

DID YOU KNOW?



Snow may soon be upon us. Remember to remove snow or ice from sidewalks in front of your home or business.

Be neighbourly by helping the elderly or relatives who may have difficulty clearing the snow themselves.

Save up your empty glass jars and containers and place them curbside. Pickup days are on the first garbage/recycling collection day of the month from March through December. More information can be obtained at City Hall or www.duncan.ca



Keep up to date with City business by watching Council meetings live over the internet!

If you are unable to watch the meetings live, you can access archived videos by visiting: www.duncan.bc.ca/duncan_city_hall/meetings.htm and clicking on 'View City Council Meetings'.

Council meetings are also televised on Shaw's channel 4 on Thursday (3:00 p.m.), Friday (10:00 a.m.), and Monday (9:00 a.m.) following the Council meeting.



Holiday Hours

City Hall (200 Craig St) will be closed for the holidays from 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Works (1091 Marchmont Rd) will be closed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2015, all day Friday, December 25, 2015, Monday, December 28, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016. In case of emergency please call 250-746-7192.

City of Duncan Road Ranger

Sign up today at www.duncanroadranger.ca to receive email notifications about significant projects, changes to traffic flow, winter road conditions, and anything else that may impact your day!

FIRE HALL SEISMIC UPGRADE

The City of Duncan is proud to announce the completion of the seismic upgrades to the Fire Hall. The project was funded by the City with financial contributions from the Eagle Heights and Cowichan Tribes fire service areas. The thirty-one year old Fire Hall also has new siding and roofing, energy efficient lighting, and water conserving plumbing in reconfigured gender equal washrooms. These changes, along with the removal of asbestos and lead based hazardous materials, will give the Fire Hall a new life to meet the needs of the community for the foreseeable future.

The City would like to thank all the members of the Duncan Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts throughout this process. The Fire Chief welcomes the public to have a look during their Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) or Sunday (9:00 a.m.) meetings.



ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL

Council recently created an Advisory Design Panel (ADP) to assist Council on matters relating to the design context of development proposals or policies that affect Duncan's physical environment.

The ADP will review and advise Council on the conformance of major development permit applications (commercial development over 200 square meters, or residential development with 5 or more units) and other matters referred to it by Council or staff.

The ADP consists of five voting members and one Council liaison appointed by Council as follows: two architects registered with the Architectural Institute of BC; one landscape architect registered with the BC Society of Landscape Architects; one planner currently a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners; one accredited member of the Canadian Green Building Council and certified Built Green builder, and one Council liaison (non-voting).

The ADP must consider the relevant Development Permit Area Guidelines within the context and scope of the proposal, the effect of the proposal on community design (including appearance and contextual relationship to its surroundings, exterior materials, landscaping and general safety and accessibility of the design), as well as any other relevant City policies or regulations identified by staff.

For projects in which a conflict of interest exists, the panel member will absent him/herself from discussions and panel members serve as volunteers, without remuneration.

Council and staff would like to thank the ADP members, as well as all the other Advisory Committee members, for volunteering their time for the betterment of the City.

If you have a suggestion for a future newsletter topic, we'd love to hear from you.

Phone 250-746-6126 or email duncan@duncan.ca

CITY OF DUNCAN'S TOTEM COLLECTION



Featured Pole - Cedar Woman and Man

The totem pole featured here is called 'Cedar Woman and Man' and was carved by Simon Charlie (right) in 1986. The pole stands 4.7 meters tall and is located in China Gardens on Government Street.

The woman and man are wearing woven Salish blankets and on the base are symbols that are important to the Quw'utsun' people. The two figures represent a balance between the female and male aspects of life.

During an interview in 2012, Tim Kuchylski (Simon Charlie's grandson), provided the following statement:

Cedar woman is the originator of all of our woven materials...she had a dream, and in the dream she was taught how to weave, and she was taught not only how to weave but how to collect cedar roots, how to split the roots, how to weave reeds, how to weave basketry, how to weave clothing, how to weave red cedar and yellow cedar...her gift was to teach, and so she taught people how to weave, and brought weaving to the community and brought weaving to a finite skill.

Simon Charlie, 1919-2005, was a visionary, a master carver, and a keeper of his cultural heritage. A recipient of both the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia, Simon was known for his passion for teaching carving and Salish traditions to younger generations. In typical Salish style, his totem poles were carved in the round and mostly left unpainted. Simon is Kwa'mutsun, part of the Quw'utsun' Tribes. Titus Auckland helped Simon with this pole.

The City's Totem collection is world-class. We encourage you to take a self-guided totem tour to learn more about the artists and what the poles represent.



2016 BUDGET

City Council will begin budget deliberations on November 20, 2015 for the 2016 budget year. Meetings take place in the Committee Room at City Hall, 200 Craig Street on the following dates:

Friday, November 20, 2015: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Operating Budget

Monday, November 30, 2015: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Capital Budget

Open House - Monday, January 18, 2016: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments on particular budget items, or the budget in general, by attending one of the meetings, the open house, or sending an email to the Director of Finance, Talitha Soldera at talitha@duncan.ca

FOOD/TOY DRIVE

The City of Duncan Public Works Crew will be picking up donations of non-perishable food items for the local food bank on December 14th, 15th and 16th, 2015. We will also be collecting donations of unwrapped toys this year! You can choose to donate food, or toys, or both.



Please place your donations, clearly marked **FOOD/TOY DRIVE**, at curbside on your scheduled garbage collection day, OR, drop off your donations at City Hall or the Public Works Yard during business hours, OR, phone us and we will personally drop by to collect donations.

Public Works: 1091 Marchmont Road: Mon – Fri from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ph# 250-746-5321

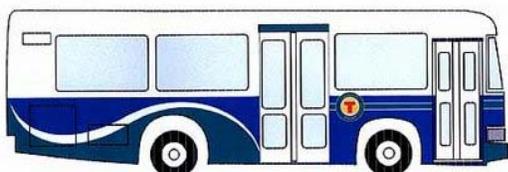
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Thank you for your assistance in supporting the Valley's Food Bank.

FREE TRANSIT

The City of Duncan continues to offer the monthly Transit Pass Rebate Program (100% rebate).

To obtain a rebate, City residents purchase monthly transit passes through the normal outlets, and then apply for a refund at City Hall, 200 Craig Street. Residents will be asked to fill out a short form, provide proof of residency, and submit the receipt from the purchase of their transit pass.



SXWAIXWE CEREMONY

The City of Duncan restored the Salish Bear Totem Pole to its original design and colouring and has installed it back at its original location - the Malahat Summit rest area. A Sxwaixwe mask dance and ceremony was held at the site to honour the carver, Stan Modeste and his family.

The Sxwaixwe mask is the only traditional Coast Salish mask and only a limited number of families have hereditary rights to it. The City was honoured and privileged to be part of such an impressive ritual, and would like to thank the Modeste family, and Cowichan Tribes, for allowing us to participate.

Interpretive signage, identical to the signage installed in Charles Hoey Park, was also installed at the site.