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WATER RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 Water Restrictions have been put in place for Town of Oliver Water and Rural Domestic Water System customers.

This decision comes as result of decreased water levels in the provincial observational wells. Properties that have water flowing through a water meter or are using domestic groundwater for irrigating must restrict their irrigation as follows: (House numbering is used as a guideline)

Odd Numbered Houses – Monday, Wednesday & Saturday

Even Numbered Houses – Tuesday, Friday & Sunday

Hand watering small gardens and vegetation allowed.

Micro Irrigation and Drip-Irrigation Systems may run for an additional day per week due to their increased efficiency. Additional watering days must be limited to only such systems on Thursdays.

Properties with multiple units per civic address, such as mobile home parks, should base their irrigation on unit number where possible.

For more information on restrictions, watering tips, and drought information visit the following websites:

Town of Oliver – <u>https://www.oliver.ca/town-</u> services/water

Okanagan Basin Water Board – <u>www.obwb.ca</u> and <u>www.makewaterwork.ca</u>

ONLINE SERVICES

By registering for our Online Services, you have access to your Property Tax and Utility account information at your convenience. You can check your balances, payments and even your monthly meter read for water consumption.

You can access our Online Services on the Town of Oliver app through My Account, or by visiting our website:

www.oliver.ca/town-hall/utility-bills

THE DITCH TRAIL



The Town has been successful in obtaining a Provincial grant for the construction of a multi-use trail along the irrigation canal south of Similkameen Avenue. The grant will cover 70% of the costs.

Construction is anticipated to begin this July. A 4ft black chain link fence will be built between the canal and the path for the entire stretch, along with solar bollards, signage, benches, garbage cans, and dog waste bag dispensers. Staff are working with the Oliver & District Heritage Society to have information signage installed along the north entry to the trail along Similkameen Avenue.

Staff have located a piece of concrete circa 1920 from the Gallagher Lake area of the canal that will be relocated to the new trail and used as a heritage attraction.

To learn more please visit:

www.oliver.ca>What's Happening>Ditch Trail.





ELECTRIC KICK SCOOTERS



Electric Kick Scooters are a clean and efficient way to get around in British Columbia.

The *Motor Vehicle Act* was changed to test ways to introduce e-scooters safely.

The Town of Oliver is one of twelve communities taking part in the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program. This is a three year Program with one year remaining.

The Town agreed to be involved in the pilot program as it was in alignment with Oliver Active Transportation Plan.

Choose to ride safely:

- riders must be 16 years of age
- wear a helmet
- not ride on sidewalks
- abide by the rules of the road
- must not be under the influence

Note: Riders may be subject to fines if found in contravention.

For more information on this Pilot Program please visit:

https://alpha.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/tr ansportation-environment/activetransportation/scooter

PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PETS



With summer in full swing, please do not forget to pick up after your pets when you are out enjoying public spaces. Failing to pick-up after your pet may result in a fine of \$50.

VOYENTALERT!

Town of

CANADA'S WINE CAPITA



In times of crisis, it is important residents have access to trusted, timely and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. In response to this need, the Town of Oliver has chosen VoyentAlert! to serve our community. Sign up today!

RAINBOW CROSSWALK

On May 17th, 2023 Mayor Johansen, along with Council, revealed the Rainbow Crosswalk that was installed on the existing raised crosswalk on Park Drive in front of Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School. A letter requesting the Rainbow Crosswalk was written to Council by a Grade 7 student who is a member of the Just Be You Club. This Rainbow Crosswalk will see our Community come together to support, respect and provide assurance that everyone in the community is valued.



Water Efficient Landscaping

Save water and save money

Appropriate Plants

- Choose low-water and native plants suitable for our local environment. Examples: okanaganxeriscape.org/plant-database.
- A variety of native plants encourages beneficial birds and insects which can reduce pest problems.



Efficient Irrigation

- Drip Irrigation is the most efficient way to water. It delivers water directly to the root zone to eliminate evaporation losses.
- Group plants with similar watering needs in the same irrigation zone.



Rocks? Not the best choice

- Rock gardens create hot areas that negatively impact plants and people. Limit their use and only install hardy plants within them.
- Consider mulching garden beds. Mulch locks in moisture and insulates your plants.



For more information visit: Oliver.ca, Okanaganxeriscape.org, MakeWaterWork.ca

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