

We're Hiring: Paid-On-Call Firefighters

Are you an aspiring firefighter? Do you dream of making a difference in your community? Apply to join the District of Elkford team as a paid-on-call firefighter!

We are men and women, from all walks of life, who are guided by strong core values, a commitment to safety, a collaborative work culture and a promise to provide Elkford with lifesaving emergency services that are truly second-to-none.

Ready to join us? Apply today at careers@elkford.ca.

Watering Restrictions: STILL IN EFFECT

With plenty of residents wanting to water their lawns and gardens, Elkford has bylaws in place to help preserve and protect our water supply throughout the drier months.

To ensure capacity of Elkford's reservoirs in the event of a fire emergency (and adequate water for all throughout the summer) watering between **April 1 and September 30** is to take place on odd or even numbered days, **corresponding with your address**, and within the hours of **7 p.m. and 10 a.m.** (hours amended within *Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 871, 2022*) only.



Introducing Elkford's new Bylaw Enforcement Officer

The District of Elkford has hired a new, full-time bylaw officer to respond to concerns, complaints and offences in Elkford and to help educate the public on bylaw-related matters.

Say hello to Adam, our new bylaw enforcement officer! He joins us from the Northwest Territories and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his role, with a background in bylaw enforcement and corrections. We're excited that he has joined our team, and we encourage you to welcome him when you see him and treat him courteously while he serves our community and contributes to everyone's safety!

Questions about bylaws? Have something to report? We're here to help! Call **250.865.4024** or email bylaw@elkford.ca.

**** Note that during the timeframe when this pool schedule is in effect, the Aquatic Centre will also be closed from 1 p.m. onwards on Saturday, September 9 for a private booking. The pool will be open as normal from 9:30 a.m. to noon that day.**

Questions? Contact the Aquatic Centre at **250.865.4010** or pool@elkford.ca. **

New Pool Schedule + Swim Lessons

Visit www.elkford.ca/pool for more info!

elkford Wild at heart. FALL TO WINTER 2023 SCHEDULE September 5 to December 23

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AquaFit 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Parent & Tot Swim 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.	AquaFit 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Swimming Lessons 9:30 to 11 a.m.	AquaFit 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Parent & Tot Swim 9:30 to 11 a.m.	AquaFit 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Craft & Splash 9 to 10:30 a.m.	Lane Swim + Family Swim 9:30 a.m. to Noon	Lessons + Lane Swim 9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Lane Swim + Family Swim 10:30 a.m. to Noon	Lane Swim + Family Swim 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Lane Swim + Family Swim 10:30 a.m. to Noon	Swimming Lessons 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Lane Swim + Family Swim 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.		
School Swimming Lessons 12:30 to 3 p.m.	Lane Swim + Family Swim 1 to 3:30 p.m.	School Swimming Lessons 12:30 to 3 p.m.	Public Swim 1 to 4 p.m.	Public Swim 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Family Swim 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Lane Swim + Public Swim 3 to 5 p.m.	Lessons + Lane Swim 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Lessons + Lane Swim 3 to 6 p.m.	Public Swim 4:30 to 8 p.m.		Public Swim 2:30 to 7 p.m.
	Public Swim 5:30 to 8 p.m.	Public Swim 6 to 8 p.m.			

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*Craft & Splash involves crafts and swimming and is for preschool children (note that children must be potty-trained).

September 2023

Closed September 4 and 30 for Statutory Holidays

District of Elkford facilities will be closed on **Monday, September 4** for Labour Day, a statutory holiday.

Additionally, District facilities that are open for regular operations on Saturdays will also be closed on **Saturday, September 30** to observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday.



Think ElkFORWARD: We're Updating Elkford's Official Community Plan!

The District of Elkford is kicking off the process to update its Official Community Plan (OCP), which serves as a roadmap for the future of our community.

The OCP is a long-term planning document that highlights the vision, goals, policies and strategies for the future growth and development of a community. It provides guidance and direction on topic areas such as land use, infrastructure, transportation, housing, environment, arts and culture, parks and economic development.

The District's existing OCP is nearly 14 years old and is in need of a refresh to better reflect Elkford's current needs and vision for the future.

Over the course of the 18-month project, the District will be asking for input from community members to create an OCP that reflects our community's values, priorities and aspirations. There will be multiple opportunities to provide feedback, which will help shape the vision, policies and strategies for future growth and development in Elkford.

We're currently in the first phase of the project and will be seeking input from the community starting in fall 2023. Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to get involved!

For more information on this project, visit www.elkford.ca/elkforward. Questions? Contact ocp@elkford.ca.

Visit the ElkFORWARD booth at Community Info & Registration Night on September 12 (see inside for more details), and stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to engage and provide your input!

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Community Info & Registration Night 2023

DATE: Tuesday, September 12
TIME: 6 to 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Teck Hall, in the Community Conference Centre (750 Fording Drive)

Join us for the District of Elkford's annual **Community Info & Registration Night!** Everyone is invited to this free, annual event that showcases many of Elkford's amazing community groups, recreational activities and amenities.

Community members: everyone is welcome! Stop by to learn more about what Elkford has to offer, network with others and register yourself and your family for sports teams, community groups and organizations.

Community groups: don't miss out on this great opportunity to promote your organization and gain new members! Book your **FREE** table by contacting recreation@elkford.ca or **250.865.4010**.

We can't wait to see you there!



PHOTO (above) : "Mountain Bikers on the River Trail" Jody Christopherson

September Council & Committee Meetings

September 11	6 p.m.	Regular Council
September 12	5 p.m.	Youth Action Network Commission (at 750 Fording Drive)
September 13	6:30 p.m.	Urban Wildlife Committee Meeting
September 25	6 p.m.	Regular Council

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. Electronic attendance is also welcome! Visit <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID: **250 865 4000**, then click join and wait for the host to let you into the meeting.

Youth Councillor Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you passionate about community involvement? Eager to represent your peers on municipal council?

The District of Elkford is looking for two enthusiastic and self-motivated youth representatives to attend council meetings and provide a voice for the youth of our community.

Requirements for **Junior Youth Councillor**:

- Be a resident of Elkford
- Be a grade nine or 10 student enrolled at Elkford Secondary School
- Be willing to attend council meetings and District events and regional events and meetings as requested

Requirements for **Senior Youth Councillor**:

- Be a resident of Elkford
- Be a grade 11 or 12 student enrolled at Elkford Secondary School
- Be willing to attend council meetings and District events and regional events and meetings as requested

Submit your resume and cover letter by **September 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** (local time) to Corporate Services at info@elkford.ca or in-person by visiting **744 Fording Drive**.

Urban Wildlife Annual Deer Count: September 13



On the evening of **Wednesday, September 13**, Elkford's Urban Wildlife Committee will be conducting the annual urban deer count within the community.

While this count is being performed on the evening of September 13, please do not be surprised or alarmed if you see vehicles driving around slowly in areas where there are urban deer, including stopping in front of or near private residences where deer are visible.

This deer count has been taking place annually for several years in Elkford and is common practice in several municipalities. Its purpose is for monitoring urban deer populations, including tracking demographics and trends, in order to assist the municipality in its urban wildlife management actions and plans.

Report all Conflict With Wildlife to the RAPP Line: 1.877.952.7277

Autumn is peak season for wildlife encounters in British Columbia. Please do your part to protect our local wildlife and reduce attractants: dispose of trash properly and store it securely (indoors or in a bear-proof enclosure), remove bird feeders while bears are awake (birds can find plenty of food on their own during the warmer months and feeders attract unwanted guests like bears, rats and mice to your yard), always use a bear-resistant garbage bin, regularly harvest all fruit and berries from your trees and place your garbage curbside **ONLY** between **5 and 7 a.m.** on the morning of garbage pickup.

Always report all conflict with wildlife, suspected poaching and violations of fisheries, wildlife and environmental protection laws to the **RAPP Hotline** at **1.877.952.7277** or by completing their online form. The RAPP Hotline is a confidential, toll-free, 24/7 tip-line manned by **B.C. Conservation Officer Service**.

Please contact the RAPP Hotline at 1.877.952.7277 IMMEDIATELY to report:

- Dangerous wildlife in Elkford
- Someone harassing, feeding or deliberately injuring wildlife
- Injured or dead wildlife in Elkford



Paving Project Wrap-Up

Elkford's 2023 Downtown Core Utilities Project is approaching completion, marking the end of the first phase of the Downtown Core Plan that was adopted by council in 2021. The project is on-track to finish within the next few weeks, and it's being projected to end both on-time and within budget.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and perseverance while crews worked hard to perform this job. Our thanks to the crews of Copcan Civil LP, as well, for their dedication to getting the job done efficiently and thoroughly.

Some key benefits of this project, once fully completed, are:

- No potholes
- No more mazes to get your mail: Post Office access is restored from (wait for it) **all three directions**
- Significant upgrades to sewer, water and storm systems in the area
- Increased accessibility and parking to current and future businesses
- Completion of the popular, multi-use community trail, the *Loop Trail*
- Safer roads and crossings due to traffic calming features

We hope you're excited as we are to enjoy these significant upgrades to Elkford's infrastructure and all of these great improvements to the beautiful place that we call home!

