

Plebiscite Information—Use of the Trail Aquatic Centre

Below is a copy of the Plebiscite that will be conducted from June 1 to July 3, 2012 at Rossland City Hall. You must be a registered voter on the voters' list to participate in the Plebiscite and mark your ballot



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MARK YOUR BALLOT YES NO

AS A ROSSLAND RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER I SUPPORT COUNCIL TO MAKE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH MY PROPERTY TAXATION FOR THE USE OF THE TRAIL AQUATIC CENTRE.

POINT 1: This plebiscite **does not** bind Rossland City Council to enter into an agreement with the City of Trail for use of the Trail Aquatic Centre by Rossland Residents.

POINT 2: Rossland City Council may discontinue with Policy 03-02 *Financial Assistance for Use of Facilities, Pools and Parks Policy* (see *City Policies on www.rossland.ca*) to pay the differential rate based on the majority of the votes arising from point 5 below.

POINT 3: As an example, if the City of Rossland were to agree to pay the City of Trail \$100,000 per/yr on behalf of Rosslanders for the use of the Trail Aquatic Centre the property tax impact is expected to be as follows:

House Assessment	Property Tax Impact up to:
\$150,000	\$25
\$200,000	\$35
\$250,000	\$45
\$300,000	\$55
\$350,000	\$60
\$400,000	\$70
\$450,000	\$80
\$500,000	\$90
Commercial Property Assessment	Property Tax Impact up to:
\$500,000	\$170
\$750,000	\$250
\$1,000,000	\$335

POINT 4: As an example, if the City of Rossland were to agree to pay the City of Trail \$150,000 per/yr on behalf of Rosslanders for the use of the Trail Aquatic Centre the property tax impact is expected to be as follows:

House Assessment	Property Tax Impact up to:
\$150,000	\$37.50
\$200,000	\$52.50
\$250,000	\$67.50
\$300,000	\$82.50
\$350,000	\$90
\$400,000	\$105
\$450,000	\$120
\$500,000	\$135
Commercial Property Assessment	Property Tax Impact up to:
\$500,000	\$255
\$750,000	\$375
\$1,000,000	\$502.20

POINT 5: This plebiscite intention is to determine the support from Rosslanders for the use of the Trail Aquatic Centre. Please check the box:

MARK YOUR BALLOT YES NO

YES, I intend to use the Trail Aquatic Centre **NO, I do not intend to use the Trail Aquatic Centre**

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Calendar of Events

Regular Council Meetings

Monday - May 28, 2012—City Hall, 7pm
 Monday - June 11, 2012—City Hall, 7pm
 Monday - June 25, 2012—City Hall, 7pm
 Monday—July 16, 2012—City Hall, 7pm

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

Columbia Washington Project

COLUMBIA-WASHINGTON SNAPSHOT

WHAT: Replacing aging water and sewer lines along Columbia (from St Paul St to Spokane St) and up Washington to 1st Ave. Resurfacing sidewalks and roadways and adding bump outs. Some streetscape features, and the parallel parking option, have been removed from the plan.

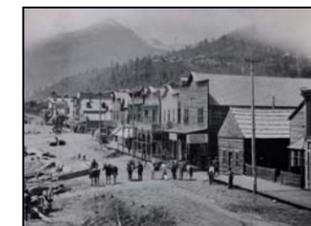
WHY: MoT was slated to do resurfacing anyway. We're taking advantage of that to replace pipes that badly needed replacing, saving millions of dollars in infrastructure spending.

WHEN: Starts May 14, projected finish October.

HOW MUCH: The Total Cost for the City (excluding Highways portion) for Construction, Engineering and contingency is \$ 5,638,018. The net cost to be paid by the City over a 5 year term will be \$3.26 Million. The tender price from Copcan is \$ 4.7 Million excluding Highways portion, engineering and contingency.

IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION: Decreased traffic flow and parking, occasional water supply interruptions, dust and noise. The contractor is serious about keeping all these to a minimum.

COMMUNICATION: Up-to-date construction information will be posted on the City's website. <http://www.rossland.ca/columbiawashington-construction-updates>
 Please feel free to voice concerns, comments, opinions and ideas at 250-512-1641 or at columbiaproject@rossland.ca.



Columbia Washington Project—Message from the Mayor

The Mayor will be in City Hall on Mondays from 10:30 am until noon



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The project involves replacing underground infrastructure that is past the expected life span, on Columbia Avenue from St. Paul to Spokane. Washington Street upgrades will also be done from Columbia Ave to 1st Ave.

Parallel parking has been removed from the project. The removal of parallel parking from the design resulted in the deletion of much of the furnishings from the north side of Columbia. The deletion of parallel parking will result in approximately \$100K in cost savings.

Sidewalks will be replaced along the entire project length and will include “bulb outs” at the intersections along Columbia Ave. The “bulb outs” are designed to slow traffic as well as demarcate crosswalks for pedestrian safety. Traffic calming measures were required by the MOT. The “bulb outs” are an aesthetic alternative to large overhead crosswalk signage, they will allow for the maintaining of angle parking and enhance the look of downtown.

The potential tax implications will be approximately \$170 per \$300K of assessed value for 5 years. The actual change to property taxes will be determined in the 2013 Budget.

The contractor, Copcan are very experienced in this type of project. Copcan are very aware of the importance of having as little disruption as possible and will be working outside of business hours when feasible. Construction hours will generally be 7am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. The City is looking

forward to working with Copcan.

The City has formed a Communication Task Force to coordinate the dissemination of information on the project and the construction schedules. The goal is to provide timely information to the public as the project proceeds. There will be drop letters, notices in the newspapers, ads on Bhubble as well as up-to-date information on the City’s website.

There is also a direct contact phone number for enquiries at 250-512-1641 and an email address at columbiaproject@rossland.ca.

The city is upgrading the parking lot behind Rossland Hardware to be completed May 17th. This will provide convenient parking during construction and in the future.

2012 Property Tax Information

“The last day to pay your taxes and claim your Home Owner Grant without penalty is July 3, 2012.”

2012 property tax notices will be sent out by the end of May. The last day to pay your taxes and claim your Home Owner Grant without penalty is July 3, 2012.

On July 4, 2012, a 10% penalty will be added to all unpaid current (2012) property taxes and unclaimed Home Owner Grants. **Please read the insert** that is in the envelope with your tax notice, it contains important in-

formation regarding payment methods and changes to the online Home Owner Grant application procedure.

For 2012, the City will be collecting the same Municipal revenue as was levied in 2011. However, due to a downward shift in the Recreation/Non-Profit class assessment, residential homeowners may see a slight increase in their property

taxes of approximately \$3.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The 2012 Regional District requisition increased by 4% over the 2011 requisition, which is an increase of approximately \$7.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value, that the City will be collecting on behalf of the Regional District.

Columbia Washington Construction Information

There will be some issues during construction to be aware of:

- The work will cause dust, the contractor is very aware of the need to keep dust under control and every effort will be made to limit its’ impact.
- Construction of this nature is inherently noisy.
- There will be temporary water disruptions , plenty of notice will be given and where possible work will be done after business hours. There is, however, the possibility of unscheduled disruptions.
- There may be increased

traffic in some areas, in particular Thompson Ave and 1st Ave may see an increase. There will be additional signage in these areas. We encourage everyone to respect the speed limits. Do not be surprised if you see Constable Joe watching closely.

It is very important to maintain a safe work place and it is imperative that areas posted “No Parking” be respected at all times. The Work Zones will be localized and move along as work in one zone is completed.

The Ministry of Transportation

requires that 2-way traffic be maintained on Columbia at all times. Single lane alternating traffic will occur on occasion.

Monday May 14th will be the beginning of major works. Excavation at St. Paul and Columbia will begin Tuesday the 15th. This section of work will be the most onerous as the pipe replacement requires a 4 metre deep trench.

We regret that there will be disruptions during the construction. Every effort will be made to limit inconvenience. Rossland will continue to be “Open for Business” throughout the project. The goal is to

have the project completed by the end of October this year. Please feel free to voice concerns, comments, opinions and ideas at 250-512-1641 or at columbiaproject@rossland.ca.

The City of Rossland thanks everyone for their patience and understanding during this vital infrastructure project. Please check the City website www.rossland.ca for construction updates.



Rossland Recreation

The Rossland Swimming Pool is looking for experienced Lifeguards and Instructors for the 2012 season. Our Staff ensures a safe, enjoyable aquatic experience through education, quality customer service, water safe education and prevention. Required qualifications include: NLS, WSI & CPR-C. If you know of anyone who is qualified, please encourage them to contact the Recreation Department at 250-362-2327.

The Summer Brochure will be out soon.....we’re just finalizing the Pool’s schedule for July & August.

There are two Preschool Lessons running in June! The morning lessons will run from 10:00-10:30am, Monday June 11 to Friday June 22. The afternoon lessons will run 2:30-3:00pm over the same dates. These lessons are for children ages 3-5 years old.

The Pool is introducing two Stroke Improvement Clinics for people of all ages. The evening session starts Monday June 4 and runs until Thursday June 7, from 5:00-6:00pm. The morning session starts Monday June 26 and runs until Thursday June 29 from 10:00-11:00am. The classes will assist you with improving your strokes and help you to become a better, more confident and relaxed swimmer.

We’re also offering a two week long Adult Swimming Lessons class. This will be offered from Monday June 18 until Thursday June 28, from 7:00-7:30pm. These classes are designed to assist the non-swimmer, the reluctant swimmer and the scared to death swimmer. If you don’t enjoy the water, don’t know how to swim or would like to overcome some fears – we’d love to help you relax and get a positive head start on summer swimming.

We’re also running the Bronze Medallion, Advanced Aquatic Course, in June! With the High School students out of school, this is a GREAT opportunity to complete one of the Advanced Aquatic courses that are required for employment as a Lifeguard. This course will run Monday June 25 to Thursday June 29, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. This course teaches an understanding of the lifesaving principles embodied in the four components of water rescue education: judgement, knowledge, skill and fitness. The course includes the Lifesaving textbook that is used in the Bronze Cross course. Prerequisites for this course: Bronze Star or 13 years.

“RSS 60th Anniversary Celebration: Open House, Friday, June 1st – noon to 2:30 pm at Rossland Secondary School.”

