

OLIVER NEWS

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VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the current COVID-19 protocols, Council Meetings will continue being held online. Please visit our Civic Web Portal for the link to join the meeting.
<https://oliver.civicweb.net/portal/>



COVID-19 UPDATE

Town Hall is open to the public from 9 am – 4 pm Monday to Friday. Access to Town Hall is being administered through a door buzzer and intercom system. Access to the building is limited to a maximum of 2 customers at one time. It is mandatory to wear a mask to enter the building.

DID YOU KNOW? YOU CAN PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL BY:

- E-TRANSFER
- INTERNET/TELEPHONE BANKING
- MAIL IN YOUR CHEQUE
- IN PERSON (CASH, CHEQUE OR DEBIT ACCEPTED)
- PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT

MORE INFORMATION WWW.OLIVER.CA > UTILITY BILLS

Town Hall – 250-485-6200 or admin@oliver.ca
Finance – 250-485-6203 or finance@oliver.ca
Public Works – 250-485-6213 or works@oliver.ca

Information is also available through Social Media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Youtube.



CAPITAL WORKS



♦ **Gallagher Lake Siphon** - Actively under construction with H&M Excavating Ltd as the prime contractor. The anticipated completion date is April 2022.

♦ **Station Street** – This project is currently in the design process and will be tendered this spring with hopes of construction to start in the summer. This will incorporate some storm water, water and sewer upgrades.

♦ **Fairview Bridge** – The Town has been working with Associated Engineering and it currently is in the tendering process until April 15th. Works are anticipated to begin this summer but to be determined once a contractor is hired. This will involve surface (deck) and under deck girder.

♦ **Airport North End Runway Expansion** - Grant funding has been secured to extend the runway for 36 metres on the north end of the Airport. This project was tendered, with Mike Johnson Excavating Ltd awarded the contract, work will soon start.

♦ **Town Hall Siding Replacement** - Currently underway, this will refresh the building with new shakes siding, trim and paint.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers help improve quality of life for others while gaining valuable experience and developing new skills. Volunteers enjoy an improved overall health. Help build Oliver as a resilient community!

Emergency Support Services

ESS volunteers would respond to reception centres to assist with registering evacuees and assisting with group lodging, or may be called out to assist in helping those displaced due to individual residential fire or flood.

Oliver Citizens Crime Watch

OCCW volunteers meet to discuss how to best provide services to the local RCMP, Town of Oliver and the surrounding area. They provide Crime Watch Patrols, Speed Watch and offer its services to the community for everyone's mutual benefit.

Harvest Hut

The Harvest Hut is a space for anyone with excess vegetables in their garden or farm to share fresh produce. The Hut is an opportunity to connect anyone wanting produce with anyone that has more than then need.

Oliver Parks & Recreation

Some of the Parks & Recreation roles that are filled by volunteers include Special Events Crew, Craft Shop, Program Assistant, Fitness Room Attendant, or Promotions and Marketing.

To discover more exciting volunteer opportunities, visit www.oliver.ca/volunteer-opportunities
Contact The Town of Oliver at admin@oliver.com



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THE WAYS OF DRIVEWAYS

Did you know that a property owner needs approval to add or change a driveway?

Why? The proximity of a driveway cannot be close to a corner, pole, or traffic sign and the grade of a driveway can affect storm water runoff. Minimum and maximum width also apply.



Are you planning on changing or adding a driveway? Please contact the Town, admin@oliver.ca or 250-485-6200

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Disasters and emergency events show the need for individuals to be prepared to look after themselves, their families and pets for a minimum of 72 hours.

Are you looking for resources on how to prepare as we head into fire and flooding season?

Check out the Town's website at www.oliver.ca > Town Services > **Emergency Preparedness** or **Fire Department**

PROPERTY SAFETY TIPS

1. Lock doors and secure property valuables
2. Join a block watch group
3. Get to know your neighbours
4. Record Serial numbers, keep a log and take pictures of your valuables
5. Do not keep ladders or tools on the outside of your property (they can be used to gain entry)
6. See Something – Say Something
Online Crime Reporting Tool
<https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/southokanagan/en>

IMPORTANT:

HOME OWNER GRANT CHANGES

Starting in 2021, residents in municipalities **no longer** apply for the home owner grant through their municipal office. Everyone now applies directly to the province using a new online system that is easy to use and will process applications faster.

Call 1-888-355-2700 or Go to:

<https://www.etax.gov.bc.ca/btp/HOG/>

PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes for 2021 are scheduled for mail out in mid May and are due July 2, 2021. Any unpaid balances (including unclaimed Home Owner Grants) after July 2nd will have a five percent (5%) penalty applied on July 3rd and a five percent (5%) penalty applied on September 1st. For more info contact finance@oliver.ca

GROW OLIVER

Local Economic Development Strategy



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Our Grow Oliver campaign is off to a great start! We continue to work our way through our Economic Development Strategy to support our Town in becoming the strong and vibrant community that we all want it to be. Please visit our website www.oliver.ca for all the details under the BUILDING, BUSINESS and DEVELOPMENT section.

Our plan consists of three overarching strategy areas:

1. Consolidate our Foundation
2. Strengthen our Heart
3. Grow our Opportunities

We are happy to report that we have completed Strategy #1 by bringing on a dedicated Grow Oliver Coordinator, and creating a Business Resources page on our website.

Strategy #2 is underway! We started a #buylocal campaign back in November and December, just in time for the Christmas holiday season. We are also happy to share that we are a participating town with Support Local BC and their online Gift Card program.

You can check out which businesses are participating at <https://supportlocalbc.com/collections/oliver>. If you are an independent business here in Oliver and want to participate go to supportlocalbc.com website.

We have been out delivering our magnets, BINGO Cards and window stickers to our local businesses. You can also pick these up at Town Hall during regular business hours. Thank you to everyone for working together to grow a resilient, friendly, and healthy place that we are all proud to call home. #growoliver

MEET OUR STAFF: CONNIE MAGOFFIN



Department? Finance
What do you do for the Town? Payroll Clerk
Favourite Food? Greek
What are your hobbies? Entertaining our 2 dogs, spending time with friends & family, road trips and music
What is your favourite movie? Walk the Line

What would you like us to know about you? I moved to Oliver 6 years ago and have enjoyed living in Canada's Wine Capital.



HARVEST HUT

The Harvest Hut will re-open July 5th. The first Monday after Canada Day

For more information contact:

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