

NEW: March 2024 Skating Schedule

Download printable skating schedules, view the rules & guidelines and more at www.elkford.ca/skating.



NEW

SKATING SCHEDULE
March 2024 (UPDATED FEBRUARY 28, 2024)**

Shinny Hockey

- \$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

**** NOTE THAT ON MARCH 8 AND 9, SHINNY AND PUBLIC SKATING HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE ELKFORD SKATING CLUB'S ANNUAL ICE SHOW. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL COME OUT AND WATCH THIS GREAT LOCAL EVENT!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	2 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m. Public Skating 6 - 8 p.m.
3 Public Skating 1 - 3 p.m.	4 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	5	6 Parent & Tot Skating 10 a.m. - Noon	7	8 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	9 Public Skating 10 a.m. - Noon Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.
10 Public Skating 1 - 3 p.m.	11 Parent & Tot Skating 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	12	13 Parent & Tot Skating 10 a.m. - Noon	14 Shinny 1 - 3 p.m.	15	16 ICE REMOVAL: 2023-4 SKATING SEASON ENDS
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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NEW: Spring Break Pool Schedule

Looking for fun ways to keep the kids entertained while school is out for spring break? Check out the Aquatic Centre's upcoming 2024 Spring Break Pool Schedule! This schedule is in effect from **March 17 to 30, 2024**.

Visit www.elkford.ca/pool to learn more and to download a printer-friendly PDF copy.

Questions about the pool or swimming? Contact the Aquatic Centre directly at **250.865.4012** or pool@elkford.ca.

elkford SPRING BREAK 2024 SCHEDULE
From March 17 to 30, 2024

Sunday, March 17	Monday, March 18	Tuesday, March 19	Wednesday, March 20	Thursday, March 21	Friday, March 22	Saturday, March 23
Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	CLOSED	AquaFit 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	AquaFit 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	AquaFit 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	Parent & Tot + Lane Swim Noon to 4 p.m.	Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 9 to 11:15 a.m. Family Swim 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Public Swim 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.		Public Swim 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Family Swim 12:30 to 4 p.m. Public Swim 4:30 to 7 p.m.	Family Swim 12:30 to 4 p.m. Public Swim 4:30 to 7 p.m.	Public Swim 4:30 to 7 p.m.	Public Swim 2 to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 24	Monday, March 25	Tuesday, March 26	Wednesday, March 27	Thursday, March 28	Friday, March 29	Saturday, March 30
Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	CLOSED	AquaFit 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	AquaFit 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	AquaFit 9 to 9:45 a.m. Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 10 a.m. to Noon	CLOSED Good Friday	Parent & Tot + Lane Swim 9 to 11:15 a.m. Family Swim 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Public Swim 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.		Public Swim 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Family Swim 12:30 to 4 p.m. Public Swim 4:30 to 7 p.m.	Family Swim 12:30 to 4 p.m. Public Swim 4:30 to 7 p.m.		Public Swim 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Elkford Aquatic Centre • 250.865.4012 • pool@elkford.ca • www.elkford.ca/pool

Mayor's Musings

Did you know that Mayor Steve Fairbairn has a monthly column to keep the community updated on council news and the latest happenings at the municipal level?

It's true! You can read Mayor Fairbairn's musings each month at www.elkford.ca or find them in the Elkford Public Library's Focus magazine.

March 2024

Nominate Elkford's 2024 Citizen of the Year!

Know someone who goes above and beyond to make Elkford a great place to live, work, play and learn? The Citizen of the Year program is your chance to celebrate them! Sponsored by the District of Elkford, the Citizen of the Year is selected by council for their exemplary contributions to our community.

Have somebody in mind? Nominations for **Elkford's 2024 Citizen of the Year** are accepted until **March 15, 2024**. Access the printable nomination package and policy here: www.elkford.ca/2024citizenoftheyear. Alternately, you can request a form by emailing info@elkford.ca or by visiting **744 Fording Drive**.

Please complete the form in full and submit to the attention of the Director of Corporate Services before **4:30 p.m. (local time) on March 15, 2024**:

- In person to the District of Elkford Office at **744 Fording Drive**
- By email to info@elkford.ca
- By mail to **Attn.: Director of Corporate Services, P.O. Box 340, Elkford, B.C., V0B 1H0**

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Vision Statement & Guiding Principles Survey

As you may know, the District of Elkford is updating our Official Community Plan (OCP), which serves as our community's roadmap for the next 20 years. Refreshing the OCP will play an important role in guiding our community's growth and creating policies that ensure Elkford continues to be a welcoming, active and vibrant place to call home.

In the fall of 2023, Elkford residents participated in the first phase of the Official Community Plan (OCP) engagement process, sharing their values, priorities and vision for the future. Based on the community's input, the draft *Vision Statement and Guiding Principles* for the OCP have been developed. Visit <http://engage.elkford.ca/elkforward> to see the results!

Want to have your say in the future vision of Elkford? We're seeking your feedback on the proposed *Vision Statement and Guiding Principles* to ensure they align with the community's vision for the future of Elkford. The feedback you provide in this survey will help guide the OCP update.

The deadline to complete this survey is **March 13, 2024**. Thank you for your participation!

engage.elkford.ca/elkforward

ELKFORWARD



March Council & Committee Meetings

March 11	5 p.m.	<i>Committee of the Whole: Draft Community Tourism Plan</i>
March 11	6 p.m.	<i>Regular Council</i>
March 21	5 p.m.	<i>Urban Wildlife Committee</i>
March 25	6 p.m.	<i>Regular Council</i>

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. For regular council meetings, 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.

2024 Annual Rental Market Survey



Renters, landlords and property managers in Elkford: we want to hear from you!

The District of Elkford is conducting our annual rental market survey, in which we collect and report anonymous information on the rental market in Elkford. The data collected in this survey will be used to publish a report about the status of the rental market in the community. The 2023 survey report is available here: <https://bit.ly/2023rentalmarketsurvey>.

Visit engage.elkford.ca/rentalmarket2024 to complete the 2024 Annual Rental Market Survey before the deadline of **April 12, 2024**.

Individual responses will remain strictly confidential, and no contact or location information will be shared in the report. Note that feedback will not be accepted through Facebook.

Questions? Contact Planning & Development Services at planning@elkford.ca or **250.865.4000**.

Watering Restrictions Start April 1

It may seem early, but April will be here before you know it!

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 RESIDENTIAL STREET ADDRESS. On the calendar days that correspond with your street address (odd or even), remember that you may only water within the hours of **7 p.m. to 10 a.m.** (amended in the Good Neighbour Bylaw, No. 781, 2022).

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.

Winter Parking Bylaw

Winter comes early in Elkford, and thanks to our high elevation, it also often ends last (which is either great or terrible, depending on how much you enjoy winter sports).

A friendly reminder that on-street parking is NOT permitted in Elkford between the hours of **6 a.m. and 4 p.m.** from **November 1 to March 31** (inclusive). This bylaw is in place so that Public Works can perform efficient and effective snow removal.

Visit www.elkford.ca/bylaws for more information.

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—don't use snowbanks as a playground!



SPRING REMINDERS



Help Keep Elkford Clean

Can we get a show of hands for who hates the spring melt? The worst part isn't even the mud and slushy mess that winter leaves behind, it's the mountains of dog waste and litter left behind by inconsiderate folks that appear as the snow melts.

Please pick up after yourself and your pets! Dog waste doesn't belong on our trails and trash does not belong in the backcountry, in our parks, along forest service roads, in greenspaces or at McGulley's (where the yellow bins used to be situated).

What can you do with your household garbage and recyclables? 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.

Contact the Elkford Transfer Station directly at **1.250.489.2791** for more info!

