



Council News, April 13, 2015

Citizen of the Year

Denise Sorenson-Timmerman has been named the 2015 Elkford Citizen of the Year. The Citizen of the Year program formally recognizes contributions made by dedicated individuals who make Elkford a great place to live, work, play, and learn.

Denise Sorenson-Timmerman was nominated as Citizen of the Year for serving as the President of the Elkford Food Bank for many years. She has made herself available to individuals and families and spent countless hours organizing and cleaning the food bank room, as well as organizing and attending various fund raising events. Ms. Sorenson-Timmerman accepted the District's invitation to be the Grand Marshall of the annual Wildcat Days Parade on Saturday, June 27, 2015. She will also be recognized at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, April 18, 2015.

Healthy Communities Initiative

Kerri Wall, Community Health Facilitator, provided an update on the Healthy Communities Initiative sponsored by Interior Health. The initiative includes policies to support good health and includes collaboration with various local governments in the region. Ms. Wall commended the District for various health supporting programs and offered information and resources to continue collaboration between Interior Health and the District.

Health Services in Elkford and the Elk Valley

Terri Domin, Health Services Administrator, Community, outlined services that are available for the local residents such as: maternity doctor coming to Elkford, surveillance nurse program, and hospital on wheels program. She also reported that cardiac surgery is now available in Kelowna. Ms. Domin will continue to work with the District Council to ensure physicians' retention and availability in town.

Federal Gas Tax Grants

Council approved the District's applications to the Federal Gas Tax Fund for the Downtown Connectivity Upgrade and the Abruzzi Heights Transportation Corridor Rehabilitation. The District incorporated both these projects in the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Financial Plan.

Bylaws

The following bylaws were considered by Council:

2015 – 2019 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 767, 2015 – the bylaw received its first three readings.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 771, 2015 – this bylaw considered permitting and regulating the keeping of hens in residential zones. The first reading of the bylaw was defeated, therefore the bylaw will not proceed.

Development Approval Information Bylaw No. 773, 2015 – this bylaw establishes the procedure for staff to request development approval information when considering applications for a Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Development Permit, or Temporary Use Permit. The bylaw received its first two readings and was referred to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for comments.

All District of Elkford bylaws and policies are available on our website at www.elkford.ca .

