

NEW: January 2024 Skating Schedule

Download printable skating schedules, view the rules & guidelines and more at [www.elkford.ca/skating](http://www.elkford.ca/skating).



# SKATING SCHEDULE

January 2024 (UPDATED DECEMBER 2023) \*\*

**Shinny Hockey**

- 2023: \$3/person
- 2024: \$4/person
- Ages 14+ (under 14 must be accompanied by an adult 18+)

**Parent & Tot Skating**

- Free
- Adults (18+) required on ice with children 5 and younger

**Public Skating**

- Free
- Everyone welcome
- Adults (18+) required on ice with children 5 and younger



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Parent & Tot Skating 10 a.m. - Noon	4	5 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	6 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.
7 Public Skating 1 - 3 p.m.	8 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	9	10 Parent & Tot Skating 10 a.m. - Noon	11	12 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	13 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.
14	15 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	16	17 Parent & Tot Skating 10 a.m. - Noon	18	19 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	20 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m. Public Skating 6 - 8 p.m.
21 Public Skating 1 - 3 p.m.	22 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	23	24 Parent & Tot Skating 10 a.m. - Noon	25 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	26	27 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m. Public Skating 6 - 8 p.m.
28 Public Skating 1 - 3 p.m.	29	30	31			



NEW: Pool Schedule + Swim Lessons!

Dive into fresh winter programming at the Elkford Aquatic Centre! The Winter 2024 pool schedule, upcoming swim lessons and pool programs are now on the website.

Visit [www.elkford.ca/pool](http://www.elkford.ca/pool)! For more information, or to register, contact the Aquatic Centre at 250.865.4012, [pool@elkford.ca](mailto:pool@elkford.ca) or visit 816C Michel Road.

WINTER 2024 POOL SCHEDULE  
January 7 to March 16, 2024

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

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2024 Business & Pet Licence Renewals

It's time to renew your business and pet licences for 2024! Renewal notices were mailed out at the beginning of January.

Annual fees for business licences are:

- **New OR Annual Renewal for Business Licence: \$100**
- **New OR Annual Renewal for Youth Business Licence: \$20**
- **New OR Annual Renewal for Inter-Community Business Licence (ICBL): \$100 (note that the ICBL fee is in addition to your \$100 fee for your municipal business licence)**

The due date for all business licence fees is **January 31, 2024.**

The dog/cat pet licence fee is \$50 annually for an unsterilized licence and \$20 for a spayed/neutered licence.

Are you a new pet owner? You must purchase a licence for your dog or cat. Please bring the certificate of spaying/neutering for first time registration. The due date for all pet licence fees is **February 29, 2024. For pet licences, a late fee of \$20 applies after February 29, 2024.**

January 2024



Apply now for 2024 Financial Assistance Grants!

Registered non-profit organizations in Elkford can now apply for the 2024 Financial Assistance Grants! Applications are due by **February 29, 2024.**

Find the 2024 application form, application guidelines and policy on our website at [www.elkford.ca/2024financialassistancegrants](http://www.elkford.ca/2024financialassistancegrants). You may also visit us at 744 Fording Drive to request printed copies.

As authorized under the Community Charter, the District of Elkford supports the enhancement of the community by providing financial assistance to non-profit groups and organizations that enhance the quality of life in Elkford or promote the community when travelling to events away from Elkford.

Prior to applying, please review the District of Elkford's Financial Assistance Grant Application Guidelines and the Financial Assistance Policy.

For more information, contact the Financial Services Department at 250.865.4000 or [finance@elkford.ca](mailto:finance@elkford.ca).



APPLY NOW



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## Is Your Address Visible?

Did you know that the majority of fire fatalities occur in one and two-storey residential family homes? According to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, 75 per cent occur in the winter months—all in time of darkness, when address identification is most difficult.

The Elkford Fire Department asks you to take a moment to assess your home for outside address identification. In the event of an emergency, will your home's address be visible to emergency first responders? Is your address clearly marked? Will it be covered in snow or hidden in the darkness? If it is inadequate or in need of repair, please take the time to repair or improve it. It could save your life!



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## 2024 Regular Council Meetings

District of Elkford Regular Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month and begin at 6 p.m. Unless otherwise posted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers of the Elkford Municipal Office at 744 Fording Drive.

- **January 8 and January 22, 2024**
- **February 12 and February 26, 2024**
- **March 11 and March 25, 2024**
- **April 8 and April 22, 2024**
- **May 13 and May 27, 2024**
- **June 10 and June 24, 2024**
- **July 8 and July 22, 2024**
- **August 12 and August 26, 2024**
- **September 9 and September 23, 2024**
- **October 15 and October 28, 2024**
- **November 12 and November 25, 2024**
- **December 9, 2024**

The above schedule is subject to revision should circumstances require, and the right is reserved to schedule additional meetings, as necessary.

For further information or questions regarding council meetings, please contact **250.865.4000**.

## Christmas Tree Safety

As the holiday season winds down, the Elkford Fire Department is reminding everyone to get rid of your live trees after Christmas. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage (or leaning up against your home!).

Speaking of Christmas: it's highly recommended to bring outdoor lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards. As a bonus, that greatly increases their lifespan!

Christmas trees can be discarded at no charge at any staffed RDEK transfer station. Questions? Contact the RDEK at **1.250.489.2791**.

## Winter Parking

Don't forget the winter parking bylaw! From **November 1 to March 31**, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of **6 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in order to ensure optimal snow removal.

## Bleeder Valves: ON

A friendly reminder to all residents to turn **ON** the bleeder valves in your residences from **October 31 to May 1**. This important bylaw is in place to prevent your pipes from freezing and cracking in colder temperatures.

## Keep Kids off of Roadside Snowbanks

Every time it snows, Public Works operators work to cut back snow banks and snow piles to widen our roadways. **Please ensure that children do not play in snow berms or on snow piles along roads.**

Operators don't have x-ray vision: they are unable to see tunnels carved in the snow and cannot always see children who are playing on snow banks. Additionally, tunneling in snow piles is very dangerous in itself, often resulting in fatalities when snow forts collapse.

Please play it safe! Kids (and kids at heart) can always safely toboggan and play in the snow at the toboggan hill that is piled high beside the District Office and running into the soccer field. When dark falls, the hill is lit up for some quintessential winter fun!

# WINTER REMINDERS



## Illegal Dumping



A friendly reminder that trash does not belong in the backcountry, along forest service roads, in greenspaces or at McGulley's (where the yellow bins used to be situated).

The **Elkford Transfer Station**, operated by the RDEK, handles all recycling in Elkford at **6 Inkaneep Road** in the Industrial Park. Currently, the Elkford Transfer station is open **six days per week**, from Monday to Saturday, excluding statutory holidays.

Using the dump to dispose of household garbage and items—in most cases— is **FREE**, as is recycling most recyclable items. Contact the Elkford Transfer Station directly at **1.250.489.6900** for more information.

Please report all illegal dumping to the **RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters)** line, operated by the BC Conservation Officer Service. You can report violations of fisheries, wildlife or environmental protection laws by completing their online form or by calling their toll-free, 24-hour hotline at **1.877.952.7277**.