

Lumby Matters!

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Committee explores economic development opportunities

Lumby's new eight-member Economic Development Standing Committee is tasked with developing a plan that creates employment and builds a strong tax base through increased business, industry, and tourism. No small feat, but one that committee members believe is desirable and doable.

The committee – which met first on June 14th – includes mayor **Kevin Acton**, councillor **Lori Mindich**, Lumby & District Chamber of Commerce president **Bill Maltman**, and residents **Chris Borden**, **Dawne Kinoshanko**, **Dwayne Hackett**, **Joseph Deuling**, and **Murray August**.

Committee members will meet regularly to identify economic development opportunities that build on Lumby's strengths and the wants and needs of its residents. More specifically, the committee intends to create a plan that:

- increases the commercial/industrial tax to help support essential and desirable services,
- ensures a broad-based economy not reliant on a single industry,
- attracts non-polluting industry,
- supports value-added wood industries and secondary

manufacturing, and

- encourages tourism facilities for residents and visitors.

During plan development, committee members will develop guidelines to enhance the impact of potential economic development on the Village's existing infrastructure and finances, its environment, and the community's character.

They will also review appropriate funding sources and explore partnerships with other committees and nearby jurisdictions.

Residents will be informed of committee progress in quarterly *LumbyMatters!* newsletters, and are encouraged to share their thoughts with committee members throughout the development of the plan.



Service with a Smile

The Village's newest employee is CAO **Tom Kadla** (left), who started May 30th of this year. **Bonnie Minor** has been with the Village for almost 22 years. She started as receptionist and worked her way up to payroll and accounts payable clerk. Bonnie also has 21 years ICBC Autoplan insurance. **Jeri White**, a Village employee for five years, is the junior payroll and accounts payable clerk. She has 12 years Autoplan experience. **Melanie Wenzoski**, a three-year employee, is the receptionist and has 10 years Autoplan experience. **Ken Klassen**, Director of Finance, has been with the Village for seven years. So, if you have any ICBC questions or need to renew your car insurance or drivers licence, come and talk with our experts.

The buzz on preventing West Nile virus



WEST NILE VIRUS, transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes, originated in Africa and has since spread to North America. BC saw its first two cases in 2009.

While 80 percent of people infected with the virus show no symptoms, the other 20 percent develop headaches, tiredness, rash, fever, sore joints and muscles, and sometimes stomach upset. About 1 in 150 develop serious symptoms including inflammation of the brain (encephalitis), inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal chord (meningitis), or even paralysis. While anyone can contract the virus, people over 50 seem to have a greater chance of illness, and are more likely to develop serious symptoms.

Interior Health is addressing the problem through education and mosquito surveillance and control. You can help prevent the spread of the virus by doing the following:

Precautions around the home

- Eliminate mosquito habitat (standing water). Clean out and empty eaves-troughs, pool covers, old tires, or anything else that can collect water. Empty and clean bird baths weekly, install aeration pumps on ornamental ponds and water gardens. Fit rain barrels with tight lids or screens and empty saucers under flower pots.
- Install good screens on doors and windows. Check to ensure they fit snugly into the frame and that there are no holes or tears.

Personal protection

- Avoid outdoor activities around dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and a hat – weather permitting. Choose light-coloured clothing since dark colours attract mosquitoes.

- Use repellent containing DEET or other suitable alternatives. Follow label instructions for use.

Reporting

- Be a Part of the West Nile virus Watch Team
- Report any dead crows, ravens, magpies, and jays (Stellar's Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Whisky Jack and Blue Jay) by completing the BC Centre for Disease Control's Dead Bird Sighting Report Form (<http://westnile.bccdc.org/>). More information about reporting is also available on the BCCDC Dead Bird Reporting page.
- Reports of clusters of dead crows, ravens, magpies, and jays in the Okanagan or Kootenay areas can also be made by calling the West Nile virus line at **1-866-300-0520**.



New housing for Lumby seniors

The Lumby Senior's Housing Society is proud to showcase 16 one-bedroom/one-bathroom units at its property on Glencaird Street. All units are wheelchair and scooter accessible complete with fridge, stove, and stacking washer and dryer. For more information call 250-547-2060 between 8am and 4pm.

be **water wise**

Not as thirsty as you think?

Your lawn needs water only when it shows signs of needing it. To test, walk on it — if the grass springs back up, it doesn't need watering. If you leave footprints, it's time to sprinkle again. A black tinge on top also means your lawn needs water.



...simply **sustainable!**

Grant will reduce operational costs and greenhouse gas emissions

The Village of Lumby partnered with the Regional District of North Okanagan to secure a \$400,000 grant that will improve energy efficiency at Lumby's outdoor pool, the Pat Duke Arena, and the Lumby Curling Club. The equipment upgrades will reduce energy costs by \$6,300 annually, and lower CO₂ (greenhouse gas) emissions by 60 metric tonnes a year. The money saved will be put into reserves for future recreation infrastructure upgrades.

The pool's existing liner will be replaced with tile, and the pool building will be upgraded. The arena and curling club will receive energy upgrades, including new dehumidifiers and condensers. These improvements will make the facilities safer as well as more energy efficient, and will ensure their continued operation into future years.



The Village thanks Vernon-Monashee MLA Eric Foster and the Province of BC for this opportunity through the Towns for Tomorrow grant program. Pictured from left, Area D Director Rick Fairbairn, School District Trustee Paula Harned, Village of Lumby Councillor Tracy Williamson, Vernon-Monashee MLA Eric Foster, and Village of Lumby Mayor Kevin Acton.

Please support the Lumby & District Health Services Society

DID YOU KNOW?

- All x-rays and lab services can be done in Lumby. The Lumby & District Health Services Society provides the latest x-ray technology and certified lab technicians.
- New x-ray equipment sends the image electronically to your doctor's office computer. No waiting, no hassle!
- Your doctor is not in Lumby? No problem! X-rays and lab services can still be done in Lumby and forwarded to your doctor.
- Help us keep health services in Lumby by having your x-rays and lab services done here!

CERTIFIED X-RAY SERVICES
Tuesdays and Thursdays (9 am – 3 pm),
Wednesdays (9 am – 1 pm)

LAB SERVICES
Tuesdays (8 am – 9:45 am).
All doctors' requisitions accepted.

HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES
Monday to Friday (9 am – 4:30 pm)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
Available five days a week

250-547-9741
2135 Norris Avenue, Lumby BC

Water Metering Success

The Village thanks residents for reducing their water consumption so significantly! During 2008 and 2009, water meters were installed in all residential, commercial, and industrial properties as part of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan adopted by council. With meters installed, 2010 was the year to inform residents about the metering program. Customers were made aware of their water usage based on the metered rate, but their bills still reflected the flat rate. Even before the first bill using metered rates was issued in 2011, overall consumption had dropped 21 percent! This compares to the industry standard of 20-25 percent expected after metered rates are introduced. We hope to do even better as the year unfolds. Thanks again!

Maple Street Bridge Replacement and Road Re-construction

Work is almost complete on the Maple Street Bridge replacement and road Re-construction project that began in 2010. Finishing touches include installing the curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the south side of the street, new asphalt, and boulevard restoration. This work was made possible through a partnership between the Village of Lumby and the Province of BC through a Towns for Tomorrow grant.

Mable Lake Paving

Dodging potholes is tricky for residents living out toward Mable Lake, north of Cedar Ridge Street. With this section of the road rated first on our list of road rehabilitation priorities, a paving company has been hired to repair and overlay a 300-metre section of this road in early July.

Stream Consciousness

SMALL STREAMS in B.C. provide living, feeding, and spawning areas for fish stocks. A healthy stream has different types of habitat to provide cover (e.g. pools, forest debris, boulders, overhanging trees, and brush), a constant and even flow of water, moderate summer temperatures, few predators, and insects for food. In a good spawning stream, adult fish can reach spawning gravel with free-flowing, silt-free water.

Unfortunately, it's easy to damage streams — often seriously. Damage may be caused by factors beyond your control, such as inefficient logging or mining practices and poorly planned urban

and industrial growth. There are, however, stream care guidelines you can follow to help preserve our streams.

- Do not disturb streamside vegetation or natural debris such as stumps, fallen trees, or boulders.
- Do not disturb streamside soils during wet seasons.
- Follow environmental regulations when working near streams.
- Keep pets and livestock away from streams.
- Remove garbage from streams and nearby riparian (stream-side) areas.
- Avoid the use of lawn, garden, and household chemicals.

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