

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STAPLES



On behalf of City Council and the citizens of the City of Duncan, I am excited for this opportunity to say hello from all of us in my first 'Message from the Mayor'.

I have to admit that it has been a whirlwind since the election at the end of October, with a steep learning curve for all of the new faces on Council this term. We have been busy training, reviewing budgets, and becoming familiar with each other and the variety of committees and appointments we have in our community. We have made a few changes to our Council proceedings and encourage you to come by one of our open Council meetings. We also welcome you to be part of the budgeting process and attend the next budget open house (information on back page).

Your new Council has made communication with all of you a top priority and this newsletter is just one way for us to share what is happening at the City. We will continue to provide this to you quarterly and encourage you to reach out to us. If you would like to receive Council agendas and keep informed of City news online, please sign up through our website (www.duncan.ca). We are working at finding other ways to connect with you so stay tuned for more!

I would like to thank our incredible staff and volunteer fire department for everything they have done to get us through the wind and winter storms, and to all of you, reaching out and helping your neighbours, demonstrating over and over again the strength and pride that makes this city our home. We want you all to know that we notice, we care, and we are here with you for the next four years to continue to grow our city, find solutions to our challenges and work together.

Respectfully,

Michelle Staples, Mayor

2019 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

City of Duncan Regular Council Meetings will take place at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 200 Craig Street, Duncan, BC, on the following dates:

March 4	June 3	October 7
March 18	June 17	October 21
April 1	July 15	November 4
April 15	August 19	November 18
May 6	September 3	December 2
May 21	September 16	December 16

Committee of the Whole (CoW) Meetings will be scheduled as needed in the Committee Room, 200 Craig Street, Duncan, BC. Notice of CoW meetings will be posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

2020 Budget Committee of the Whole meetings will be scheduled for noon on October 18 and November 1, 2019.

NOTE: Meeting dates are subject to change and special meetings are scheduled as needed.

DUNCAN RECEIVES AWARD FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR 7TH YEAR IN A ROW

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded the City of Duncan with the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting. This is the 7th consecutive award presented to the City of Duncan for surpassing the requirements for generally accepted accounting principles and clearly communicating the City's finances in the annual report.

The Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Program was established to encourage municipal governments throughout Canada to publish high quality financial reports and to provide peer recognition and technical guidance for officials preparing these reports. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"I am pleased to congratulate staff on producing award winning reports year after year," said Mayor Michelle Staples. "I would like to recognize the dedication and excellence of the whole finance team."

The award was presented to the City of Duncan for the 2017 Annual Financial Report. The report has been judged by an impartial Canadian Review Committee members to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" designed to clearly communicate the City's financial information.

Comments, questions or concerns?

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

COMPOST PICK-UP

Please put your compost out by 7:00 a.m. the morning of your pickup to ensure it does not freeze in the bin overnight. City crew members are unable to lift the bins, dump it all out and ensure that it is empty.

YARD WASTE & GLASS PICK-UP REMINDER

Yard waste and glass are 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 starting in March:

- 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, soft plastics 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.

2019 CITIZEN SURVEY

The City will be conducting a Citizen Survey by phone in the next few months to assess the level of satisfaction with services and spending priorities, and to identify issues affecting the quality of life. We look forward to your feedback!



Welcome Stuart, Matt and Georgianna

WELCOME NEW STREETS & PARKS PATROLLERS

Our friendly Parking and Parks Patrollers, who are currently employed through a contractor, will shift to being City employees commencing March 1, 2019.

We are pleased to welcome Stuart Allen, Georgianna Kelk and Matt Ratsoy, who are officially joining the City team. They will be patrolling the streets and parks to help to ensure safety and comfort within our city.

2019 BUDGET

Have your say on the proposed City of Duncan 2019 budget by attending one of the meetings coming up:

March 4, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meeting to review draft tax rates and consider public feedback on the proposed budget

March 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Public Open House to seek feedback on the 5-Year Financial Plan and draft Tax Rates

If you have any questions regarding the draft 2019 budget, please contact our Director of Finance.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

How prepared are you for the next storm? Disasters are happening all over the world and we can all be a little more prepared for the next one. Power outages, windstorms, forest fires, and earthquakes; pay attention to the weather, it changes daily.

Free Emergency Preparedness Workbooks are available at:

- Duncan City Hall (200 Craig St.)
- CVRD (175 Ingram St.)
- Island Savings Centre Library (2687 James St.)

Or online at: www.cvr.bc.ca – document centre.

This workbook provides tips in each section and takes you through a series of questions to help you become prepared.

It starts with your personal preparedness, and then helping your neighbours. Do a home assessment inside and out, and take time to check on your neighbours.

1. Get prepared and develop your household plan
2. Meet your neighbours; elderly or disabled may need help
3. Identify a safe meeting place
4. Assign neighbourhood responsibilities; who has a snow blower, generator, chainsaw, or first aid training
5. Map your street
6. Keep in touch; collect names and numbers of neighbours
7. Review and update your neighbourhood plan annually (have a fun get together)
8. Create a Block Watch program

SMOKE DETECTORS & DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

A good time to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as change the batteries, is when you change your clocks twice a year. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10, 2019.

