



VILLAGE LIFE IN Radium Hot Springs

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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DEE CONKLIN

Three years have come and gone so very quickly! Your Mayor and Council have worked extremely hard on your behalf. We have all gained so much information about our roles and then contributed back to our community. If you would all bear with me I would like to reflect over those years and thank those in the Village who made my experience one that I will never, ever forget.

To Mark Read, CAO: Your leadership, patience and calming style made learning my role much less painful than I anticipated.

To Karen Sharp, CFO: Bet you were surprised when you learned I couldn't balance a cheque book or live within a budget? I can do both extremely well now! Thanks for your step by step approach!

To Ken McDonell, Head of Public Works: I didn't think I'd ever meet someone who really works 24/7 for their company – I have met that man now! Thank you for your total dedication to our Village and to all your staff for the TLC they put into making Radium a safe and wonderful place to live.

To Arne Dohlen, Approvals Officer: Bylaws, building and development permits, analysis reports, design guidelines etc. were all new to me 3 years ago. Now I can speak to most of them with confidence (but I know where I can go if I need assistance!)

To Gary Burford, Bylaw Officer: I won't forget the 6:30 am phone call to your home last fall saying I had a bear on my patio – your patience with me as you explained the proper protocol (phone the RAPP number) was appreciated – you still calmed my shaky nerves and I thank you. You do your very difficult job extremely well!

To Dave Dixon, Fire Chief: We did it! The fire hall got built, your team has new uniforms and we're so proud of all of you and your dedication to keeping us all safe.

To Jill Logan, office guru: If I could institute a dress code for the Village, you would be given a cheerleader's outfit! You motivate and take charge of all the details, never missing a beat. You keep everyone organized and on track – myself included!

To Donna Verboom, Reception and first point of contact: You are our newest member of the Village staff and you round out the team perfectly, bringing a wealth of experience with you and sharing it as you do your job. Thank you for organizing my "Mayor's life" – can I hire you for the rest of my business life?

To the present Council: Ron Verboom, you are the most dedicated Radium resident I know – you always make sure every tax dollar is being spent wisely; Clara Reinhardt, I am amazed how you walk every street and know everything that is going on around us. You have brought your vast knowledge in the world of safety to many aspects of our business in Radium; and Don Devlin – thank you for bringing the young person's perspective to the table. We must of course not forget Brent Frederickson, who we lost in January. He brought his guidance and leadership to every issue as well as his extensive knowledge of the history of Radium over the last 30 years. Brent you are always in our thoughts!

Now, you all know the players that make up Radium Hot Springs. Feel free at anytime to introduce yourselves to these fine folks – they are the quiet, unassuming power behind the day-to-day operations of your Village. I am looking forward to serving you all once again as your Mayor for the next 3 years.

Sincerely, Dee Conklin, Mayor

MUNICIPAL ELECTION – November 19th

... but things may change a little bit. **Election Fever is around the corner.** On Saturday, November 19th there is a Municipal election. All the present Council and 3 new candidates are vying for 4 Council positions. They are, in alphabetical order:

Don Devlin
Deborah Fischer
Karen Larsen
Todd Logan
Clara Reinhardt
Ron Verboom



2 opportunities have been set up to meet your candidates:

All Candidates Forum

A formal question & answer event
Wednesday, Nov 2nd at 7:00 pm
Radium Community Centre

Brought to you by
The Rotary Club of
Radium Hot Springs



Coffee with the Candidates

An informal opportunity to meet your candidates

Sunday, November 13th, 2 – 4 pm
Meet on Higher Ground Coffee Shop

MUNICIPAL ELECTION Mail Ballot Voting



Qualified electors may vote by mail if they:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at a voting opportunity,
- OR
- expect to be absent from the Village of Radium Hot Springs on both the general voting day and the advance voting opportunity.

Requesting a Mail Ballot Package:

Before 4 pm on November 17, 2011 you must submit an Application to Vote by Mail to the Village office in person or by mail (PO Box 340, Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A 1M0), fax (250-347-9068) or email (Mark.Read@radiumhotsprings.ca). Applications are available at the Village office, upon request, and on the Village website (www.radiumhotsprings.ca). Mail ballot electors will be required to submit a completed Elector Registration Form and consent from the majority of the property owners if they are seeking to register as a non-resident property elector.

Mail ballot packages will be available no later than November 1st. To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Mark Read, Chief Election Officer
(250) 347-6455



Fall at the library...

ONE BOOK, ONE KOOTENAY winner of the writing contest, Rosa Jordan, will be visiting the Radium Library to read from her book *Far from Botany Bay* on Wednesday October 26th at 7:00 pm.

The library has added a **FRENCH BOOK SECTION** to the Children and young Adult areas.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - Trudy Veres will be assuming the position of Children's program coordinator for the winter season.



Story Time with Trudy

The library and Edgewater School have formed a **LITERACY PARTNERSHIP**. Teachers select 40 books per month from the library to be used in their classrooms. The students have agreed to supply art work each month to the library depicting a favourite book. The artwork will be hung in the library. A number of children's authors will also be available to the school.

The Radium Public Library wishes to **THANK RON VERBOOM** of the "Headbangers Run" for the generous donation of the proceeds from the run.

BOARD MEMBERS

Helle Fry • *Chairperson* Heather Purkell • *Vice-chair*
Nancy Mullin • *Treasurer* Joanne Steedman • *Member*
Margaret Slack • *Member* Jane Jones • *Director*
Ron Verboom • *Member (Village representative)*

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all our dedicated volunteers who continue to assist in the running of the library.

Further information regarding services, programs, new releases may be obtained through the web-site: <http://radium.bclibrary.ca>



LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 pm Unit #2
Saturday 10:00 – Noon 7585 Main Street
Sunday 11:00 – 1:00 pm Phone 250-347-2434
Email: radiumpubliclibrary@hotmail.com

NEW TOURISM RADIUM BOARD

On October 11th Radium Chamber members voted 35 to 3 in favour of establishing the **Tourism Radium Hot Springs Association**, which will carry out contracts for the Visitor Centre services with Tourism BC, serve as Radium's information centre and administer the Hotel Room Tax that is collected by village accommodators to market the community's tourism assets. Many of the other Chambers in the Resort Municipalities are also getting out of the Tourism business.

Following the vote, Tourism Radium then held an election for its new executive, with a record 14 members being nominated for seven positions on the board. After each nominee had two minutes to speak to the membership, another vote was held for the new board of directors.



Some of the new Tourism Radium Hot Springs Association executive members. From left: Ed Furger, Graham Kerslake, Leann Laisnez, Rod Conklin and Jim Spiers

The vote resulted in the following board members: Rod Conklin, Ken Fisher, Ed Furger, Graham Kerslake, Leann Laisnez, Kerstin McCauley and Jim Spiers.

The new directors then convened to elect the new executive, with Kerslake, owner of the Village Country Inn and Fireside Tea Shop becoming the new chair, and Laisnez, of Meet on Higher Ground, the new vice chair. CasaVino Wine Bar owner Conklin is the new secretary and McCauley, owner of Crystal Springs Motel is treasurer.

Kent Kebe and his staff at the visitor centre are busy working through the transition. Everyone wants to wish the new Board good luck and

also thank the previous Board for all their efforts.



BC Hydro requires two planned outages:

Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 am–noon
Sunday, Nov. 6, 7–11 am.

These outages during daylight hours are required to safely complete conversion work at the Radium substation.

The Saturday outage will affect customers north of the Radium Substation including Edgewater, up to and including Spur Valley. The outage on Sunday will affect the area directly west of the Radium Substation off Prospector Avenue, the campground south of the substation, Kootenay National Park (not including the entrance buildings), Forsters Landing Road, subdivisions west of Columbia Avenue off Forsters Landing Road and the Canfor mill.

Headbanger Trail Challenge

On September 24, 2011 the new Headbanger Trail Challenge took place in Radium Hot Springs. The runners could not have asked for better weather – sunny skies and temperatures in the high 20's made for a beautiful day to run the trail. The route moved out of Kootenay National Park and instead wound its way through Radium, down into the Sinclair Creek Trail area, and off towards



north Radium and the Elk Park Ranch subdivision lands. New to the run this year was a family-friendly 3km walk/run. The day was topped off with prizes and a bbq.

The Radium Public Library would sincerely like to thank all the volunteers who generously donated their time, as well as the wonderful support from the local businesses, to make the Headbanger such a great success! Participants praised the new course and new location for the event at Legend's Field. We hope to see the event grow next year. Thanks to you all!

For more information, contact Ron Verboom at 250-347-2456 or visit www.headbangertrailchallenge.ca





VILLAGE UPDATE

Office Renovations

We are currently undergoing long awaited renovations to our Village Office! The contract for the reconstruction of the old Firehall and renovation of the existing office was put out to tender in July. Nielsen Enterprises Ltd. was the successful bidder and construction commenced in August. It is anticipated that the project will be completed this year.

The reconstruction and renovations include converting the old Firehall to office and meeting space, creating Council chambers and updating the current office and space. In addition, space is being developed for School District #6, Distance Learning Centre, with student and teacher office space. The Distance Learning Centre was previously located adjacent to the Radium Public Library.

During the renovations, all regular Council meetings will be held at the new Firehall located at 4878 Radium Blvd. All regular office functions will continue at the existing office throughout the construction period.

Capital Works Update

Water Main Upgrade

The water main upgrade project is expected to be completed by the end of October. The Village is pleased to announce that pricing allowed for the addition of an extra line to be replaced on McKay Street and in

one of the alleys. The upgrade has resulted in an increase in flow capacity to Radium's main core. Final paving and clean up will be dependent on the availability of the paving company. At this time, the Village would like to extend a huge thank you to the business owners and residents impacted by the construction. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

North Radium Pathway and Lighting

The design for the pathway has been completed. Work will commence upon receipt of a work permit from the Ministry of Highways. If the permit is not received within the next few weeks allowing work to begin before winter, the project will be postponed until spring.

X-Walk Lighting and Highway Bumpouts

The highway pedestrian crossing upgrades and roadway lighting project will be going out to tender and it is expected that work will begin in the spring.

Other:

- Hydrant Flushing has been completed.



- 20 Years Service Award –

Ken McDonell

Official 20 years of service date was October 15, 2011. Ken was presented with a handsome watch at a staff/council bbq on September 24, 2011

Need something to do in the afternoon?

Did you know the Radium Community Hall is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 1:30-4 pm for cards, carpet bowling, pool, ping pong, shuffleboard and darts? Everyone is welcome!

The hugely popular **Pickleball** is now available at the Community Centre.

Come out on Tuesday November 1st at 6:30 pm and see what it's all about. For more information phone Kathy, 250 347 9875.



PICKLEBALL

What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. The sport is played on a court with the same dimensions as a doubles badminton court with a net similar to tennis, but mounted two inches lower. The game

is played with a hard paddle and a polymer wiffle ball. Pickleball is much easier to play than tennis but just as active!

Radium Learning Centre

Becky Blakley
(250) 342-9243 ext. 4429 or becky.blakley@sd6.bc.ca

The Rocky Mountain Learning Centre is operated by the Rocky Mountain School District. As a part of the Rocky Mountain Distributed Learning School, the centre provides services to and supports learners from Kindergarten to adults as part of one of our three primary programs: Learning@Home, Distributed Learning, and Adult Education. Our teacher who is based in Radium is Becky Blakley, who brings a wealth of experience and positive energy to the school and learners. Becky lives in Radium Hot Springs and has been an educator for over 20 years. Distributed Learning is often referred to as online learning for students taking grades 10 to 12 courses. Students (both school-aged and adults!) can enrol in both regular academic courses (such as English and Math) and specialized courses such as Equine Studies and Digital Photography. While we do have students at the senior High School level who are only taking courses from us, most of our Distributed Learning students are taking one or two courses while taking their other courses at their regular High School. Visit our website (www.getsmartbc.ca) for more information about courses and choices. The school will be moving into their new location – in the Radium Village Office – at the end of November.

Dedication of the Radium Fire Hall to Brent Frederickson

On Friday, October 14th an emotional dedication was made to the family of Brent Frederickson. A memorial stone and plaque was unveiled in memory of Brent. As Councillor Ron Verboom stated, "Seeing what Radium has grown into is a great measure of our success, and much of that success can be attributed to Brent's guidance and leadership on council. He wasn't a big guy, but he sure had broad shoulders. The village is extremely indebted to Brent for his years of municipal service, his wisdom, his thoughtfulness, and his determination. Mr. Radium, you've left some big shoes to fill!"

Dave Dixon, the fire chief, donated a framed photo of all the Firemen in their new uniforms, all purchased from generous gifts to Brent's memorial fund.





BACK PAGE BITS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Eaton House Halloween Howler

Saturday, October 29

Located at "Eaton's House" 5 minutes north of Radium

4:00 – 5:00 Kids' Zone

5:00 – 6:00 The Great Pumpkin Hunt
& Carving Competition

6:00 – 8:00 Haunting & Bonfire

Wear your costume and receive a goodie bag!

CP Holiday Train is returning to Radium Hot Springs

Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm

Hot chocolate and cookies and plenty of entertainment to keep you warm.

Since 1999, the CP Holiday Train program has raised \$5.6 million and generated close to 2.5 million pounds of food donations for local food banks.



The Holiday Train has 14 rail cars decorated with hundreds of thousands of festive lights. Headlining the musical spirit of the season from a specially designed stage on the train is Canadian legend Valdy. Hope to see you all there – don't forget to bring food for the food bank!!!

Village of Radium's Birthday Party

Come and Celebrate **New Year's Eve** with your friends and neighbours down at Radium's Legends field.

Chili, hot dogs, hot chocolate and cake will all be served to celebrate our 21st birthday. Bring your skates and toboggans for family fun.



Numbers to Know

911 • Police, Fire, and Ambulance Services

250-347-6455 • Volunteer Fire Chief Dave Dixon

250-342-9292 • Non-emergency RCMP

250-342-2055 • Non-emergency Ambulance Service

250-342-9201 • Invermere District Hospital

1-800-665-4929 • Road Hazard Reporting 24 hours

1-877-952-7277 • RAPP line

RICK HANSEN 25TH ANNIVERSARY RELAY

Coming through Radium Hot Springs on April 13, 2012 around 1:30 pm

One of the key events commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour is a National Relay that will be held over a nine month period commencing August 24, 2011. Recreating the Canadian portion of the Man in Motion World Tour and visiting hundreds of communities from St. John's, NL to Vancouver, BC, the Relay will feature thousands of Participants donning the 25th Anniversary Relay Medal, a powerful symbol of hope. While the route plans respect the original Man in Motion World Tour's dates and communities, highlighting the progress made over the past 25 years, one of the goals will be to tell the story of Canada and Canadians – those everyday heroes who are making a difference in their communities, their country and the world.

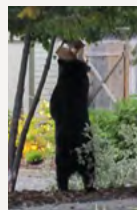
We are looking for someone to walk, run or wheel as the team enters Radium. Anyone wishing to be a Medal Bearer must enter the contest before December 1st.

Enter the contest at www.rickhansenrelay.com

for the possibility to be a part of the Relay – if you win and become the Medal Bearer

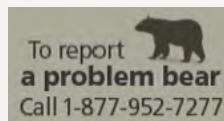
you will receive a **Commemorative Medal from the Royal Canadian Mint and a Nike track suit.**

The route is set but we will need volunteers to help on the route, get the message out and to serve lunch for the race team and community participants. Please call Dee at 250-341-5100.



We should be proud of ourselves! Crystal Leonard spent the summer educating all of us on being Bear Aware. She visited over 500 homes, she stickered many garbage bins that were left outside and she taught over 200 children on being Bear Aware. Almost all of us cleaned up our yards, fruit trees and bird feeders were put away early enough that we have had very few bear sightings this year. But it doesn't mean we should

not be on our toes. The bears are still around and preparing for hibernation. Keep your garbage tucked away, fruit off the ground and put away your feeders. If you see a bear please contact the RAPP number.



What's Radium Resort up to?

Presently they are in the final stages of completing the 2011 program for golf course renovations at both the Springs and the Resort course.

Springs Course:

The Master Redevelopment Plan represents minor changes to the Springs course as it remains to be in the top 100 golf courses in Canada. A new tee was added to Hole 15 and planning for changes to Holes 1, 2 and 9 is in process to accommodate the new Radium Springs Estates subdivision.

Resort Course:

The significant upgrades to the Resort Course have been predicated on maintaining existing features while adding large modern greens and extending the length.

- Three new golf holes constructed over the 2011 season will open in 2012.

- A brand new tee box with four decks has been completed on Hole #1 along with the new green. Excitement is building.

Radium Resort:

- A new hot tub in its indoor pool facility is now open for use.
- The fitness centre and racquet courts remain open all winter.
- Cross country ski tracks will be set at the Resort course for complimentary use.
- Watch for the Dicken's Christmas Village display to be set up in the Resort Restaurant this year.

