### CITY NEWSLETTER Spring 2021











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## **Renovate Smart Kamloops Workshops**

Are you planning a home renovation? Renovate Smart Kamloops will help you get the most out of your renovation. Our team will help you discover cost-effective ways to improve your home's energy performance and take advantage of the many incentives available today. Receive tailored advice from the City's Community Energy Specialist on how to include energy efficiency improvements in your short- or long-term renovation plans.

#### Sign up for a free workshop today!

Home Energy Performance Workshops are held monthly, and Carbon Accounting Workshops are held quarterly. Workshops are free and hosted virtually on Zoom.

Visit Kamloops.ca/RenovateSmart to register.



# **North Shore Neighbourhood Plan**

To develop the draft North Shore Neighbourhood Plan, the City is seeking feedback on a draft vision and strategic directions for the North Shore.

- Complete the Strategic Directions Survey, open until June 30.
- Attend a virtual engagement session that will feature an interactive presentation by City staff. There are four session times to choose from: June 2 and June 9, at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm both days.

Visit LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/NorthShorePlan for a links to the survey and virtual sessions.



## **Curbside Organic Waste Collection**

Thank you for having your say! From January to mid-May 2021, the City conducted public engagement on the curbside organic waste collection project as part of Phase 1 - Information Gathering. A Let's Talk community engagement web page was established with background information and initial engagement from February 5 to March 5 included a Q&A section and a quick poll.

The key themes from the questions received helped to inform a community-wide survey that was open from April 6 to May 18. The survey results will help the project team understand waste-related attitudes and habits, identify residents' priorities and concerns, and measure overall support for the project. The project team also hosted two virtual information sessions in April.

Phase 2 - One-Year Pilot Program is scheduled to begin in the fall. Up to five neighbourhoods representing a cross-section of households will be selected to participate. If your neighbourhood is chosen, you will receive communication from the City about how to participate in the pilot. We look forward to working with and learning from the pilot participants!

Please visit our website to learn more and to view the O&As and a list of FAOs and to watch a recording of the virtual information sessions.

LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/Organics



#### **Share Your Voice. Shape Our City.**

Let's Talk Kamloops is the City's online engagement site where you can contribute your ideas and feedback on city matters.

Sign up and speak up at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca



- sanitary upgrades and the addition of a pedestrian walkway.
- Repaving Columbia Street West from Notre Dame Drive to McGill Road, including sections of Notre Dame Drive and Summit Drive. This work will also involve some utility work and signalization upgrades. Expect to see this project start in May.
- Repaving Victoria Street between 8th Avenue and 13th Avenue, including sections of Lansdowne Street and Battle Street. This project is scheduled for late summer.
- Repaving Fleetwood Avenue and constructing a new sidewalk.
- Repaving Comazzetto Road, completing utility work, and extending the sidewalk.
- Constructing the multi-use pathway on Summit Drive as part of the Summit-Downtown Active Transportation Connection. Details on this project are available at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/Summit-Downtown.
- Continuing and completing the Tranquille Road Sanitary Main Upgrade Phase 2 project.

For details on these projects and more, visit **Kamloops.ca/CapitalProjects**.

## **Property Tax Deadline**

On May 4, Council finalized the process for setting the 2021 tax rate and approved the lowest tax increase in over a decade. Watch for your residential property tax notice arriving in the mail soon. This year, property taxes are due July 2 and the full 10% penalty applies on July 3.

Did you know that the best way to compare property tax rates in Kamloops to those in other cities is to first find out what the average home price is in each community and then compare taxes on those homes? Two homes each valued at \$400,000 but in communities with different average homes prices may look vastly different. Comparing their tax amounts would not be reflective of the true state of property tax rates in either community.

#### Municipal Taxes and Utilities on an Average Single-Family Residential Home - 2020



# **Online**

Did you know that you can report crime online? The online RCMP reporting tool allows residents a faster way to report less serious

#### Crimes that can be reported online include:

- · lost or stolen items under \$5,000
- · property damage or vandalism that will cost less than \$5,000 to repair
- driving complaints that are not in progress, including speeding, distracted driving, or failing to follow road signs or signals
- lost or stolen licence plates or decals
- crimes that have happened within the jurisdiction of the Kamloops RCMP

#### What you need to file an online report (takes approximately 15 minutes):

- address
- · phone number
- valid email address

To file a report and to learn more, visit Kamloops.ca/RCMP.



## **Security Alarm System Bylaw No. 10-38**

The Security Alarm System Bylaw aim to reduce the number of RCMP service calls resulting from false alarms by the users of security alarm systems. The updated bylaw no longer allows property owners to appeal fees resulting from false alarms, but the charges for the first offence have been removed in order to use this as an opportunity to educate alarm system users.

Learn more about the bylaw and associated fees at Kamloops.ca/CommonBylaws.