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NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOHANSON



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone health and happiness in 2024. As we look forward to the new year, I'm honored to be working alongside this wonderful Council team that you have elected to serve our town.

Council is committed to

governing as a team and working together to ensure we leave a legacy that serves our citizens proudly into the future. Not all decisions will be easy ones, however, I'm confident your Council is prepared to study and discuss issues in a transparent manner and govern with vision.

The strength of our community comes from engaged and passionate citizens, who care about this place we call home. We also have a great team of dedicated and committed staff, who work tirelessly to deliver the quality services residents have come to expect.

Serving our community is an honor, and on behalf of Council, we want to thank you for the trust you have placed in each of us. I'm excited about what the future holds for the Town of Oliver, and I know that together, we're going to make great things happen.



SPIRIT OF OLIVER AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that nominations for the 19th Annual Spirit of Oliver Awards will commence on January 15th. For the past 19 years, Oliver has recognized individuals and groups with awards to applaud



outstanding volunteer contributions to the community. Volunteers are the heart of a small town. If you know of an individual or couple, group, or youth that deserves recognition, nominate them for a Spirit of Oliver Award today! Here are the nomination categories:

- Individual Youth -
- Individual Adult or Couple -
 - Community Group -
 - Community Roots -
 - Community Builder -

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN JANUARY 15 – MARCH 15

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN OF OLIVER WEBSITE OR AT TOWN HALL

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MEET OUR NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER **JOHN KURVINK**



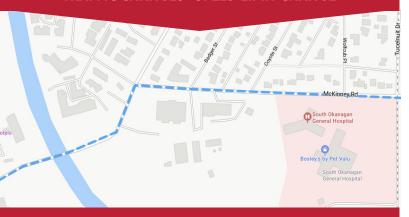
The Town of Oliver is pleased to announce the hiring of John Kurvink as its Chief Financial Officer effective October 5, 2023. Kurvink will be responsible for leading fiscal and fiduciary responsibilities for the organization in conjunction with Oliver Council.

"Mr. Kurvink has extensive experience in a variety of

leadership settings and geographies, including two years with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen as their Manager of Finance/CFO. John has a history of delivering consistent and improving financial results through a combination of targeted growth and process re-engineering to secure efficiencies," said Chief Administrative Officer, Wayne Anderson.

"I'm very pleased to be back in the South Okanagan having the opportunity to apply my public sector and Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen experience where I look forward to contributing to the ongoing success of the Town of Oliver", said John Kurvink.

TRAFFIC CHANGES - SPEED LIMIT CHANGE



To improve safety on Park Drive and McKinney Road, the Town has introduced a new 30 km/h speed limit from Kinsmen Spray Park to the hospital. The Towns' goal is to make your commute safer, whether you're on foot, bike or behind the wheel. Let's celebrate these positive changes and keep building a safer community together.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE BILLING

Sign up for Online Billing to access and receive your utility and property tax notices. To sign up for online billing, head to our website at www.oliver.ca and look for "Online Services". We also offer convenient payment by credit card through our online services platform.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRESMART COORDINATOR

There is no better time than spring to fireproof your home and yard. Our FireSmart Coordinator has curated a selection of helpful tips to keep you and your family firesmart this coming summer! Head over to our website at www.oliver.ca and find our FireSmart Resources under "What's Happening" or go to firesmartbc.ca

DOG LICENCE RENEWAL REMINDER

We want to remind you that it's time to renew your dog licence for the new year. The deadline for renewals is January 31st, and you can conveniently renew at the Finance Building located opposite Town Hall in the back parking lot.

The renewal fee is \$25 per dog until January 31st, and \$30 if paid after the due date. Extra fee of \$20 for un-neutered/un-spayed dogs applies.



REGULAR OPEN COUNCIL MEETING



Stay up to date on town business! Follow council meetings in person or virtually, read agendas and get the latest council minutes online.

Navigate to <u>www.oliver.ca</u> and find the meeting schedule and minutes at Town Hall > Mayor & Council

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

8th, 22nd* and 29th January

*Special Open Budget Meeting

February 20th

11th March

2nd and 22nd April