



WELCOME

to the first edition of the Village of Burns Lake's newsletter.



CIVIC SNAPSHOT

MAYOR WIEBE'S MESSAGE

We hear all the time from outsiders, **“Burns Lake seems to punch way above its weight”**, and we are not surprised. This is a community that is strong, resilient, and full of promise. Our community is not just a place on a map, but a part of who we are. Council and myself are honoured to represent this incredible community.

Village projects and initiatives, including our new Firehall, are largely the result of grants and partnerships. We have been very fortunate that our strong track record of careful planning and positive results have earned us Provincial and Federal grant support.

However, it is our First Nation Government partners, businesses, residents, community organizations, and other levels of government that pull together through the challenges we face as a rural Northern Village that have truly helped make Burns Lake an inspiring and vibrant place to live.



MEET OUR NEW HEALTHCARE RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR



Teri Cutsforth

Improving access to Healthcare is a continuing priority for Council and retaining medical professions is of utmost importance in our community.

Northern BC faces unique challenges in attracting and retaining medical staff but fostering strong community connections has been shown to create an environment where doctors and medical professionals feel supported, valued, and motivated to stay.

Teri will be promoting Burns Lake to potential recruits, supporting medical staff to build community connections, helping them settle into life in rural BC and guiding them through the transition of making Burns Lake their home.

New Village Website coming in July 2025!

OUR COMMUNITY

LATEST
NEWS



Mayor Wiebe accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the residents of the Village of Burns Lake. The certificate was presented by RCMP Staff Sergeant J. Smith and honoured the over 800 volunteers who mobilized to find Oaklynn in one of the largest searches in Northern B.C. History.

COUNCIL NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- Both the **Ts'il Kaz Koh** and the **Village of Burns Lake** are pleased to announce that they have signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding that will establish the terms governing their collaboration on the planning, funding, development, and management of recreational infrastructure within the Lakes District. For more information please visit: <http://burnslake.ca>
- On April 22, 2025, the Village will welcome its new CAO, Ryan Nitchie. He will be replacing current CAO Sheryl Worthing, who announced her retirement after 30 years of service.



CAPITAL PROJECTS



All three commercial lots in the Richmond Loop Subdivision, developed by the Village of Burns Lake, have been SOLD.

This project, funded from grants and reserves, was intended to attract investors and entrepreneurs to stimulate local economic growth, help create jobs, generate tax revenue, and make Burns Lake more resilient.

The lots were purchased by Northstar Developments, and residents are encouraged to visit their website to see who they are. **Visit <https://northstardevelopment.ca>**

We would like to acknowledge the traditional and unceded territories of the area's six First Nations.



CityWest has partnered with the Village of Burns Lake to provide fibre-optic services to the commercial sector of Burns Lake. This partnership agreement will see a portion of the profits from CityWest Internet, TV, and phone services reinvested back into the Lakes District.

To sign up or get info: 1-800-442-8664 OR business.services@cwct.ca