

Town of Grand Coulee

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Its Election year for the Municipal Elected Officials

This year, on November 13th, 2024, you will once again have the opportunity to vote for your Town Council. You can also run for Council and join the many who have helped lead our community.

Over the next few months, this section will highlight facts, information, videos, and educational content. You will also hear from current Council members about why they enjoy serving on the Council.

In late September, the town will host an open house event for those interested in learning more about becoming a councillor. This event will provide a chance to speak directly with Council members and understand what it takes to serve. We hope this will inspire excitement and interest in taking on this opportunity to help shape the future of our community.

Please read below for our first Council member's perspective, *Deputy-Mayor Lee-Ann Ross*

Why I decided to run for council!

Hi! My name is Lee-Ann Ross and I have lived in Grand Coulee for 10 years. My husband Terry and I chose Grand Coulee because it provided us with the opportunity to raise our 3 children in a small community but also work and play in the city.

I am just finishing my term on council and have been reflecting on why I put my hand up and if the work I have done has been meaningful and rewarding not only to me but beneficial to my community.

I joined the council because I wanted to be part of the change. I wanted to plant trees and create spaces for recreation and for the community to get together and interact. I wanted to help make Grand Coulee a place where my children would have fond memories, where I would make lasting friendships, a place that is fun,

safe, and simply home.

Being on council can be challenging at times and rewarding as well. Everyone has differing opinions and sometimes things do not go the way you envisioned.

Sometimes there are scope creeps or cost overruns or things outside your control. Sometimes it is hard not to take things personally.

I was involved in the building of Meadow Park playground from fundraising to the playground build. I also supported the work done in the rink park and the repairs to the hall as well as many other projects throughout my tenure. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing beautiful families playing on the new playground, biking on the paths, or gathering in the hall, utilizing the safe spaces we have provided.

Being on council has allowed me to be a part of the decision-making process. I see the big picture and the roadblocks some communities like ours face every day in growth and development and simply keeping costs down while being sustainable. I have learned so much and it has been extremely helpful acumen that I use within my day job every day.

I have enjoyed my time and I hope you will consider running for council in the fall. Be part of building the future for your beautiful town.

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Highlights from the meetings

Results are in from the 2024 Residents Pulse Survey,

*Please click the link below to view or go to the website
and have a look there.*

[Annual Residents Pulse Survey report](#)

Road Remediation Update:

Associated Engineers and Thurber Geotech have completed a predesign for the roads. Their report suggests using a blend of reclaimed asphalt and gravel for the subgrade, which could reduce costs and extend the road's lifespan by up to 15 years before major rehabilitation is needed. They also assessed the load-bearing capacity and level of service required for the roads. This information brings the Town Council closer to understanding all the issues, ensuring efficient use of funding and annual maintenance.

The report will be made available on the website for review, once the final draft is provided to the town office.

Rink Park:

The Walkways have been sealed again to ensure longevity, the Gazebo concrete pad will be fixed before the end of summer, please watch for dates to be posted to when the work will be completed.

Road Maintenance:

We have applied dust control and added 150 tonnes of quality reclaimed asphalt to the road, which has been graded. However, there are still some low spots remaining. This work is part of our annual maintenance plan as the Council develops a long-term road improvement program.

Whether or not the roads are rebuilt, annual road maintenance will need to continue. We hope residents understand this. As discussed, our road structure needs improvements. Until it is determined how to fund these improvements and decide which roads to address first, annual road maintenance will continue.

Town Maintenance:

We are very excited to welcome James Llewellyn, who joins us from the Town of Elbow. He brings valuable experience in municipal operations, particularly in the public works department, roads, and drainage, which are top concerns for our town. Please join us in welcoming him.

The public works department continues to work diligently on maintaining drainage during this very wet year. They are also using the new Road Boss grader to help reduce washboard and potholes.

An important note: Concerns have been raised regarding the public works department's work hours. Due to the nature of their work, flexible hours are permitted. The health and well-being of our staff are priorities, as is minimizing the inconvenience of maintenance work. Therefore, the public works department operates on a flexible schedule to ensure both efficiency and staff well-being.

****REMINDER**** The drainage ditches are not for gardens and shrubbery, if you choose to place anything in the ditch , understand that it will not be replaced or removed if remediation work is required.

The Town has received request for a community garden.

The Council and Administration are currently seeking volunteers to form a working committee to assess the feasibility, costs, sustainability, and community need for this project. If you are interested in a community garden and would like to volunteer to help develop a plan, please contact the office. We need approximately four volunteers. You can also email the recreation director at recreation@grandcoulee.ca.

Garbage and Recycle Calendar

Road Project informational Links

Links listed below provide some information in regards to the road remediation discussions.

Links:

[Associated Engineer 2024 Road Assessment Report](#)

[Power Point Presentation](#)

[March 5, 2024 zoom recording](#)

2023 Audited Financial Statements

Upcoming

Regular meetings

August 13th, 2024

September 10, 2024

September 24, 2024

Current office

hours : 8:30 am to
4:30pm

CLOSED

Doors to the office
will be closed on the
following dates:

STATS August

Town Council

Council is Always interested in hearing your thoughts about our community.

Contact us : <https://grandcoulee.ca/home/contact-us/>

Mayor Wally Botkin :

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Councillor Lee-Ann Ross:

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Councillor Doug

Ramsay: dougramsay@grandcoulee.ca

Councillor Makenzie Peters

mpeters@grandcoulee.ca

Councillor Ken Weisgarber :

5th & September 2

Closed: July 15

August 1st

August 8th

August 12

August 19

August 23

kweisgarber@grandcoulee.ca

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