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Grand Coulee

Your community your future

Village Council Meeting March 8, 2016

- A public meeting was held to provide information regarding changing from Village to Town Status that would be effective October 26, 2016 pending approval of application by Ministry of Government Relations. There are no financial benefits to becoming a town. Changing status has the potential to make Grand Coulee a more attractive option to future business ventures. One ratepayer was in attendance.
- Would you prefer to receive your monthly water/sewer bill via email rather than regular mail? If so, please complete and return the attached consent form to the Village Office. 45% of residents have already done so. Thank you so much.
- A motion was carried to pass the 2016 Village budget. The mill rate was approved at 5.65 mills. Tax notices will be sent out once the Government has set the education mill rate, which is generally near the end of April. If you would like to know what your municipal portion of taxes will be, take your taxable assessment and multiply it by 0.00565 and add \$855 (for land and improvement) or \$500 for land. The average increase for residential properties is between 1-2%.
- The parcel of land previously referred to as MR2 (behind the community sign) has been successfully rezoned to Residential. The next step is to have it subdivided into two lots and approved by Community Planning. It is the goal to have the lots available for sale by May of this year.
- 2016 is election year for municipal council. If you are interested in opportunities available in our Village, please contact Tobi Duck for more information.
- Next recycling pick-up is Tuesday, March 22rd, 2016.
- Grants and taxable donations are very important to the Village. This funding supports the fabulous work led by local committees such as the Park Committee and Recreation Board. We are looking for companies that have established grants to make application to or companies that make donations to projects in exchange for a charitable donation tax receipt. If you are aware of companies that might have something to offer us, please let us know and we'd be happy to explore it further.
- Stay in touch with Village activities by accessing our community's Facebook page called Village of Grand Coulee. Updates are also placed on our Village of Grand Coulee Website at www.grandcoulee.ca
- The office is closed on March 25 in recognition of Good Friday.
- Next council meeting is April 12th @7:30. Meetings are open to all ratepayers. Thank you to those ratepayers who have attended. Your interest in Village business is very much appreciated.



EMAIL CONSENT FORM

The Village of Grand Coulee offers residents the opportunity to receive specific municipal notices as attachments in an e-mail rather than by regular mail.

Transmitting information by e-mail has a number of risks that residents should be aware of. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- E-mail can be circulated, forwarded, and stored in numerous paper and electronic files.
- E-mail can be immediately broadcast worldwide and be received by many intended and unintended recipients.
- E-mail senders can easily misaddress an email.
- E-mail is easier to falsify than handwritten or signed documents.
- Backup copies of e-mail may exist even after the sender or the recipient has deleted their copy.
- E-mail can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, or used without authorization or detection.
- E-mail can be used to introduce viruses into computer systems.
- E-mail can be used as evidence in court.

The Village of Grand Coulee will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of e-mail information sent and received. However, because of the risks outlined above, the municipality cannot guarantee the security and confidentiality of e-mail communication, and will not be liable for improper disclosure of confidential information. For this reason, the customer must consent to the use of e-mail for delivery of municipal notices.

Consent to the use of e-mail for the delivery of municipal notices includes agreement with the following:

1. Failure to receive an e-mailed municipal notice does not release me from my responsibility to pay any charges specified on the notice, or any penalties which may be incurred by late payment.
2. I will inform the Village of Grand Coulee of any change in my e-mail address as soon as possible, to prevent the misdirection of notices and reduce the risk of my not receiving a notice.
3. I may withdraw from e-mail delivery at any time. To do so I will inform the Village of Grand Coulee, and all notices which were previously e-mailed to me will be sent by regular mail.

CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

Customer name

Customer mailing address

Customer e-mail address

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this document, and consent to the delivery of specific municipal notices from the Village of Grand Coulee to me by e-mail.

Customer signature _____ **Date** _____

