

## Keep our Greenbelts Green!

The District of Elkford is once again reminding residents who live beside greenbelts to remove any items, sheds or vehicles from District property. Bylaw Enforcement will be looking at encroachments over the coming weeks and working to clean up our community's greenbelts this summer.

If you have any questions related to encroachments, or don't know where your property boundaries are, please contact us at **250.865.4000** or [info@elkford.ca](mailto:info@elkford.ca).



## Closed for Labour Day

District of Elkford facilities will be closed on **Monday, September 5** for Labour Day, a statutory holiday.

We will reopen on **Tuesday, September 6** and look forward to seeing you then!

## We're Hiring: Paid-On-Call Firefighters

Are you an aspiring firefighter? Do you dream of making a difference in your community? 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](mailto:careers@elkford.ca).



# August 2022

## Watering Restrictions 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 **4 to 10 a.m.** and **8 to 11 p.m.** only.



## Contact Us

**District of Elkford Municipal Office—  
744 Fording Drive**

250.865.4000 · [info@elkford.ca](mailto:info@elkford.ca)  
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Elkford Community Conference Centre—  
750 Fording Drive**

250.865.4010 · [recreation@elkford.ca](mailto:recreation@elkford.ca)

**Elkford Arena—816 B Michel Road**  
250.865.4010 · [recreation@elkford.ca](mailto:recreation@elkford.ca)

**Elkford Aquatic Centre—816 C Michel Road**  
250.865.4012 · [pool@elkford.ca](mailto:pool@elkford.ca)

**Elkford Public Works Department—  
8 Inkaneep Road**

250.865.4025 · [publicworks@elkford.ca](mailto:publicworks@elkford.ca)

**Bylaw Enforcement—744 Fording Drive**

250.865.4024 · [bylaw@elkford.ca](mailto:bylaw@elkford.ca)

**Building Inspection—744 Fording Drive**

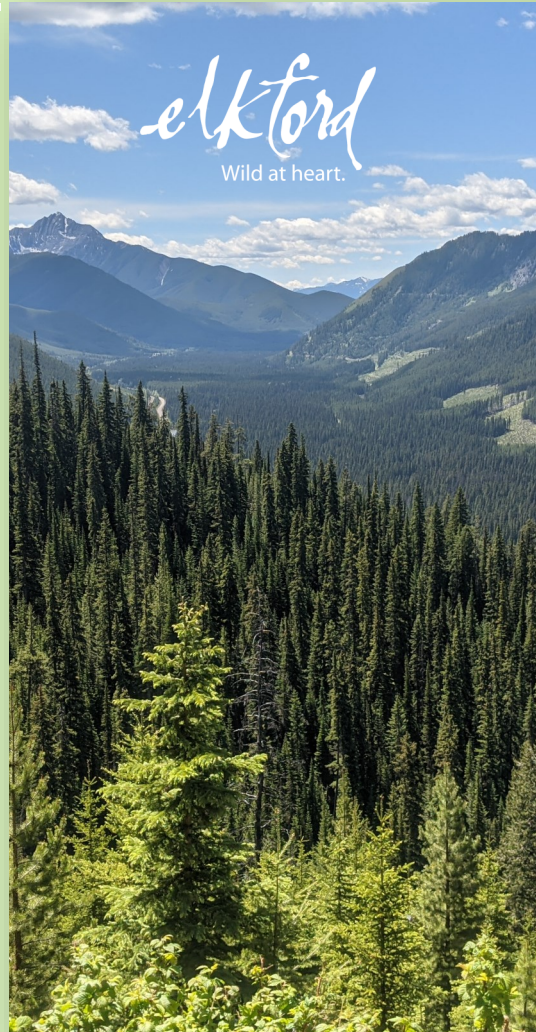
250.865.4003 · [building@elkford.ca](mailto:building@elkford.ca)

**Elkford Fire Hall—2300 Balmer Drive**

250.865.4020 · [cnyuli@elkford.ca](mailto:cnyuli@elkford.ca)

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## Being a Bear-Friendly Community

The BC Conservation Service reported **31 bears euthanized in 2021 in the Elk Valley, with none of these deaths being attributed to Elkford.**

Can our community make it two years running with zero bears destroyed? We think so! This summer, the District of Elkford is asking all residents and businesses to again do your part and help protect our local wildlife.

Fed bears = dead bears, and following a few simple guidelines can help reduce wildlife attractants—and the risks of urban encounters—dramatically for the entire community.

Here's how you can do your part:

- Always dispose of trash properly and store it securely.
- Remove bird feeders during months when bears are awake (birds can find plenty of food on their own during these seasons—feeders will do more harm than good by attracting bears, as well as unwanted pests like rats and mice to your yard).
- Compost responsibly and harvest all fallen fruit/berries from your trees.
- Lock up your garbage bin inside a basement, garage, shed or other secured outbuilding. You can also build/buy bear-resistant enclosures!
- Store food (and food waste) securely while camping.
- Need a bear-resistant garbage bin? The Public Works Department receives a supply of new bear-resistant bins each year. Call them at **250.865.4025** and ask to have your bin swapped out for one with clips for free (while supplies last).
- Place your garbage curbside **ONLY** between **5 and 7 a.m.** on the morning of garbage pickup (and be sure to unclip it at that time).

Questions about wildlife-related bylaws or keeping your yard and property wildlife-resistant? Contact us at **250.865.4000** or [bylaw@elkford.ca](mailto:bylaw@elkford.ca).

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## Slow Down in Town!

A friendly reminder that the speed limit in Elkford is **40 km/hr**, with playground zones, school zones and construction zones set at **30 km/hr**. We are living in the mountains, and at very high elevation, so please drive to the conditions and always watch out for cyclists, pedestrians at crosswalks, children playing near roadways, dog walkers and wildlife on the roads.

Please don't wait for winter weather to slow down: arrive at your destination alive and help keep everyone in our community safe!



PHOTOS: Tasha Chorneyko



## Upcoming Council Meetings

August 8	6 p.m.	Regular Council
August 25	6 p.m.	Regular Council
September 7	1 p.m.	Housing Committee (Rescheduled from August 25)

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. In alignment with current provincial health orders, in-person public attendance to council meetings is permitted. Alternatively, electronic attendance is 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.

## Wildcat Days Parade Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the **Belated 50th Anniversary/Wildcat Days parade!** Your participation greatly contributed to the success of this celebrated annual event, and we can't wait to see you again next year! Congratulations to the following winners:

### Non-Profit:

**FIRST:** Elkford Snowmobile Association  
**SECOND:** Elkford Arts Council  
**THIRD:** The Elkford Lions Club

### Individual:

**FIRST:** James Murray—Wildcat Charlie  
**SECOND:** The Wild West Vixens  
**THIRD:** Glen Miller

### Commercial:

**FIRST:** Elk River Crossing Car Wash  
**SECOND:** Finning Canada  
**THIRD:** SMS Equipment



## Ride Responsibly: ATV/ORV Reminders

Our trail systems can't be beat—and we know it! Please help us keep our trails safe and enjoyable for everyone by riding responsibly. We have some of the most beautiful off-roading trails in British Columbia and enjoying this privilege comes with some important responsibilities.

In *previous* years, the RCMP had issued permits allowing ATV/ORVs to ride down the street to access the nearest trailhead from their residence. **Be advised that the RCMP has indicated that they are NO LONGER issuing permits in Elkford that would allow ATV/ORV users to ride on/down residential streets and highways.** Riders who do not abide by the regulations governing off-road vehicles risk facing penalties and fines from the District of Elkford, the Province of British Columbia and the RCMP. Fines will also be incurred if you do not wear your helmet, carry your insurance and annual licence or properly display your plate.

The only condition in which an ATV/ORV rider can legally traverse a road is to dismount and cross the road directly to the trailhead on the other side (e.g., if the trail you are riding is intersected by a road, you may cross it to get to the other side; additionally, you may also cross at a controlled intersection, such as a stop sign or at traffic lights). Within the boundaries of the District of Elkford, you must carry a minimum of one million dollars in third-party liability insurance, carry a valid driver's licence, wear a helmet and take care to ensure that the crossing is safe.

Questions or concerns? We're here to help! To learn more about ATV/ORV bylaws, regulations and trails—or to obtain your annual permit and plates—contact the District of Elkford at **250.865.4000** or [bylaw@elkford.ca](mailto:bylaw@elkford.ca).

## Open Burning Ban in Effect August 4

In alignment with the campfire ban across the Southeast Fire Centre's jurisdiction, we would like to remind all community members and visitors to adhere to the open-burning ban in effect, which includes a prohibition on campfires, backyard fires, fireworks, sky lanterns, burn barrels, binary exploding targets, air curtains, chimineas, tiki torches and more. This ban is in effect on both public and private land and is in place to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.

### To report illegal burning or unattended campfires within the District of Elkford:

- Call Elkford Fire Rescue & Emergency Services at **250.865.4020** or call **911**.

### To report illegal burning or unattended campfires outside the District of Elkford:

- Call **1.800.663.5555** toll-free (or dial **\*5555** on a cell phone). You may also call this number to report wildfires, smoke columns and violations of wildfire regulations in British Columbia.

Please don't assume that others have reported a wildfire if you see one. Either dial **\*5555** or call **911 IMMEDIATELY** to report a wildfire. Your call could save lives!

Additionally, Elkford Fire Rescue has received several inquiries regarding outdoor stoves. The only outdoor stoves that may be used during a campfire prohibition are those that use liquid fuel, gaseous fuel or briquettes *\*AND\** that are CSA-approved or ULC-approved. Note that as conditions change, the use of any outdoor stove apparatus may be further restricted.



## Warmer Weather = Wildfire Season!

In 2019, the District of Elkford was proud to be recognized with the **FireSmart Canada Community Protection Achievement Award** for our Community Wildfire Protection Plan and our investment in urban wildland interface fuel treatment, reduction and mitigation. But continuing to keep our community safe requires us all to do our part!

Please stay informed about current burning regulations, practise diligent fire safety, obey backcountry closures and off-road restrictions and be aware of the impact of your outdoor activities as we head into the warmer months. It's important to understand that wildfire spreads quickly from tree-to-tree and can produce sparks and embers that may travel distances of **up to two kilometres**. These embers may land on trees or homes well-ahead of the fire, making wildfires extremely dangerous.

See something concerning? To report wildfires, smoke columns and violations of wildfire regulations in British Columbia call **1.800.663.5555** toll-free (alternatively, dial **\*5555** or **911**).

For more information on wildfire safety and preparedness, visit:

- [www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC](http://www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC)
- [www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca](http://www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca)
- [www.FireSmartBC.ca](http://www.FireSmartBC.ca)
- [www.BCWildfire.ca](http://www.BCWildfire.ca)

