

# COUNCIL COLUMN

**THE TOWN OF SMITHERS IS PLEASED TO INTRODUCE "COUNCIL COLUMN".** Council has decided to use a monthly newspaper spot in The Interior News to replace the quarterly Town Gazette, in order to more effectively reach the public in a timely manner and significantly reduce paper waste. We'd like to hear what you think about our new column by email to [general@smithers.ca](mailto:general@smithers.ca) or by telephone (250) 847-1600.

**SPRING CLEANUP WEEK:** The Town will pick up extra residential garbage during the week of May 3 to 7 on your regular garbage day. Recyclable or compostable materials, appliances, batteries, tires, or paint will not be picked up. Prunings and brush must be 4 feet or less in length, bundled and tied. For more information, call the Works and Operations Department at 847-1649.

**OPEN BURNING:** The Smithers Fire Department would like to remind residents that the Town of Smithers' Open Burning Bylaw prohibits any open burning of domestic waste materials, garden refuse, garbage, land-clearing or noxious materials.

**ROAD AND SIDEWALK CLEANUP:** Sweeping and clean up of winter abrasives from streets, sidewalks, boulevards, curbs, and medians is underway and will run through April and May. Please use caution when driving, walking, or cycling and adhere to all posted construction signs. Please also remove parked cars from the street when crews are working in your neighbourhood. Your cooperation is appreciated by the Town Works and Operations crews.

**COMPOSTERS:** The Town has 11 cubic feet residential composters for sale at \$55 plus tax. The Town Garbage Bylaw prohibits collection of

compostable materials, so residents may purchase a composter or drop off compostables at the Works Yard at 2888 19th Avenue year round.

**SPORTS FIELD USAGE:** As the weather gets warmer and snow goes away, there is the temptation for sport teams and phys ed classes to start to use soccer and softball fields too early in the growing season. The Town-owned soccer fields at Heritage Park, Chandler Park, and Elks Park are all closed until May. For more information on field usage, field bookings, and other events, please contact the Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture.

**ANNUAL WATER FLUSHING:** The Works and Operations department will be conducting its annual flushing program in May. Prior to the onset of flushing, chlorine will be added to the system in controlled quantities, to offset iron, bacteria, silts and other substances that have settled out of the water and become lodged in the distribution system. Users may be able to detect the taste or odour of chlorine until approximately May 31. The quantity of chlorine injected into the system will not exceed 2 milligrams per litre and is not injurious to your health. Anyone finding this taste or odour objectionable will be able to dissipate it by allowing a container of water to stand, with the surface uncovered, for a short time, or by boiling the water for a couple of minutes. Running your taps for a short period prior to laundry washing and avoiding the use of chlorine bleach during the course of the flushing program will minimize the possibility of laundry staining caused by manganese.

**NEW OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:** Approval of the new Official Community Plan is in the final

stages. It will replace the existing 2000 Plan, to guide future growth and development in the Town. The Public Hearing was held March 23 and final adoption is scheduled for April 13.

**PRESENTATION OF THE FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN:** Mayor Farrow and Council would like to invite all interested members of the public to attend an information session about the Town's 2010-2014 Five-Year Financial Plan. This will be held in the Council Chambers of the Smithers Town Office from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

A brief presentation will be given by Council, followed by a question and answer period. Light refreshments will be served.

**EASTER HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP:** If your regular garbage pickup is Friday, April 2, your garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, April 6. If Monday, April 5 is your garbage day, pick up will be on Wednesday, April 7. Happy Easter everyone!

***For further details on any of the information presented here, please visit [www.smithers.ca](http://www.smithers.ca), drop in to the Town Office at 1027 Aldous Street, or call 250-847-1600.***

***Your feedback is appreciated.***

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