



City of Greenwood

September 2025

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday September 15 at 7pm

Committee Of The Whole Meeting

- Monday Sept 15 at 5pm

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

- Sept 3 - Communication - How are we doing? 7pm @ McArthur Centre

Upcoming Coffee with Councils

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



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 September 1, 2025
Regular hours resume 8:30am Tuesday Sept 2
- Tuesday September 30, 2025
Regular hours resume 8:30am Tuesday Oct 1

Please plan your City business accordingly
Thank you for your understanding



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2025 Third Quarter Utility Bills

The 2025 Third quarter utility bills are **due September 30, 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.

Important Notice

The City of Greenwood's 2025 Tax Sale is scheduled to take place on **September 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 202 South Government Avenue, Greenwood, BC.** Property owners are reminded that **ALL delinquent property taxes must be paid in full prior to the tax sale date** to avoid their property being included in the sale.

For more information, please contact City Hall at:
250-445-6644 or email reception@greenwoodcity.ca

A list of properties up for Tax Sale will be available the morning of September 29, 2025



Fall is here, and that means bears are busy preparing for winter. The City of Greenwood encourages everyone to be Bear Wise and do their part to reduce human-bear conflicts.

Bear Wise Basics for Fall:

1. Keep garbage secured until collection day.
2. Pick ripe fruit promptly and clean up windfalls.
3. Do not leave pet food or bird seed outside.
4. Keep barbecues clean and free of food scraps.
5. Always keep dogs leashed—dogs and bears don't mix.

Important Reminder: If you see a bear that is aggressive, threatening, or in conflict, please call the **RAPP line: 1-877-952-7277**.

✦ **Helpful handouts**—"How Bear Wise Are You?" and "Dogs + Bears = Problems"—are available at City Hall. Copies can also be emailed on request by contacting reception@greenwoodcity.ca

Greenwood is Rolling Forward!

Council has approved the development of a 3-Year Fleet Replacement Strategy to be presented at the September Committee of the Whole.

Did you know? The average age of our Public Works fleet is 24.5 years old – compared to the provincial average of 8–11 years for similar communities. That’s a lot of years of hard work!

By upgrading our fleet, we can:

- Improve lawn maintenance, street sweeping, snow removal, fire protection, and more
- Reduce costly repairs & downtime
- Save on fuel and boost efficiency

The first step? Create a plan to retire “end of life” equipment and replace it with modern, reliable machines – all within our existing budgets over the next 3 years.

We’ve already started! Recent purchases include:

- A new commercial mower
- A medium tractor (loader/snow plow)
- A fire engine/pumper
- A 1-ton utility truck with dump box

This is all part of our Asset Management Plan to keep Greenwood running smoothly and looking its best!

🌸 City of Greenwood has moved back to Stage 1 Water Restrictions 🌸

Future changes to water restrictions will be posted to the website, facebook and posted around town



The City of Greenwood has returned to Stage 1 Water Restrictions. Please help us conserve water by following these guidelines:

Days of Watering:

- Even-numbered addresses may water on even calendar days.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water on odd calendar days.

Watering Hours:

- Automated sprinkler systems: 12:00 midnight – 6:00 am (on your permitted days).
- Manual sprinkling systems (including hoses attached to outdoor taps): 12:00 midnight – 11:00 am and 6:00 pm – 12:00 midnight (on your permitted days).

Thank you for doing your part to support sustainable water use in our community!

Fall Yard Waste & Fire Safety Reminder

As the leaves begin to fall, please remember that yard waste should not be burned without a valid Burn Permit.

Within the City of Greenwood, Burn Permits are required. They are free of charge, valid for 7 days from the date of issue, and can be obtained at City Hall, 202 South Government St.

A few important reminders:

1. **No burn barrels** are permitted within city limits.
2. Open burning can quickly get out of control, especially in dry fall conditions, and smoke impacts community air quality.
3. Safer alternatives include raking and collecting leaves to take to the dump, composting, or using leaves as mulch in your garden.
4. Keep gutters and roofs clear of leaves to reduce fire risk and prevent drainage problems.



Before you burn always check for fire prohibitions by visiting:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

Category 1 ✅ (campfire)

Current open fire prohibitions :

Category 2 ❌

Category 3 ❌

Exciting News for Greenwood!

The City of Greenwood is thrilled to welcome Adrienne Fedriga as our new Economic Development Officer!

Adrienne will be leading three key initiatives:

- Business Attraction
- Business Retention
- Downtown Core Improvements

She’ll be working hand-in-hand with our Tourism Coordinator to ensure that the Tourism Strategy Phase 1 aligns with economic development goals.

Adrienne brings a wealth of experience in community leadership and economic development, and we’re so excited for the expertise and energy she will bring to Greenwood and the Boundary region. Though based in Naramata, Adrienne will be spending dedicated time in our communities, helping us grow stronger together.

Please join us in giving Adrienne a warm Greenwood welcome! We can’t wait to see the positive impact she’ll make in supporting local businesses, collaboration, and long-term community growth.

Building a Safer, More Prepared Greenwood

The City of Greenwood is taking important steps to strengthen our emergency preparedness.

We've brought on Chris Marsh as our consultant for Phase 1 of this project. This first phase will focus on a Gap Analysis — a detailed review of our current emergency plan, services, infrastructure, and processes.

This analysis will help us identify:

- Areas that need improvement
- Communication upgrades
- Stronger coordination with the RDKB
- Better infrastructure mapping
- Opportunities for community education

Why does this matter? A strong emergency plan means faster response times, clearer communication, and a safer community for everyone.

The results of this Gap Analysis will lay the groundwork for Phase 2 — updating Greenwood's emergency plan to reflect local risks and needs.



The City of Greenwood is very pleased to announce the arrival of Charnley van Wyk as our new Tourism Coordinator!

Tourism is at the heart of Greenwood's economy, and with Charnley joining our team, we are excited to move forward with our Tourism Strategy—a plan designed to highlight our unique history, small-town charm, and vibrant community spirit. Charnley will be working closely with local businesses, non-profits, and community members to help bring the strategy to life, ensuring that everyone has a voice in shaping how Greenwood welcomes and inspires visitors.

From engaging with the Greenwood Historical Society and the Greenwood Board of Trade, to hosting town halls, business sessions, and community consultations, this role will help us build partnerships, attract new visitors, and strengthen our local economy. The Tourism Coordinator will also support the creation of new tourism experiences that showcase all the reasons we are proud to call Greenwood home.

We are thrilled to welcome Charnley to Greenwood and look forward to the positive impact their work will bring—not only to tourism, but to the continued growth and vibrancy of our community.

🔥 Town Hall – Understanding Fire Protection In Greenwood 🔥


The City of Greenwood will be holding an important **Town Hall** on **Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the **McArthur Centre**, 1355 Veterans Lane. This session, hosted by **Tim Pley & Associates**, is designed to give residents a clear picture of what it truly takes to operate and sustain a fire department in our community.

Many people assume that when an emergency happens, you call and the fire department simply arrives. But behind every call is a tremendous amount of preparation, commitment, and resources. Running a fire department requires careful planning, ongoing training, and significant financial investment. At this Town Hall, we'll take a closer look at:

1. **Recruitment & Training** – Volunteer firefighters dedicate countless hours to intensive training in fire suppression, medical response, rescue techniques, and safety procedures.
2. **Equipment & Gear** – From fire trucks to hoses, breathing apparatus, and protective clothing, specialized equipment must be maintained and replaced regularly to meet safety standards.
3. **Costs & Budgeting** – Fire protection is one of the largest responsibilities a municipality carries. Residents will learn where the money goes and why proper funding is essential to effective emergency response.
4. **Provincial Requirements** – Our fire department must meet strict standards under the Fire Safety Act and comply with regulations set by the Province of BC.
5. **Fire Inspections & Investigations** – Fire protection doesn't end with emergency calls. Inspections, investigations, and prevention programs all contribute to keeping our community safe.
6. **The Role of Volunteers** – Greenwood's fire protection relies on community members who step up as volunteers, balancing their personal lives with the responsibility of protecting their neighbours.

This Town Hall is an opportunity for residents to understand the full scope of fire protection—what happens behind the scenes, the challenges we face, and the dedication required to keep Greenwood safe.

 **Date: October 29, 2025**

 **Time: 7:00 pm**

 **Location: McArthur Centre, 1355 Veterans Lane**

Your participation matters. We encourage all residents to attend, learn, and join the discussion about the future of fire protection in Greenwood.

The City of Greenwood is excited to share some great news! Starting in October 2025, we will be welcoming a full-time Bylaw Officer to our community.

This new position is an important step forward in supporting our residents, keeping our community safe, and ensuring that Greenwood continues to be a welcoming and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit. Having a dedicated officer will allow the City to provide quicker responses, better support for residents, and a more proactive approach to maintaining the charm and character of our town.

We are looking forward to the positive difference this will bring, and we can't wait for you to meet our new team member this fall. Greenwood is growing, and this is one more way we are working together to build a vibrant, caring community.



What is happening in September?



Greenwood Motard & Music Festival – Sept 20 & 21, 2025

Route 3 Racing presents the **4th “Almost” Annual Greenwood Motard & Music Festival!** Join us for a full weekend of racing, music, food, and fun right here in Greenwood.

Saturday, September 20

- 9:00 a.m. – All-day practice
- 7:00 p.m. – The Woody James Band live in concert 🎸

Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 a.m. – Fire Department Pancake Breakfast (by donation) 🥞
- 9:30 a.m. – Racing action all day long!



- 7:00 p.m. – Karaoke Night 🎤

Bring your friends, family, and community spirit—it's going to be a weekend to remember!

Hours of Operation:

- Monday's 12pm - 5pm
- Wednesday's 12pm - 7pm
- Friday's 12pm - 5pm

Contact Information:

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

For More Information on Library events visit:

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



Rock Creek & Boundary Fair – 80th Celebration!

Mark your calendars for **September 13 & 14, 2025** as the Rock Creek & Boundary Fair celebrates its 80th year with the theme “Flannel & Denim: Fabric of our History.”

This true rural agricultural fair has something for everyone—4-H classes, horse events, livestock and poultry shows, lawn mower races, free live entertainment, kids' activities, exhibit classes (agriculture, arts, crafts, baking, preserves, and more), plus Shooting Star Amusements rides and midway. Don't forget to explore the wide selection of food, artisan, and commercial vendors!

It's two days of fun, tradition, and excitement for all ages—see you at the Rock Creek Fall Fair!



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! 🎵💚



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.



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

Live Outdoor Music Concert – Gospel Memories 🎵

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 4pm–7pm at 401 N Kimberley,

🌿 Bring a lawn chair or blanket and settle in for great music and fellowship.

🍴 100 free meals from the BBQ and Salad Bar!

Need more information? Contact Martin at 250-449-1978.

Do you want your event in our newsletter? Submit requests to reception@greenwoodcity.ca