

Message from Mayor Kent

With the election buzz happening and declaring that I am not running again, I want to thank you, City of Duncan, for making the past 19 years (6 terms) an unforgettable experience! It has been my pleasure to serve as your Mayor, and I have truly enjoyed my time.

If there is one thing that I can pass along, it is to get out and VOTE on October 20th. Council is your direct connection as a citizen, to listen to your views and suggestions and to make the City of Duncan great in every way.

Lastly, I want to thank Council and Staff for their hard work and dedication to the City—it has been a pleasure working with all of you.



Mayor Phil Kent has served on Council since 1999

Updated Smoking Regulations Smoke-Free Bylaw No. 3179, 2018

On August 20, 2018, City Council adopted Smoke-Free Bylaw No. 3179, 2018, which aligns with Provincial Regulations, prohibiting smoking tobacco, vegetative matter (including cannabis), and vaping in:

- Any park;
- Public facility;
- School yard; or
- Within a six (6) metre area, measured on the ground from any point direction below any doorway, window or air intake or bus stop sign.

For help to quit smoking, go to www.quitnow.ca

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

OCTOBER 20, 2018

General local elections are the most direct way for the public to influence their local government and school district by determining the individuals who make decisions and govern on their behalf.

Voters in Duncan will have the opportunity to vote for Duncan City Council (1 Mayor, 6 Councillors), and School District No. 79 School Board (7 Trustees), as well as decide on two questions from the Cowichan Valley Regional District regarding:

- 1) Cowichan Housing Association Annual Financial Contribution Service, and
- 2) Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service.

Voting Opportunities

October 10 & 16, 2018: Advance voting opportunities will be held at City Hall, 200 Craig Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 20, 2018: General voting day will be held at Duncan Fire Hall, 468 Duncan Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voter Eligibility

Residents and non-resident property elector (owner) who meet the voter eligibility requirements can vote on general voting day, or at the advance voting opportunities.

To be eligible to vote in the City of Duncan as a resident or non-resident property elector (owner) a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on voting day;
- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Have been a resident of BC for at least six months;
- Have either lived or owned property* in Duncan for at least 30 days before they vote; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment, from voting in a local election.

***More 2018 election information is available on the City's website www.duncan.ca**



Comments, questions or concerns?

Visit www.duncan.ca | Phone 250-746-6126 | Email duncan@duncan.ca

CITY OF DUNCAN 2018 AWARDS

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their contribution to the community? If you would like to nominate someone for the Perpetual Arts Trophy, the Perpetual Trophy for Excellence & Sportsmanship, or the Scroll of Honour, the nomination application forms are available on the City's website or can be picked up from City Hall, 200 Craig Street. Deadline for submissions is the end of September. If a recipient is selected this year for any of these awards, the presentation ceremony will take place at the Annual Meeting in December.

PERPETUAL ARTS TROPHY

The Perpetual Arts Trophy recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the performing, literary or visual arts. A special 'thank you' to the Cowichan Valley Arts Council who will be reviewing the nominations.

PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE & SPORTSMANSHIP

The Perpetual Trophy for Excellence & Sportsmanship recognizes one individual or organization who has contributed significantly to sports or distinguished themselves in sportsmanship.

SCROLL OF HONOUR

We value the volunteers in our community! The City's Scroll of Honour Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated at least 15 years of volunteer service in the Cowichan Valley.

YARD WASTE & GLASS PICK-UP REMINDER

Yard waste and glass is collected by a contractor on the first collection day of each month (March to December; no collection in January or February). The following can be placed at the curb on this day:

YARD WASTE

Up to ten (10) compostable bags or reusable bins of yard waste no larger than 77L and weighing no more than 50lbs/22kg each.

STICKS

Up to two (2) bundles of sticks no longer than 3 feet and no larger than 2 inches in diameter. Bundles of sticks must be tied with cotton string and not exceed 50lbs/22kg in weight.

GLASS

Unlimited glass. Glass must be unbroken, clean and contained in a bin.

Residents can also dispose of yard waste and glass for free at the Bings Creek Transfer Station, year round. For more information, please contact Bings Creek Transfer Station at 250-746-2540.

BUSINESS & DOG LICENCE REMINDER

Business Licence and Dog Licence invoices will be mailed out by the end of November. If your business has changed or closed, or you no longer have your dog or have moved, please let City Hall know.

Phone: 250-746-6126 | Email: finance@duncan.ca

GET YOUR UTILITY BILL BY EMAIL

Would you prefer to receive your semi-annual utility bill by email? If so, please send a note, with your account number or address to: utilities@duncan.ca

OCTOBER 7—13, 2018 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention campaign theme: "**Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.**" works to educate people about the basic but essential steps to reduce the likelihood of having a fire and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"**LOOK**" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"**LISTEN**" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"**LEARN**" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Check your smoke alarms when you turn back your clocks this fall. Also remember to check the date on your detectors as they have a 10 year shelf life. The presence of a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire. Test your alarm monthly by pushing the test button. You need a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Single level apartments should have smoke alarms near the kitchen and all sleeping areas.

If you, or someone you know, has any questions about fire prevention, please contact the Duncan Volunteer Fire Department at 250-746-5211.

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