



Statement #5 from Mayor Christine Fraser – COVID-19
Friday, April 17, 2020

MUNICIPAL OFFICE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

PLEASE Call or Email US – WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT:

Phone: 250-546-3013 Email: mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca Website: www.spallumcheentwp.bc.ca

PLEASE BE ADVISED OUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS
(you will be redirected to the Township's agenda portal)

THE TOWNSHIP'S MAIN OFFICE IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

The safety of our residents and our staff is our top priority. All departments are providing service to our residents in the order of essential services first and other services as time permits. We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding at this time.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Township of Spallumcheen has had success using our new electronic meeting process. The public are welcome to attend the meetings via the following electronic options:

- Via telephone,
- Via computer, or
- Via electronic device.

The next Regular Council Meeting is **Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm** *(please note the time change)* If you would like to virtually attend, please email mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca or contact the office at 250-546-3013 and an access code will be provided to you.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

As Coffee with the Mayor is a valuable resource for the Township and our residents, these monthly meetings will resume on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:30 am**. As we continue to adhere to the social distancing requirements set out by the Provincial Health Officer, the Coffee with the Mayor meetings will be via electronic means until further notice. Please email the Township of Spallumcheen at mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca if you wish to attend virtually and an access code along with further instructions will be provided to you.

NO OPEN BURNING – COVID-19

Burning Ban Remains in Place
(Campfires are permitted at this time)



As of April 15, 2020 the Ministry of Environment has extended the Open Burning Prohibition in high sensitivity zones which includes the Township.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/air/advisories/2020-04-14_hssz_open_burning_restrictions_issued.pdf

The Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations has also issued a Province-wide Open Burning Prohibition that comes into effect on April 16, 2020 at noon and will be in place until further notice

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

Please contact the Armstrong Spallumcheen Fire Department at 250-546-6708 for further information.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sandbagging Station

The warmer weather, as lovely as it is, brings its own set of challenges. If you are experiencing flooding, or are planning ahead with some preventative maintenance, please note the Township has a **sandbagging station** set up at the public works yard located at **1511 Eagle Rock Road**. Bags and sand provided – please bring your own shovel. Council continues to work with the province on flood mitigation measures.

Dust Control

Warmer weather also means dust! Dust control measures are scheduled to begin the week of May 11, 2020.

Traffic Delays - FortisBC

FortisBC will be installing upgrades along Lansdowne Road and Hullcar Road over the next several weeks. Delays are expected to be minimal with single lane alternating traffic. Please obey all signage and be mindful of the crew members in the area.

Meighan Creek Culvert Project – Powerhouse Road

The Meighan Creek Culvert Replacement project is well underway and is expected to continue through to mid-May. During flooding events in 2017 and 2018, Meighan Creek experienced significant creek channel erosion and a loss of a portion of Powerhouse Road. The culverts are being replaced as part of the Township of Spallumcheen's Asset Management Plan and flood hazard mitigation works. The project consists of full culvert replacement, headwalls, channel armoring and road restoration. The public should anticipate full road closure on Powerhouse Road at Meighan Creek, located 100 meters south of Demorest Road. Local traffic can access the south and north portions of Powerhouse Road via Highway 97. All traffic going to the Armstrong/Spallumcheen Recycling and Disposal Facility should access it at the north end of Powerhouse Road.

WHITE HEART PROJECT

In support of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital and all our frontline workers and medical staff the Township of Spallumcheen Council is encouraging the community to get involved in the White heart Project.

SEND a message of encouragement by visiting www.WhiteHeartsforVJH.ca

SHOW support by posting a white heart in windows or on doors. Templates are easily accessed and available on the site.

SHARE photos and messages of appreciation by posting on social media using #WhiteHeartsforVJH



HEALTH TIPS

PLEASE SEE OUR COVID-19 LINK ON OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO HEALTH AGENCIES.

Anyone who suspects they may have symptoms of COVID-19 should call: 8-1-1 for an assessment. The Public Health Agency of Canada has created a toll-free phone number (1-833-784-4397) to answer questions from Canadians about COVID-19.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

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