

City of Greenwood

November 2025

MAYOR'S

MESSAGE

Upcoming Council Meetings

Committee Of The Whole

- November 10th - 5pm

Regular Council Meetings

- November 10th - 7pm
- November 24th - 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.

Upcoming Town Halls

- November 6 - Financial Realities
- November 19 - A Year In A Nutshell

Upcoming Coffee with Councils

- November 20th - 11am to 12pm noon
- at the Seniors Centre

With Thanksgiving just behind us and as we look forward to an amazing fall and winter season, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who help make our local events, non-profits, and various other groups such a success in Greenwood. I'd also like to thank the citizens who attend the Town Hall meetings, where we present projects and issues to the community, and where you can access information and ask questions. I hope more will attend in the future.

I am grateful to have attended the UBCM Annual Convention for the first time this year. The City of Greenwood received the Award for Excellence in Asset Management this year. I had formal meetings with five Provincial Ministers, and attended workshops and study sessions throughout the convention. I am optimistic that our small city will benefit from the new information and government assistance in the coming year.

We are grateful to have our new fire truck added to our fleet. The municipal pool is undergoing repairs for next year's summer season, and the City Works building is undergoing much-needed repairs—to name just a few of the projects currently underway and recent acquisitions.

Winter is fast approaching, and Christmas is just around the corner. This year, it would be beneficial to our community if we could shop local more often. There are some great retail stores, coffee shops, restaurants, and services—not to mention talented authors, musicians, and artists—in Greenwood. This is especially important in the off-season when tourism is slow and the downtown is quiet. When money stays in our community, it creates jobs and grows businesses.

As many of you know, we sold our retail business recently due to my wife's health issues, after nine great years in business. Thank you to everyone for the local support. Many locals would like more businesses and services to open downtown; however, it takes a lot of local support to keep these businesses open year-round. Let's all support them!

I wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday season!

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**:

- Tuesday November 11 - Remembrance 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.

Contact Us



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It's That Time Again – Time to Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 2, 2025 – which means you get to turn your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of cozy snoozing!

While you're at it, don't forget to check those smoke alarms – because safety never takes a nap! 



The Story of the Poppy – A Symbol of Remembrance

Each November 11, Canadians across the country – including right here in Greenwood – wear a red poppy to honour the servicemen and women who gave their lives in the World Wars, Korea, and in more recent peacekeeping missions. The poppy has become Canada's universal symbol of remembrance, and a visible sign of gratitude that unites communities like ours in reflection and respect.

The tradition began with Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields." Inspired by his words, Moira Michaels of New York was the first to wear a poppy as a symbol of remembrance. The idea spread to Madame E. Guerin of France, who in 1921 helped introduce poppy sales to support veterans and their families – a tradition Canadians proudly continue today.

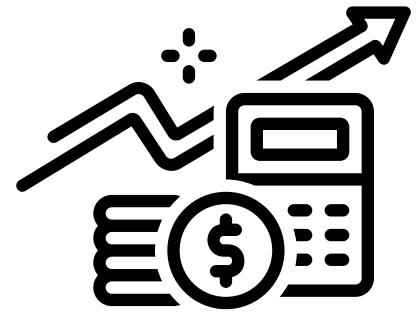
As we gather in Greenwood this Remembrance Day, may the red poppy remind us not only of those who fell overseas, but also of the local families and veterans whose service and sacrifice continue to shape our community.



Economic Development Update - From our Economic Development Officer

Economic Development is going well. In my first month I have been familiarizing myself with the community and taking copious amounts of notes. I was present during some of the filming of Tombs, and it was very exciting. We hope to attract more productions to the area. Through the month will continue to reach out to businesses, complete a project charter outlining what our focus will be, and learning more about what services are available for businesses and entrepreneurs.

We're excited to see continued progress in Greenwood's economic development efforts and look forward to sharing updates in the months ahead!



TOURISM UPDATE

My name is Charnley Van Wyk, and I've recently joined the City of Greenwood as Tourism Coordinator through Symphony Tourism Services. Over the coming months, I'll be leading Phase 1 of the Greenwood Tourism Strategy, focused on community engagement, hosting town halls, and forming a local Tourism Committee to guide future tourism development. If you have any questions or would like to connect, please contact tourism@greenwoodcity.ca.

Tourism Committee Call for Members

We're now inviting residents and business owners to join the committee and share their ideas. The committee will meet monthly to share input, ideas, and local perspectives that help guide the growth of tourism in our community. If you're interested in contributing, you are invited to submit an expression of interest by November 14, 2025. Details and application forms are available by contacting tourism@greenwoodcity.ca

Energy Saving Tips From Fortis

As winter sets in and heating costs begin to rise, we welcome advice from Fortis BC to help Greenwood homes stay comfortable and more efficient.

A few simple tips: set your thermostat around 17 °C when you're out or sleeping and around 20 °C when you're home, seal up drafts around doors and windows, and focus on heating only the rooms you're using.

For those planning bigger upgrades, Fortis BC offers rebates on insulation, windows, and high-efficiency heating systems – plus an Energy Saving Kit or free assessment may be available if your household income qualifies.

Be Ready: Power Outages & Winter Storms

Winter storms can arrive quickly in our region and often bring strong winds, heavy snow, and ice that may lead to power outages. A little preparation now can help you and your family stay safe and comfortable if the lights go out.

Build or update your emergency kit:

- Flashlights or battery-powered lanterns (plus extra batteries)
- A fully charged portable power bank for phones
- Battery-powered or crank radio to stay updated on alerts
- Bottled water (at least 2 litres per person per day for 72 hours)
- Non-perishable food and a manual can opener
- Warm blankets, sleeping bags, and extra clothing layers
- First-aid kit and essential medications
- Cash in small bills in case ATMs or card systems are down

Around your home:

- Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have fresh batteries
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full
- Have a safe, alternate heat source if possible (and know how to use it safely)
- Store extra pet food and supplies
- Know where your main water shutoff is in case of frozen pipes

Stay informed:

- Sign up for local alerts or follow the City of Greenwood on social media for updates.
- Keep emergency information sources and contact numbers handy.

A few minutes of preparation today can make a big difference during a storm or outage.



🔥 Home Heating Safety Reminder

As the cold weather settles in, now is the perfect time to make sure your home heating systems are safe and ready for winter. The Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department reminds residents to take a few simple steps to help prevent fires and keep your household safe all season long:

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected before lighting your first fire of the season. A buildup of creosote is a leading cause of chimney fires.
- Use space heaters safely — keep them at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, plug them directly into the wall (not an extension cord), and turn them off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries if needed, and remember that smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Never leave candles or open flames unattended.

A few quick checks now can make a big difference later. Stay warm, stay safe, and help keep Greenwood fire-free this winter!

❄️ Snow Season is Coming!

With winter just around the corner, our Public Works team is getting ready for snow removal operations to help keep Greenwood's streets safe and passable. Here are a few reminders for residents as the flakes begin to fall:

🚗 Parking During Snowfall:

Please avoid parking on the street during and after snow events. Vehicles parked on the road make it difficult for plows to clear snow effectively and safely.

🧑🏻♀️ Sidewalk Clearing:

Residents and businesses are reminded to clear sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a snowfall. Keeping sidewalks clear helps everyone — especially children, and seniors— stay safe.

🚛 Plowing Priorities:

Our crews start with main roads and emergency routes first, then move to residential areas. We appreciate your patience as we work our way through the city.

🚧 Snow from Driveways:

Please don't push snow onto the street — it can create hazards and undo the hard work of our plow operators.

🧊 Be Winter Ready:

Stock up on sand or ice melt, check your vehicle's emergency kit, and give yourself extra travel time when roads are snowy or icy. Let's all do our part to make this a safe and smooth winter season in Greenwood!

What is happening in November?



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.



Greenwood Public Library

Storytime! Join us for stories, action rhymes, felt stories and small craft.

FREE program for preschool children aged 3 - 5 with a parent/caregiver.

Wednesdays 11am, weekly October 22 - December 3



Snowman Paint Party!

Saturday November 15 - 2 to 4pm
at the Kettle River Art Club

Host Shilo Schauer
604-768-9730

Member's \$40 & Non Members \$45

Get your spot before it sells out!



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



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School District 51 Boundary

School In Session

- Friday November 14, 2025

Boundary Secondary School

Thursday November 13 -Report Cards Go Home!

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West Boundary Elementary School

Thursday November 27 -Report Cards Go Home!



Christmas Wreath Workshop & Christmas Bake Sale

Funraiser Time!

November 19, 2025 @ 6pm
Greenwood Elementary Gym

\$75 includes 18 inch wreath and all of the add ons
OR
\$55 for 3 trees on wood

Book by texting (250)443-9323 OR email: b_thate@outlook.com



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: mary-ann.dennis@bfiss.org