



Attention Not-for-Profits and Places of Worship!

Do you own and occupy property in Kamloops? Don't forget to check and see if you qualify for a permissive property tax exemption. This is year one of a new five-year cycle of exemptions, so all recipients must reapply.

The 2027–2031 application deadline is June 30.

Eligible not-for-profits and places of worship can apply at [Kamloops.ca/Exemption](https://www.kamloops.ca/Exemption).

Please note:

- Successful applicants are required to complete an annual declaration each year of the cycle to confirm their ongoing eligibility.
- Council may provide a one-year grant in lieu of a permissive tax exemption to an applicant if all exemption requirements are not met.
- Staff will present their exemption recommendations to Council by September 30.
- Applicants will be notified before that presentation whether or not their application will be recommended for approval.

Water Use in Kamloops

City of Kamloops water use restrictions are year-round and no longer seasonal. During normal drought levels, watering is permitted three days a week, based on your address. The final digits of your street address will determine your allowable water use days.

| Year-Round Water Use Schedule | 3 Days/Week |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| GROUP A: addresses ending in 00–30 | Sun, Tue, Fri |
| GROUP B: addresses ending in 31–60 | Mon, Wed, Sat |
| GROUP C: addresses ending in 61–99 | Sun, Tue, Thu |

The preferred time for automated irrigation is between 12:00 am and 7:00 am. Irrigation is not permitted between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on any day.

Water is critical to our city and to our environment. Reducing the amount of water we use helps protect our ecosystems and reduces the energy used to pump, treat, and distribute water. These are all impacts that help keep water affordable.

To learn more, visit [Kamloops.ca/WaterUse](https://www.kamloops.ca/WaterUse).



Be a Bear Smart Champion!

Take the Pledge to Help Keep Kamloops Safe for Bears and People.

Kamloops is proud to be a Bear Smart Community. By taking the Bear Smart Champion pledge, you're committing to help reduce human-bear conflict and keep both people and bears safe.

- Take the pledge between April 1 and November 30 (Bear Smart season).
- Show your commitment to maintaining a safe, bear-friendly community.
- Participants will receive a Bear Smart Champion sticker and be entered in a draw to win a Yeti cooler.

To learn more, visit [Kamloops.ca/BearSmart](https://www.kamloops.ca/BearSmart).

City Seeking Public Approval to Long-Term Borrowing

- **965 McMaster Way** (\$16.75 million): Purchase and improve a 9.77 ac. industrial property next to the Civic Operations Yard to support services like snow removal, waste collection, and parks maintenance. Part of the site will be leased to offset costs.
 - **Tranquille Phase III** (\$9 million): Design and construct sanitary, drainage, road, sidewalk, pathway, and lighting upgrades.
- Council has introduced loan authorization bylaws for both projects and is seeking borrowing approval through alternate approval processes. If you are not opposed, no action is required.

MAY 29 If opposed, submit an Elector Response Form by 4:00 pm on May 29, 2026.

If at least 10% of eligible electors (8,527 people) submit forms in opposition to either bylaw by the deadline, Council cannot proceed with that bylaw without holding a referendum.

Learn more at Kamloops.ca/AAP.



Upcoming Events

Jun Jul 11-19 Viewing Parties for FIFA World Cup 2026™

Jun 12 Pride Open House

Jun 12 Community Celebrations for FIFA World Cup 2026™

Jun 24 Community Celebrations for FIFA World Cup 2026™

Jul 1 Canada Day at Riverside Park

Jul Aug 1-31 City of Kamloops Music in the Park

Jul 19 Community Celebrations for FIFA World Cup 2026™

Jul 22 Midsummer Music Jam presented by BCLC

Jul 24-26 Kamloops International Buskers Festival

Aug 7-9 Kamloops Sports Council Ribfest

Aug 28 Seniors' Picnic

Sep 8-12 55+ BC Games

Sep 18 Lyle Lovett

Sep 20 Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny

LET'S LEARN

We've launched an education-focused page on LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca designed to help residents understand how their municipal government works—and to clear up common misconceptions along the way. From how decisions are made to why certain policies exist, our goal is to provide clear, accessible, and factual information on the topics that shape daily life in our community.



Council 101

Understanding the role and responsibilities of elected officials within a municipal government



Civics 101

Learn how budgeting, services, law, long-term plans, and *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* rules shape decisions.



Crime and Safety

Understanding the City's approach to community safety.



Housing and Homelessness

Insights into current issues to help residents understand the challenges and efforts underway.

Start learning at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/LetsLearn.