



City of Greenwood

October 2025

Greenwood Wins 2025 UBCM Community Excellence Award for Excellence in Asset Management

Upcoming Council Meetings

- **Monday October 6** at 7pm - Special Council Meeting. Staff will present public feedback, and the Municipal Land Sale Bylaw will receive its first three readings (public may attend and speak during Q&A).
- **Tuesday October 14** at 7pm
- **Monday October 27** at 7pm

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.

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We're thrilled to announce that Greenwood has been honoured with the 2025 UBCM Community Excellence Award in the category of Excellence in Asset Management, for its project "Resilient Greenwood: Building the Future Together."

This recognition is a huge win—not just for council and staff—but for every resident, partner, and stakeholder who helped bring this vision to life. It acknowledges Greenwood's leadership in caring for our infrastructure wisely, sustainably, and with an eye toward the long term.

Greenwood's project stood out because it brings together planning, operations, finance, engineering, and community engagement in a unified approach. It's not just about replacing old infrastructure—it's about resilience, foresight, and stewardship.

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!

Upcoming City Hall Closures

Please be advised that City Hall will be **closed** on the following **statutory holidays**:

- Monday October 13, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day

Please plan your City business accordingly
Thank you for your understanding



2025 Fourth Quarter Utility Bills

The 2025 fourth quarter utility bills will arrive in mail boxes in early November and are **due December 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.
- Include your account number in the memo section to ensure proper processing.

Reminder: Burn Barrels Are Not Allowed

A friendly reminder to all residents: burn barrels of any kind are not permitted within the City of Greenwood limits.

If you plan to have an open-air fire, you must first obtain a Burn Permit.

- Permits are free of charge
- Valid for 7 days
- Available at City Hall, 202 South Government Avenue

Thank you for helping keep our community safe!



Contact Us



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Halloween Safety

Halloween is just around the corner! Whether you're handing out treats, dressing up, or heading to a community event, a little preparation helps keep everyone safe and happy.

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips:

- Carry a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective tape so you're visible to drivers.
- Walk on sidewalks where possible and cross at corners.
- Make sure costumes are easy to see and don't obstruct vision.
- Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Inspect treats before eating and discard anything unwrapped.

Drivers, Please Slow Down:

Expect increased pedestrian traffic on October 31st, especially between 4–9 p.m.

Home Safety for Halloween:

- Keep pathways clear of decorations to avoid trips and falls.
- Use battery-operated candles instead of open flames in pumpkins.
- Secure pets indoors to prevent escapes or stress from visitors.



Winter Is Just Around the Corner

We all know winter can be hard on our homes. When the temperature drops, the heat goes on — and that calls for extra precautions. Here are some tips to help you reduce and prevent unexpected issues this winter season:

Outside Your Home

- Clear leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams.
- Check your roof for loose or damaged shingles.
- Disconnect and store garden hoses; shut off and drain exterior water taps.
- Trim overhanging branches that could break under heavy snow or ice.
- Make sure snow shovels and ice melt are on hand before the first storm.

Inside Your Home

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace batteries if needed.
- Inspect and clean chimneys and heating systems before use.
- Keep space heaters on flat, stable surfaces and away from flammable items.
- Know where your main water shutoff valve is in case of frozen pipes.
- Add weather stripping around doors and windows to conserve heat and reduce energy bills.

Taking these small steps now can help prevent costly repairs and keep your household safe and comfortable all season long.



Update: West Kootenay Power Building

After much discussion, City Council has made the difficult decision to sell the historic West Kootenay Power building. Despite years of exploring restoration and partnership options—including work with the Greenwood Historical Society—the City's limited budget and responsibility for other heritage sites made it impossible to take on the project alone. Council hopes a private buyer will have the vision and means to revitalize this important piece of Greenwood's history.

Public Process & Next Steps:

- **Sept. 24 – Oct. 2:** Public notice of intent to sell will run for two weeks (Grand Forks Gazette, City website, social media). Written submissions can be sent to the CAO.
- **Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.:** Special Council Meeting. Staff will present public feedback, and the Municipal Land Sale Bylaw will receive its first three readings (public may attend and speak during Q&A).
- **Oct. 14:** Final Council reading of the bylaw (another opportunity for public input).
- **Oct. 15:** If approved, the property will be listed for sale.

This process follows all legal requirements under the *Community Charter* and the City's land disposition policy.

🔥 Join the Team That Makes a Difference! 🔥

Have you ever thought about stepping up for your community in a big way? The Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department is looking for new members — and this could be your chance!

Volunteering with the Fire Department isn't just about fighting fires; it's about teamwork, learning new skills, and being there when your neighbours need you most. Plus, you'll make great friends and become part of a proud tradition of service.

Come see what it's all about! Drop in at one of our Wednesday night meetings at 7:00 p.m. — no pressure, just a friendly introduction to the team and what we do.

Your community needs you — and you might just find it's one of the most rewarding things you've ever done.



🔥 Fire Prevention Week: October 5–11, 2025

This year's theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," highlights the growing fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries found in everyday devices like smartphones, laptops, e-bikes, and power tools.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is focusing on educating the public about the safe use, storage, and disposal of these batteries to prevent potential hazards. NFPA

Key Safety Tips:

- **Purchase Wisely:** Only buy devices with lithium-ion batteries that are listed by a recognized testing laboratory, ensuring they meet established safety standards. ANSI
- **Charge Safely:** Use the original charging cables and adapters provided with your device. Avoid overcharging and never charge devices on soft surfaces like beds or couches.
- **Dispose Properly:** Recycle old or damaged batteries at designated recycling centers. Do not throw them in the trash.
- **Store Correctly:** Keep batteries in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and heat sources.

Stay Informed:

For more information and resources on fire safety, visit the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org.

Remember, taking simple precautions can make a significant difference in preventing fires and ensuring the safety of your home and loved ones.



Updates to Tuesday Garbage Pick up!

Loose Garbage Bags?

Not Here, please!

Your weekly garbage belongs in a secure can with a lid — not on the street in a bag.

Loose garbage:

Attracts wildlife

Creates litter

Makes a mess for everyone

Every municipality has rules about using garbage cans, and enforcement could be coming to your curb soon.

Save money and keep it clean:

Put multiple tied bags in one can and tag only the top bag

Or use one large tied bag — just keep it under 50 lbs

Garbage in bags, in cans, with lids ON

Bags on the curb

Loose garbage in can

Let's do our part to protect our streets, our neighbours, and our bears.

A photograph of a black plastic garbage bag tied at the top, sitting on a concrete curb next to a green garbage can. The background shows some greenery and a fence.

**LOOSE GARBAGE BAGS?
NOT IN THIS
NEIGHBOURHOOD!**

Your weekly garbage belongs in a secure can with a lid — **not** on the street in a bag.

BAG & TAG IT **CAN IT** **LID ON IT**

Please **don't** leave loose garbage bags, curbside

Every community in the RDKB has rules about using garbage cans.

Some bylaws are enforced, others rely on cooperation — but we all have a shared responsibility.

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary | Environmental Services



Pool Update – Exciting Changes Underway!

If you've driven down South Government Avenue lately, you've probably noticed a big change at our community pool site. The old change rooms and bathrooms have now been removed — making way for the next stage of our much-anticipated pool improvements!

We're thrilled to be moving forward with plans to give our beautiful pool a fresh new look. Once complete, it will provide a welcoming space for kids, families, and residents of all ages to cool off, splash around, and make memories for years to come. Stay tuned — the best is yet to come!

What is happening in October?



Hours of Operation:

- Monday's 12pm - 5pm
- Wednesday's 12pm - 5pm
- Friday's 12pm - 5pm

Contact Information:

- greenlib@shaw.ca
- (250) 445-6111

For More Information on Library events visit:

<https://greenwood.bc.libraries.coop/>

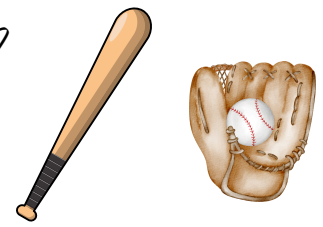


Friday Night Bingo

The Greenwood Community Association brings you BINGO on Friday nights! 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.



Wayne Haywood Memorial Tournament

October 3-5, 2025

Grab your ball caps and come enjoy the Wayne Haywood Memorial Tournament — an 8-team wooden bat baseball tournament right here in Greenwood!

- 🍺 Beer Gardens hosted by the Tarnished Turkeys
- 🍔 Great Ball • Great Food • Great Times!



Beginner Ukulele Lessons!

Have you ever wanted to strum along to your favorite tunes? Now's your chance! Join us for FREE beginner ukulele lessons every Monday at 2:00 pm. Open to all ages – no experience needed! ★

Don't have a ukulele? No worries – an instrument will be supplied during the session. All you need to bring is your curiosity and a smile. 🌸★

📞 To learn more or to book your spot, call Janine at 250-445-2142.

Come make a little music and a lot of fun!



- **Thrift Store** : Open Tuesday's, Thursday's & Saturdays from 11am to 3pm
- **Bingo**: Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm
- **Games Day**: Fridays 1pm to 3pm



Upcoming Town Hall's

- **October 9** - Playground Community Consultation
- **October 29** - Understanding Fire Protection



Upcoming Coffee With Council

- **October 23** - At the Seniors Centre 11am to 12 noon



School District 51 Boundary

School In Session

- Friday October 3, 2025
- Friday October 17, 2025

Boundary Secondary School

Friday October 3 - Early dismissal @2:30pm & Parent Teacher Interviews

West Boundary Elementary School

Friday October 3 - Early dismissal @2:30pm

Thursday October 9 - Bike to the Park Day!



Do you want your event in our newsletter?

**Submit requests to
reception@greenwoodcity.ca**



West Boundary Family Connections

A free play group for families with at least one child aged 0-6 years!

- 📅 When: Every Friday
- Where: Rock Creek Medical Centre
- 🕒 9:30am to 11:00 am

A healthy snack will be provided

For any further information please email:
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