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Lots of fun was had by all at Summer Reading Club 2023!
See pages 14 & 15 for more pictures.

2023 PHOTO CONTEST

Prizes and information about this year's photo contest at
Elkford Public Library on page 12.

Deadline to enter is September 29th



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Elkford Public Library

Hours:
Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday and Friday 11:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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THANK YOU

To all who attended and contributed to the farewell luncheon in my honour, I am truly thankful, and the gifts are appreciated very much. After 46 years in Elkford, I've moved on to Kootenay Street Village in Cranbrook.

To all my neighbours, caregivers, and friends, I miss you and thank you for your loyalty.

Gladys E. Molnar



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Thank You!



As Elkford Minor Ball ends this season with an amazing Wildcat Family Slow Pitch Tournament, we want to thank some very special people and businesses that made 2023 a great success!

In no particular order: the District of Elkford, Bearspaw Contracting, Clarkson Contracting Ltd., Kootenay Market, StellerVista Credit Union, Western Financial Elkford, Elkford Lions, and Fas Gas. We'd also like to thank Soo, Craig, and Ethel Robinson, Patti Hockley, Rod Betz, Richard Pinotti, and Jo Ann Turner.

—submitted by Terry Vandale

The Elkford Chamber of Commerce Welcomes You!

Are you an entrepreneur, business owner, or aspiring professional in Elkford? If so, it's time to discover a world of opportunities that await you as a member of the Elkford Chamber of Commerce. With a proud tradition of fostering local business growth and community development, the Chamber is more than just an organization; it's your gateway to success.

Check out some of the benefits of joining our business community.

Networking Powerhouse: Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for business growth. Our extensive network brings together a diverse range of industries, allowing you to establish valuable relationships, exchange ideas, and explore collaborations that can elevate your business to new heights.

Visibility and Exposure: As a member, your business gains access to a spotlight that can't be ignored. From our online directory to exclusive events, the Chamber ensures that your brand reaches a wider audience. Maximize your visibility and make a lasting impression on potential clients, partners, and investors.

Support: Navigating the business landscape can be challenging, especially with changing regulations and policies. The Chamber acts as your Conduit, representing your interests at local and regional levels. Count on us to direct you to the resources, information, and support you need to thrive.

Professional Development: Stay ahead of the curve with our upcoming diverse range of workshops, seminars, and educational opportunities. Whether you're looking to enhance your leadership skills or keep up with industry trends, the Chamber is your platform for continuous growth.

Exclusive Discounts: Enjoy member-exclusive benefits, from cost-saving opportunities on services to discounts from fellow members. Your membership pays for itself as you tap into an array of resources designed to boost your bottom line.

Community Engagement: Being part of the Chamber means being part of something bigger—Elkford's thriving community. Join us in supporting local initiatives, charitable endeavors, and events that contribute to the town's wellbeing.

If you're ready to unlock these benefits and more, seize this opportunity to become a part of Elkford Chamber of Commerce's dynamic network. Together, we can shape the future of business in Elkford and build a stronger community. Join us today and start reaping the rewards of membership. Your success story begins here.

To learn more about membership options and how you can get involved, visit our website at <https://www.elkfordchamber.ca/> or contact us at elkfordchamber@gmail.com.

Join us at our new co-working space mid-September!



We are excited to announce that we are in the homestretch of opening our new coworking space in the old firehall building. If you've been to the Kootenay Market over the last few months you've probably seen the ongoing construction. We expect to have the doors open mid-September and are currently accepting applications for new tenants. We will have a limited number of private monthly office spaces available on a monthly basis as well as workspaces available by the day or week. If you've been looking for affordable office space in Elkford, let's chat about if the coworking space is the right fit for you.

Let's write the next chapter of Elkford's business success, together!

Zoom workshop

Genealogy Basics


with the B.C. Genealogy Society

Wednesday, Sept. 20th

6:00 PT/

7:00MT

FREE



Join us for tips and tricks on family research, including information on the newly released 1931 census information.

Email to register:
kootenaylibrariesprogramming@gmail.com



Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn

Hello, Elkfordians! Fall is in the air, and I hope that the end of summer has treated you and your families well! In this edition, we're going to be talking about waste. Let's waste no time getting into it...

On Recycling Costs and Convenience

Yes, there are sometimes costs associated with recycling and using the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK)'s Transfer Station in Elkford. Yes, there are bureaucratic reasons as to why Elkfordians must pay to drop some things off at the transfer station. In one or two instances, we must pay a lot to not pollute. Arrrggh.

Which doesn't always make sense to me. Some people end up leaving things in the "free shed" instead of tossing them into the waste stream, while other folks decide to utilize the great outdoors around town to rid themselves of trash.

Then there are the items that aren't accepted at all locally such as brake fluid, for one example.

Why is this? Well, because items labelled as hazardous waste are a problem—a problem both to store and to handle. They have requirements beyond what local staff and space can deal with. Examples of things that fall under this umbrella are brake fluid, paint, and gasoline. So, surely that means we can take to them Fernie bottle depot for disposal? Wait...maybe not? So then, what to do with them? The only thing that I can say is to return them to the seller for proper disposal. I know, I know—that's not convenient at all either.

Construction waste → to Sparwood. Tires that are larger than 18 inches? OMG, no! Small ones like ATV tires? OMG, no! "You are supposed to take those back to the point of purchase." Fair enough, but this doesn't offset the effort you must put in and the total lack of convenience though, does it?

I'm guessing this is where the whole "toss 'em in the woods" mentality must kick in, as that seems a lot easier than taking tires back to Lethbridge or mailing them back to the seller (if you bought them online—not that I know anyone who buys motorcycle tires online). The reason, I hear, is "we are not part of the *Tire Stewardship BC* program." Well, maybe the RDEK should be? Maybe GFL Environmental should be?

Anyone remember the tire that was put around the tree stump along the trail to Josephine Falls? Well, the tire situation is going to improve (so I've been told by a representative at the RDEK), so the disposal of ATV tires and other sizes of tires should become easier in the future.

What about those of you who contribute to the betterment of the region by cleaning up after others—whether it be the ditches along Highway 43, or Fording River Road, or the backwoods and trails around Elkford? You're generously donating your time, effort, and money to clean up the land around only to be faced with a disposal issue at the end of it all. Simply not fair!

On this issue, I have a solution. When you plan on spending your time cleaning up the litter left by others, call the RDEK Environmental Services Department (1-888-478-7335 or 250-489-2791), navigate through the automated process and then inform RDEK Environmental Service staff about your plans to bring found wastes (tires, Styrofoam, furniture, etc.) to the transfer station for proper disposal. You will be asked for your licence plate number and a vehicle description (to be passed on to the operator at the Transfer Station). Then, when you arrive, you will not be charged for the disposal of these materials that you have pulled out of the bush.

Thank you to all who go the extra mile to help keep our forests, roadsides and community clean!

On Sewage Lagoons

Let's look at another waste issue... sewage lagoons!

This problem stinks (sorry, I couldn't stop myself), and it has taken a very long time to get to this result. Inefficient oxygenation, poor physical turnover of organics, large chunks and inorganic items have all played a part in the situation we are in. Blah blah blah.

So, what is the District of Elkford doing about it? Replacing the machinery and the system used to add oxygen and that keeps things stirred up and oxygenated. That requires a design plan—which is underway—as is the process of hiring the construction company to do the installation. A lagoon sludge survey has been ordered to get a detailed picture of the depth and physical contents of the sludge layer on the bottom of the ponds to assist in the plan.

The planning has also started to design a step in the process of receiving sewage from the sewer mains, the addition of a separation process to remove the inorganics from the waste stream. All those Sani-wipes and other "compostable" things that get flushed? They mess up the system in a big way, because they do not decompose in the lagoons, leading to a reduced life cycle—which is why their packaging states not to flush them.

Sewage lagoons and the sewage system improvements are critical infrastructure repairs that are a top concern to your mayor, council and staff at the District of Elkford. It took decades for the problem to develop, and it will take months to turn it all around. We're on it!

Until next time,

Mayor Steve



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To view the maps online, visit: teck.com/access

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Come Skate With Us!



**Elkford
Skating Club**

Our new season begins Monday, September 18th!

We offer professionally-coached skating programs for kids aged 2 to 18 years. Our fun learn-to-skate programs teach fundamental skills that prepare skaters for all ice sports requiring skates, as well as recreational skating.

Our Programs:

Parent & Tot

Ages: 2-7+ Mondays: 3:45-4:15PM

Six 30-minute classes running October 23rd - November 20th, 2023

Have awesome fun on the ice with your little one while they learn to skate! One dedicated Parent and Tot coach per 12 skater-pairs max. Both participants must wear a CSA-approved hockey helmet on the ice.

PreCanSkate

Ages 3-5+ Mondays & Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:15PM

Fall classes run September 18th - December 20th, 2023/Winter classes run January - March 2024

One class per week options available

CanSkate

Ages 5+ Mondays & Wednesdays 4:15-5:00PM

Fall classes run September 18th - December 20th, 2023/Winter classes run January - March 2024

One class per week options available

StarSkate

Advanced figure skating lessons for skaters who have completed CanSkate

Registration Opens September 1st!

Questions? Contact Us!

Phone: 250-910-7930

Email: elkfordskatingclub@gmail.com

www.elkfordskatingclub.uplifterinc.com

Important Dates To Note For The Start Of Season:



PreCanSkate & CanSkate Parent Meeting

Monday, September 18th, 2023 3:45-4:45PM

Come learn about our club, meet the coaches, ask about equipment requirements and any other questions you may have.



Open House **FREE** Skate

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

PreCanSkate: 3:45-4:15PM

CanSkate: 4:15-5:00PM

Come out and join us for an open house skate! Your child, aged 3 to 8+ years, can try a free CanSkate session, even if your child is not registered with us, on the ice while you learn more about our excellent Skate Canada programs!

Current skaters are also encouraged to **BRING A FRIEND!**

Find Us At Community Registration Night

Tuesday, September 12th 6-8PM @ Community Conference Centre

Register with us in fall 2023 to start your child's skating journey!



**Elkford
Skating Club**



Elkford Public Library

Manga Madness at the Library!

Thanks to a grant from the Province of British Columbia, we've been spending the past few months expanding one of our most in-demand sections: manga!

In the span of five months, we've added three bookshelves of manga to our collection. With genres from action to romance to historical to horror, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Come check it out!



BEFORE
(April 2023)

AFTER
(August 2023)



Elkford Public Library Digitization Station

Photo Printing Rates

4 × 6"	\$0.75
5 × 7"	\$1.00
8 × 10"	\$2.00
8.5 × 11"	\$3.00



Photo Digitization Options

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High resolution scanner and film to digital converter available.

Thank you to the Columbia Basin Trust, Teck, and the Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies for funding our digitization station.



TECH FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Need tech help? Bring your device and your questions!
September 8th and 22nd from 1 to 4 pm

LEGO Day at the Library



Come out and
BUILD on

September 22nd
2 to 4 pm

JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB



Sept. 7th 6:30 pm
at the library.

Come out and let us
know what you want
to read this year.

Elkford Public Library 2023 Photo Contest

Our theme this year is “**Life in Elkford.**”

Photo submission deadline: September 29th, 2023.

We are showcasing our interests and daily routines with this year’s theme, “Life in Elkford.” What does your daily routine look like?

Photo Contest Rules and Information

- Each person can enter a maximum of three (3) photos. Entrants must specify in which category they are submitting each photo. Photos may be entered in any category, e.g., an entrant may enter three photos in one category, or one photo in each of three categories, etc.
- Photos must be taken in and around the Elkford area, e.g., the Elk Valley or Crowsnest Pass. Photos submitted in the Holidays & Vacation category can be taken anywhere in the world.
- Submitted photos should be printed on 5”x7” photo paper. Photos may optionally be printed at the library for \$1.00 per 5”x7” print.
- One prize will be awarded in each category per age group, for a total of eight prizes.
- Photos must be taken by the person entering them.
- Registration forms are available at the library. You need one form per photo entered. A release form must be signed upon entering the contest, allowing the library to use your photos.
- We require a high-resolution, digital copy of your photo.
- You may only use computer alteration on one of your submitted photos. In all others, only cropping is allowed. It is permitted to use filters when taking the photos.
- Date stamps must be removed, or your photo will be disqualified. You may crop date stamps from your photos.
- Parents of a minor child who has been photographed must sign a release allowing the photo to be shown in public and on our website.
- Only amateurs may enter the contest.
- E-mail your photos to info@elkfordlibrary.org and drop off your registration forms before the contest deadline.

Age groups:

Youth – 18 and under

Adult – 19 and over

Elkford businesses: Are you interested in sponsoring the photo contest? We provide charitable receipts for donations over \$20. Please contact the Elkford Public Library at 250-865-2912 or info@elkfordlibrary.org.

Elkford Public Library

2023 PHOTO CONTEST

Theme: Life in Elkford

Categories: Daily Life, Hobbies, Holidays & Vacations, Open

PRIZES

Adults: \$70 / category

Youth: \$40 / category

DEADLINE

September 29, 2023



ENTER AT THE LIBRARY!



A beautiful panorama of Elkford taken from the top of Grizzly Peak by Eriki Felipe.

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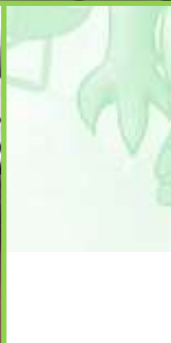
BC Summer Reading Club 2023



July saw the return of the Summer Reading Club at the Elkford Public Library! We held six fun-filled days of activities for kids ages 5 to 12. Some of the activities that the kids participated in included a paper airplane contest, blowing huge bubbles, visiting the art studio, making dinosaur masks, getting creative with LEGO, collecting sticks to build bridges, and lots of other fun crafts and games. It was a blast!

Special thanks to our teen volunteer Gwendolyn and the Elkford Art Studio. Our program is also indebted to the BC Library Association and the Province of BC.

We hope to see you at the next Summer Reading Club!





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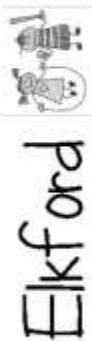
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Early Years

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Elkford Community Resource Numbers

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AMBULANCE 911

BCNurseLine 1-866-215-4700

POISON CONTROL 911 or
1-800-461-9911

RMES 250-865-4625

Recreation Centre 250-865-4010

Aquatic Centre 250-865-4012

Public Library 250-865-2912

Playgroups

All located in the Alliance Church unless otherwise specified on calendar.

Mondays: Mornings Out 9:30-11:30

Wednesdays: Parents/Tot FunTimes 9:30-11:30

Thursdays: Kids Café 10:00-11:30 located at the Green Roof Church (Old Congregational) on Alpine Way

Fridays: Baby and Me (2 and under) 9:30-11

Saturdays: Healthy Start 9:30-11:30

If you would like the Kid's Calendar

emailed to you or you have any

information you would like included or updated in this calendar please contact:

Kenzie Karwandy at

kenzie.bau.21@gmail.com

KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

All programs, meetings, and events are subject to change. Please contact the individuals on the back for confirmation of times and details.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CCRB - Child Care Resource & Referral Providing information, referrals and support to East Kootenay Families. Phone: 1-800-661-3445				Parent Tot Swim 11:42-30 Family Swim 3-5:30 Public Swim 6:30-8:30	No School RMES Parent Tot Swim 10-10:45 & 11-1 Public Swim 1-2:30 Parent Tot Swim- 2:30-4 Family Swim 4-6 Public Swim 6-8	2 Family Swim 10-12 Public Swim 12:30-3
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Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com or www.elkfordearlyyears.com



RMES PAC is a council open to all parents and/or guardians of students of Rocky Mountain Elementary School.
Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm
Contact: RMES PAC Chair ~ rmespac@yahoo.ca
Phone: 250-865-4341



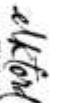
Mornings Out is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Baby and Me Group
A weekly program for caregivers and parents to experience and share rhymes, songs, stories and baby topic discussions. For children 2 and under.
Located in the hall above the arena.
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Leisure Service Department
Contact: recreation@elkford.ca
Phone: 250-865-4010
Visit www.elkford.ca or call for more program information.

To register for programs, please stop by the Elkford Community Conference Centre, Monday - Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. All programs are on a first come first serve basis. They accept cash, debit, Visa MasterCard and cheque. To avoid disappointment, please register early. Low registrations one week prior to the class start date could result in the class being cancelled.



Elkford Aquatic Centre
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Swimming Lessons are created based on interest. Please leave your name, phone number and level you wish to take with the pool. Visit the web site for the complete public swim schedule ~ www.elkford.ca



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COVID Screening
If you are experiencing COVID symptoms and would like a rapid test they are available for free at the Elkford IDA Pharmacy or at the Elkford Medical Clinic. Please call 250-865-2215 to pick yours up.



If you would like your COVID-19 Vaccination call to register! 1-833-828-2323

RESOURCE NUMBERS:

Elkford Medical Clinic	250-865-2215
Elkford Health Care Centre	250-865-2247
Public Health Nurse Elkford	1-800-644-6144 or
Spac.	1-250-425-2064
BCNurseline 24hrs	1-866-215-4700
Mental Health	1-800-661-0329 or
	1-250-425-4564
Addiction Services	1-800-644-6144 or
	1-250-423-4423
Ministry of Human Resources	1-866-866-0800
Ministry for Children & Family Development	1-800-667-5623
BCAA Car Seat Information	1-877-247-5551
CCRR	1-800-661-2445
East Kootenay Crisis Line	1-800-667-8407
East Kootenay Friends of Children	1-866-564-2217
Elk Valley Safe Homes	250-946-6004
Elk Valley Victim Assistance	250-425-0499 or
	250-423-7500
Elkford Women's Task Force	250-865-2031
Infant Development Program	1-877-999-2543
Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	250-430-7026
Family Support Institute	1-800-441-5403
Feminine Counselling	250-423-2608
PEACE	250-433-6353
Sexual Abuse Intervention	250-423-5311
CB Family Resource Society	250-430-1136
Women's Resource Centre	250-423-4687
Child and Youth Mental Health Outreach	250-423-0817

EKkids.ca is a website that was created as a resource for parents and children in the East Kootenays. The links take you to our community pages where you'll find information about the Early Childhood Development (ECD) teams for each community, along with resources, ways to get involved, and a community calendar which tells you what is going on in that community on a given day.

Coming Events

Labour Day September 4th.

New Story Walk at Boivin Creek, behind the Devonian Playground September 4th and 18th.

Book Club at the library is starting back up September 7th at 6:30 pm. Come out and let us know what you want to read this season.

Tech Fridays at the library. Bring your devices and your questions September 8th and 22nd from 1 to 4 pm.

Elkford Public Library Board Budget Meeting at the library September 11th at 6:30 pm.

Community Information and Registration Night September 12th from 6 to 8 pm at the Community Conference Centre.

LEGO Day at the library on September 22nd at 2 pm.

Elkford Public Library Board Meeting at the library September 26th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Photo Contest Deadline September 29th. Submit your photos at the library.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30th.

Share your pictures of Elkford events in the Focus

We'd love to see photos and news about sports teams, school events, happenings or celebrations on these pages.

Email to
info@elkfordlibrary.org

Or call us at 250-865-2912
if you have questions.



Did we mention that classified ads are free?
Short descriptive ads,
no more than 50 words.

If you wish to add a picture, then we charge
you our regular ad rates (see below).

Advertising Rates per month effective January 1, 2017

	<u>Black & White</u>	<u>Colour</u>
Business Card	\$ 7.00	\$12.00
Quarter Page	\$15.00	\$30.00
Half Page	\$20.00	\$45.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$80.00

Not Quite Classified Ads

Elkford Trails Alliance

Follow us on FB or IG for meeting places and times.

www.elkfordtrails.com/eta

ETA is also looking for a secretary and trail maintenance lead, contact us if you are interested!

Cheers and Jeers from Faye

Jeer: to anyone critical of anything pertaining to Wildcat Days, offer to volunteer in that area.

Cheer: to my neighbours and long time friends, the Duffys, thank you for a wonderful trip!

Elkford Food Bank

If you need assistance from the Food Bank, or you know somebody who does, please call **250-910-7088** and leave a message along with a return number. Your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

Elkford Search and Rescue

Practices held first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at 222 Alpine Way. Everyone welcome to attend.

Please contact elkfordsearchandrescue@gmail.com for current information.

Elkford Lions Club

Come join us - everyone welcome. Contact us at elkfordlions@gmail.com for current information.

Any Lengths Group AA meetings

For current information contact Betty-Ann S.
250-433-6510

Thank you for saving resources!
Pass this paper on for
more people to enjoy!

Elk Valley Hospice
250-423-4453 Ext. 309

Elk Valley Safe Homes
Women's Shelter & Helpline
250-946-6004

Elkford Women's Task Force
250-865-2031

Kids Count Too
Kids Counselling
250-433-6353

Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team
Critical Incident Emergency Contact
250-423-4226

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Elkford Focus is the 20th of each month.

Please email your classified ads to info@elkfordlibrary.org and put classified ads in the subject line. If you are sending us a coming event, please put coming event in the subject line.

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Wild at heart.

Urban Wildlife Reminders

Autumn is peak season for wildlife encounters in British Columbia.

Please do your part to protect our local wildlife and reduce attractants: dispose of trash properly and store it securely (indoors or in a bear-proof enclosure), remove bird feeders while bears are awake (birds can find plenty of food on their own during the warmer months and feeders attract unwanted guests like bears, rats and mice to your yard), always use a bear-resistant garbage bin, regularly harvest all fruit and berries from your trees and place your garbage curbside **ONLY** between **5 and 7 a.m.** on the morning of garbage pickup.



Always report all conflict with wildlife, suspected poaching and violations of fisheries, wildlife and environmental protection laws to the **RAPP Hotline** at **1.877.952.7277** or by completing their online form. The RAPP Hotline is a confidential, toll-free, 24/7 tip-line manned by **B.C. Conservation Officer Service**.

Please contact the RAPP Hotline at **1.877.952.7277** IMMEDIATELY to report:

- Dangerous wildlife in Elkford
- Someone harassing, feeding or deliberately injuring wildlife
- Injured or dead wildlife in Elkford

Watering Restrictions in Effect

To ensure capacity of Elkford's reservoirs in the event of a fire emergency (and adequate water for all throughout the drier months) watering between **April 1 and September 30** is to take place on odd or even numbered days, **corresponding with your address**, and within the hours of **7 p.m. and 10 a.m.** (hours amended within *Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 871, 2022*) only.

Thank you for following this important bylaw and helping us to conserve water!

September Council & Committee Meetings

- **September 11** 6 p.m.
- **September 12** 5 p.m.
(Youth Action Network Commission at 750 Fording Drive)
- **September 25** 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. Alternatively, electronic attendance is welcome! Visit <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID: **250 865 4000**, then click join and wait for the host to let you into the meeting.

Volunteer Opportunity for Youth Councillors

Are you passionate about community involvement? Eager to represent your peers on municipal council?

The District of Elkford is looking for two enthusiastic and self-motivated youth representatives to attend meetings and events and provide a voice for the youth of our community.

Requirements for *Junior Youth Councillor*:

- Be a resident of Elkford
- Be a grade nine or 10 student enrolled at Elkford Secondary School
- Be willing to attend council meetings and District events and regional events and meetings as requested

Requirements for *Senior Youth Councillor*:

- Be a resident of Elkford
- Be a grade 11 or 12 student enrolled at Elkford Secondary School
- Be willing to attend council meetings and District events and regional events and meetings as requested

Submit your resume and cover letter by **September 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** (local time) to Corporate Services at info@elkford.ca or in-person by visiting **744 Fording Drive**.

2023 Community Info & Registration Night

- **DATE:** Tuesday, September 12
- **TIME:** 6 to 8 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** Teck Hall, in the Community Conference Centre (750 Fording Drive)

Join us for the District of Elkford's annual **Community Info & Registration Night!** Everyone is invited to this free, annual event that showcases many of Elkford's amazing community groups, recreational activities and amenities.

Community members: everyone is welcome! Stop by to learn more about what Elkford has to offer, network with others and register yourself and your family for sports teams, community groups and organizations.

Community groups: don't miss out on this great opportunity to promote your organization and gain new members! Book your **FREE** table by contacting recreation@elkford.ca or **250.865.4010**.

We can't wait to see you all there!

Closed September 4 and 30 for Statutory Holidays



District of Elkford facilities will be closed on **Monday, September 4** for Labour Day, a statutory holiday.

Additionally, District facilities that are open for regular operations on Saturdays will also be closed on **Saturday, September 30** to observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday.

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