



## Newsletter: July 2022

### Flower power reigns at the District

In 2021 the District of Kitimat began the process of installing perennial plants into several of its greenspace areas, recognizing that the annuals normally planted required significant work.

Perennials - such as lilies, peonies, catmint, coral bells, goldenrod, hostas, bellflower, daisies, ornamental grasses, sedums and many more - provide a greater variety of size, colour and texture, and are far more resistant to heat and drought, among other benefits.

Our horticulture team has worked extremely hard over the last year to accomplish the following:

- Distribute nearly 200 yards of bark mulch throughout our gardens, reducing weeding and



watering by approximately 75 per cent

- Planted hundreds of perennials and shrubs at various parks around the community
- Created new gardens around Riverlodge through a BC Hydro Community ReGreening Grant
- Switched to self-watering hanging baskets
- Planted two dozen new trees around town
- Cemetery improvements, including the construction of a retaining wall and new plantings
- Reduced our use of annuals by 75 per cent with further

reductions still to come

As we move forward, the labour savings created from this transition will allow our horticulture team to expand our scope, make further improvements to our green infrastructure and improve the overall standard of care throughout the community.

There is still a ways to go. Perennial gardens take time to reach their potential - there's a saying that "the first year they sleep, the second year they creep, the third year they leap." Together, let's enjoy watching our gardens learn to leap!



Work is progressing at Minette Bay West, as the ground is made ready for a new shelter and tables, and new landscaping features are put into place. At left the new outhouses. Main photo, the foundation for a new shelter.



### Mayor & Council

Mayor: Phil Germuth  
Councillors: Edwin Empinado, Mario Feldhoff, Lani Gibson, Rob Goffinet, Terry Marleau, Mark Zielinski

Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month. Email [district@kitimat.ca](mailto:district@kitimat.ca) to attend or participate.

Visit [www.kitimat.ca](http://www.kitimat.ca) to watch the meetings livestreamed or see archived videos of past meetings.

# Gold stars will recognize Kitimat's Super Sorters

Residents of Kitimat have suggested a "Gold Star" program to reward Kitimat's Super Sorters for the WayLessWaste program, and we have listened.

Our WayLessWaste Ambassador will be visiting neighbourhoods and awarding Gold Stars to the community's recycling and food waste Super Sorters.

We have made many changes to how we manage solid waste and we appreciate the community's participation.

We will be providing residents with additional guidance when necessary.

We'll be using the following checklist to

## A call out for election workers

The District is looking for election workers for the upcoming general local election!

The general local election will be held on Saturday, October 15 with two advance voting opportunities, October 5 and 12.

We are looking to fill a number of positions for Presiding Election Official, Alternate Presiding Election Official, and Election Official for advance, special, and general voting day.

If this interests you, please check out the District website at [www.kitimat.ca/elections](http://www.kitimat.ca/elections) for more information and how to apply, or email us at [election@kitimat.ca](mailto:election@kitimat.ca).

For other information including candidate and voter resources, please visit [www.kitimat.ca/elections](http://www.kitimat.ca/elections).

### Extended: Art show runs to July 16

The Kitimat Museum & Archives is exhibiting Insight - My Inspired and Passionate Journey with "The Muses", an art exhibition by Katherine Johnson. Contact the museum for more information at 250-632-8950, or visit [kitimatmuseum.ca](http://kitimatmuseum.ca).



# 47%

Amount of residential solid waste diverted from the landfill in 2022

determine who gets the sticker:

- Participates in expanded curbside collection program
- The correct material is placed in the correct food waste or recycling container
- Containers in the blue bin are rinsed clean
- All waste is correctly contained

Be sure to avoid some tricky materials, including:

- Pet waste, biodegradable items, and straws - these are garbage.
- Glass, foam packaging, soft plastics (i.e. bags), and batteries go to the KUTE depot



### Don't let your pick-up day go to waste

It's your garbage collection day and you've put your bag outside of your bin. No big deal? Think again!

Garbage must be bagged and inside your covered waste bin - makes life easier for collectors, and protects your waste from wildlife!

## Pool shut down soon

The Sam Lindsay Aquatic Centre will begin its annual maintenance shut down on August 8 and run to September 25.

This time of year is chosen as our pool typically has fewer users, and the necessary trades are available.

Patrons who may wish to have their membership put on hold during this time are welcome to make arrangements by August 6.

The aquatic centre is expected to re-open at 9:00 a.m. on September 26.

For inquiries or to book summer ice times please call 250-632-8970.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

## Contact Info: Dial 250-632-then....

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Transit: 4444

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Economic Development: 8921  
Public Works Yard: 8930  
Museum & Archives: 8950

Riverlodge Rec Centre: 8970  
Tमितिक Sports Complex: 8955  
Public Library: 8985  
Humane Society: 7373

Chamber of Commerce: 6294  
Visitor's Centre: 6294  
Seniors Centre: 3405