased **PickleBall** equipment and will be scheduling the sport into one of our available gymnasiums within the next few weeks. PickleBall is North America's fastest growing sport and is particularly popular amongst Seniors! The sport is a combination of tennis and ping pong with a much smaller playing and travelling area. If you're interested in playing PickleBall, please contact our office to be put on the interest list. Once we have a time, place and Coordinator organized, we'll contact everyone who has expressed an interest.

The PAC at RSS has purchased a **beverage container recycling bin** for donations of CLEAN beverage containers. The bin is locat-



ed in the parking lot at the back of the school, against the gym wall. The bin will have signage donated by Interior Signs in Trail, in the next few weeks, so that everyone is aware that they can drop recyclables off, in the bin. The monies earned from donated cans and bottles will go towards assisting the RSS sports teams and school clubs with travel and competition expenses and purchasing new equipment for the school.

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Calendar of Events

Regular Council Meetings

Monday - February 27, 2012—City Hall, 7pm
Monday - March 12, 2012—City Hall, 7pm
Monday - March 26, 2012—City Hall, 7pm

Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay Coming to town April 25

More Information

www.rossland.ca

Please check the website for up to date information on upcoming events, notices and Rossland Recreation programming news.

Go to the website and sign up to receive email news or contact: stacey@rossland.ca

Sewerage Matters

The process to discuss the future of the regional sewer service began again with the first meeting of Liquid Waste Management Planning (LWMP) stage 2 on January 25. Discussions will include representatives from all 5 municipalities and the 2 electoral areas of the East End of the RDKB. A Joint Planning Committee is comprised of 'Local Advisory committee' (LAC) members and 'Technical Advisory committee' (TAC) members. Rossland's representatives are Bill Profili and Darrin Albo, respectively. The TAC includes representatives from the Ministries of

Environment and Health. The process is facilitated by Al Gibb of Opus-Dayton& Knight, the awarded consultants for the project. The Joint Committee will make recommendations to the Steering Committee for decisions. The Steering Committee is comprised of the 7 elected officials from the East End who act as RDKB Directors. Rossland will be represented by Kathy Wallace.



Calling all history buffs...LOST...

Rossland's Founding Father Ross Thompson place of internment.

Ross Thompson passed away in Vancouver, BC in 1951. His ashes were returned to Rossland and interned in the Columbia Cemetery, (also known as Sunnyside or Happy Valley) in August of 1951.

2012 marks the 110th anniversary of Mr. Thompson's pre-empting of lands that we now call home.

The Heritage Commission is asking for any information, photos etc that may help in locating Mr. Thompson's gravesite. This will help with the Heritage Commission's project to restore the Columbia Cemetery and update the burial database.

To celebrate **Heritage Week in BC** and this year's theme of Energy in BC, the

Rossland Museum will be open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm. Come and reacquaint yourself with the history of West Kootenay Power, its formation, growth and the role it has played in the development of the West Kootenays.



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Neighbourhood of Learning Committee Update

Since September, the Neighbourhood of Learning Committee has been focused on ensuring that Rossland residents are kept informed through the October and December issues of its Rossland Schools Notebook newsletter. The newsletter provides updates on what is happening in all three Rossland schools – Rossland Secondary (RSS), MacLean Elementary and École des Sept-Sommets as well as information on the Planning for the Future Process. Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded at the Vision for Small Schools (VSS) website at: <http://vssrossland.wordpress.com/>.

A community information ses-

sion on Inquiry-Based Learning at RSS was conducted in November. Inquiry-Based Learning is a form of personalized learning, which is a key element of BC’s New Education Plan. The Committee also prepared a Fact Sheet on Rossland schools for the Board of Education, School District No. 20 to ensure that the Trustees are aware of challenges that would be associated with moving the grade six and seven students back to MacLean Elementary, the excellent programs at RSS, the potential costs associated with closing RSS and the positive outcomes that could be achieved by making RSS a K-12 school. The Fact Sheet is available on the VSS website.

In 2012, the Neighbourhood of Learning Committee will continue to advocate for Rossland schools and funding for education in the entire district, conduct a survey to determine the preferences of Rossland residents regarding our schools and work with multiple stakeholders to find viable solutions to the district’s funding challenges. To keep up to date on Committee activities, read the Rossland Schools Notebook newsletter, check out the VSS website or “Like” the Neighbourhood of Learning Committee Facebook page.



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Animal Control-Attention dog owners

2012 Dog License Invoices are now out and due by February 29 (due to a software change we are a month behind). Remember this year you only need to pay the fee. The actual tag will be the same one as last year.

City Hall continues to receive numerous complaints about dogs. Dog owners please be aware of the following rules:

- Pick up after your dog**
- Dogs must be licensed**
- Dogs are not permitted in the downtown area or on school grounds**
- Dogs caught roaming will be impounded**
- Dogs must be leashed**
- Keep your dog home during community events (like Winter Carnival)**



115th Rossland Winter Carnival

Wow! What a weekend. An enormous thank you to the Winter Carnival Committee (Kelly Acheson), City’s Public Works crew, Tourism Rossland, Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers who made this weekend memorable and fun! We all look forward to next year and even more Olaus Jeldness look alike’s!!!!



FireSmart Workshop

FireSmart Your Rossland Property

Concerned about the wildfire risk to your home? Learn how to do your own Home and Site Wildfire Hazard Assessment. Find out how you can reduce the wildfire hazard to your home and property. Learn more about protecting your home or recreational property from wildfire.

This workshop is free - please sign-up by email to dmortimer@telus.net

Facilitator: Don Mortimer
Location: Rossland Arena Lounge
Date: May 8: 7 to 9 pm



Utility Invoices

Due to a computer program change, the January utility invoices were sent out approximately one week later than usual. We are no longer able to take credit card payments through our website, however, you can still make payments for your taxes and utilities through telephone or internet banking. Please note: you now have a new account number -- all online banking and telephone banking payments must use this

new account number or your payment will not be applied to your account. New for 2012 – residents will notice that the annual garbage fee will now be billed monthly along with your monthly water/sewer invoice. We are looking at switching to bi-monthly billing starting in the summer to save paper and postage. If you would like to receive your utility bill electronically, contact City Hall at 250-362-7396 or

finance@rossland.ca



Budget 2012

Council and staff are currently working on the 2012 budget and the 2012 – 2016 financial plan. The municipal tax revenue for 2011 was \$3,540,000 and Council is attempting to maintain a zero percent tax increase and holding the line on parcel taxes and utility bills. Results from the financial survey are available on the City website under Financial Services.

Message from the Mayor—Rossland Pool Grant

Rossland Council is aware that the recent Recreation Grant application for the Rossland Pool has caused some discussion and confusion in the Community. The application requests funding to upgrade the existing facility for accessibility and modern efficiency as well as a conceptual design for a year round facility. This is an application for funding and not a confirmed project. The intent is

to secure funding to assist with the capital costs required to ensure the facility continues to serve the needs of the community. Should the grant application be successful, extensive public consultation will be required. The grant application process has indicated a lack of clear communication amongst Council, Staff and the Public. Council

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