

City of Greenwood

January 2026



Happy New Year, Greenwood!

As we welcome 2026, the City of Greenwood extends our warmest wishes to all residents, families, volunteers, and community partners who make our small city shine so brightly. 🌟

Thank you for your support, your engagement, and your incredible community spirit throughout 2025. From town halls and local events to major projects and everyday conversations, your participation has helped shape a stronger, more connected Greenwood. We are truly grateful for the heart and dedication you bring to our community.

The year ahead is filled with exciting opportunities. In 2026, we look forward to continuing important projects, celebrating new achievements, and working together to keep Greenwood vibrant, welcoming, and full of possibility. ❤️

May the new year bring you joy, good health, and countless moments of happiness. Here's to another year of growth, teamwork, and community pride in the Smallest City with the Biggest Heart.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Committee Of The Whole

- Monday January 12th - 4pm

Regular Council Meetings

- Monday January 12th - 7pm

All Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at Greenwood City Hall, or you are welcome to join via Zoom. For information on how to attend via Zoom please contact City Hall.

Upcoming Town Halls

- February 2026 - Date to be determined

Upcoming Coffee with Councils

- January 22nd - 11am to 12pm noon - at the Seniors Centre

Welcome to Our Community!

Stay Connected with Us

If you're new to town, we want to ensure you stay informed and don't miss out on any important updates or events. Please contact City Hall to provide your correct:

Mailing Address, phone number & Email

Keeping your information up to date helps us serve you better and keep you in the loop. We're glad you're here!



NEW E-TRANSFER EMAIL ADDRESS!

If you prefer to pay your bill by e-transfer please use our new email address! For your convenience auto deposit is set up, no worrying about passwords!

revenue@greenwoodcity.ca

2026 First Quarter Utility Bills

The 2026 first quarter utility bills will arrive in mail boxes in early February and are **due March 31, 2026**. To avoid a **2.5% penalty for late payments**, please ensure your payment is submitted on time.

Payment Options:

- Mail:** Send your payment to City Hall.
- Drop Box:** Use the secure drop box on City Hall's front steps.
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** Through your financial institution (allow 3 business days for processing).
- E-Transfer:** Send to our **NEW email address: revenue@greenwoodcity.ca**
 - Include your account number in the memo section to ensure proper processing.

Dog Licensing & Animal Control Update for 2026

With the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) no longer providing Animal Control services, the City of Greenwood will not be issuing dog licences or dog tags for 2026. As a result, residents are no longer required to register their dogs with the City for the upcoming year.

At this time, the City of Greenwood does not have an Animal Control service in place. Until further notice, animal-related concerns should be directed to the appropriate authorities:

- Stray animals, dogs at large, and animal welfare concerns: SPCA
- Aggressive dog or public safety concerns: RCMP

We know how important responsible pet ownership is to our community, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation as we work through this transition. Over the coming months, the City will be reviewing what Animal Control services should look like for Greenwood moving forward.

Once more information is available, updates will be shared through the City's regular communication channels.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we explore the best path ahead—for both residents and their furry companions. 🐾❤️



Upcoming City Hall Closures

Please be advised that City Hall will be **closed** on the following **statutory holidays**:

January 1, 2026

Please plan your City business accordingly
Thank you for your understanding

Contact Us



www.greenwoodcity.com



250-445-6644



reception@greenwoodcity.ca



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PO Box 129
Greenwood, BC V0H 1J0

2026 Business Licence Renewals

Attention all business owners operating within the City of Greenwood:

It's time to renew your 2026 Business Licence. Thank you to all the businesses—small, large, seasonal, home-based, and beyond—that continue to contribute to Greenwood's vibrant local economy.

2026 Business Licence Fees

- Regular Business Licence: **\$100**
- Seasonal Business Licence: **\$75**
- Non-Profit Organizations: **No charge**
- Special Event Mobile Vendor: **\$150**
- Retail Cannabis Stores & Liquor Stores: **\$350**

Applications & Renewals

Applications and renewals can be completed in person at City Hall.

All required forms and full details about licensing categories are also available on the City's website or by contacting City Hall directly. Please note: Operating without a valid business licence can result in fines of up to \$2,000 per day.

Early Renewal Discount & Late Penalty

- Renew your business licence before it expires and receive a 10% discount on the Regular Business Licence fee.
- If a business continues to operate without renewing by March 1 of each year, a 20% penalty will be applied to the Regular Business Licence fee.

BC Assessment & Appeal Process – 2026 Notices

Your 2026 BC Assessment Notice will be arriving this January, providing the assessed value of your property as of July 1, 2025. These assessments play an important role in determining how property taxes are distributed, so we encourage all property owners to review their notice carefully.

If you have any questions or concerns about your assessment, you have options:

- ☎ Contact BC Assessment
 - Call 1-866-825-8322
 - Visit info.bcassessment.ca for detailed information, FAQs, and online tools



Important Deadline

If you believe your assessment is inaccurate, you may file a Notice of Complaint (appeal).

The deadline to submit an appeal is January 31, 2026.

Do not wait—if something doesn't look right, reach out to BC Assessment promptly to ensure you have time to discuss your concerns and, if necessary, begin the appeal process.

A Huge Thank You to Greenwood Elementary School!

City Hall is glowing a little brighter this season – all thanks to the absolutely beautiful Christmas tree created by the talented students at Greenwood Elementary School!

The creativity, imagination, and joy in every single face on that tree is truly magical. From the unique snowmen to the festive smiles, each handmade piece brings warmth and cheer to everyone who walks through our doors.

We are so grateful for the time, effort, and heart the students put into making this tree a standout piece of holiday spirit in our community.

Thank you, Greenwood Elementary School – you've made City Hall shine!



A Snowman Tree for the City of Greenwood

For the City of Greenwood,
These snowmen were made with care—
Not from snow or winter cold,
But paper, felt, and crayons shared.

Each one shaped by student hands,
With patience, creativity, and pride.
Some smiles tilt, some hats lean high—
Every snowman one of a kind.

Together they form a snowy tree,
A winter display bright and true,
Created for the City of Greenwood
As a heartfelt thank-you from local youth.

We appreciate the many ways you support
Our students, staff, and school each day—
Through your care for our community,
And the work that helps Greenwood thrive.




May this forest of snowmen stand
As a small reminder, simple and clear:
Your support matters deeply here,
And our kids are grateful you are near.

Greenwood Elementary School



Coffee with Council – 2026 Dates

Coffee with Council is a relaxed, informal opportunity for residents to sit down with Mayor and Council, ask questions, share ideas, and talk about what matters most to them in our community.

-  Location: Greenwood Seniors Centre
-  Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
-  Light snacks and beverages provided

2026 Dates (First Half of the Year):

- January 22
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18



Everyone is welcome – whether you have a question, a concern, or just want to stop by for a coffee and a chat.

A heartfelt thank you to the Greenwood Seniors Centre for once again hosting these gatherings and helping create a welcoming space for community conversation.

Town Halls in 2026

The City of Greenwood is pleased to share that our first Town Hall of 2026 will take place in February 2026. This kickoff session, titled “What’s Happening in 2026,” will focus on the City’s priorities, projects, and initiatives planned for the year ahead. It will be an opportunity for residents to learn what Council and staff are working toward in 2026 and how these efforts support our community’s goals. Stay tuned for the date!

We are currently working hard to finalize the full 2026 Town Hall lineup, with a variety of topics planned throughout the year. Once dates and details are confirmed, the full schedule will be shared with the community through our usual communication channels. We look forward to another year of meaningful conversations, information sharing, and community engagement.

Santa’s Magical Visit to Greenwood

Greenwood was filled with holiday cheer recently when Santa Claus made a special stop in our community! Before heading out to greet everyone, Santa visited the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Hall, where he spent time meeting with some of our incredible Volunteer Fire Fighters. Never one to travel alone, Santa was then given a festive ride by our firefighters around town and down to Deadwood Junction, where an excited crowd was eagerly waiting for his arrival.

The air was filled with Christmas carols, laughter, and big smiles as the community came together to celebrate the season. Children (and a few grown-ups!) had the chance to sit in Santa’s sleigh, share their Christmas wishes, and enjoy a truly magical moment. With delicious food, festive fun, and wonderful company, it was an afternoon full of joy and holiday spirit for all ages.

A heartfelt thank you to Santa for taking time out of his incredibly busy season to visit Greenwood, and a special thank you to our Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department and Deadwood Junction for helping make this magical event possible. It was a day full of memories that will surely be cherished long after the snow melts.



Winter Road & Sidewalk Safety Reminder

As winter conditions continue, residents are reminded that side roads and sidewalks throughout the City may be slippery or icy, even when main routes appear clear. Please take extra care when walking, driving, or parking, and allow yourself additional time to travel safely.

We also ask everyone to be mindful of Public Works crews who are working hard to plow streets and sidewalks and keep our community moving. For everyone’s safety, please give crews plenty of space to work, avoid parking near active plowing operations, and use caution around equipment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as our crews continue their winter maintenance efforts. Together, we can help keep Greenwood safe and accessible for all throughout the winter season. ❄️



ENSURE MORE MATERIALS ARE RECYCLED AND KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL BY REMEMBERING THESE PRO-TIPS:

- 1 Line it up.** Put your cardboard between your boxes, not on top. Leave about 1m (3 feet) of space between recycling boxes and your garbage/organics bins.
- 2 Keep it clean.** Empty and rinse containers to prevent contamination, recycle more materials, and avoid attracting wildlife when you put them out for collection.
- 3 Flatten and cut.** If your cardboard is too big for the blue box, flatten and cut it into smaller pieces, no larger than 76 cm x 76 cm (30 in x 30 in). Stack them loosely between your boxes. Don't forget to keep flexible plastics out of your recycling!
- 4 Avoid litter.** Don't overfill your recycling boxes. If you can't fit everything comfortably, contact Recycle BC's collection partner for an additional box or use a similar open box (like a laundry basket or storage box) to sort your material properly.
- 5 We're here to help.** Download our app, email us at info@recyclebc.ca or reach out on social media @RecycleBC.



RecycleBC: Know Before You Throw

Recycling rules can change, and keeping up-to-date helps ensure recyclable materials stay out of the landfill and are processed properly.

Residents in the Kootenay Boundary region can access the **2025–2026 RecycleBC Recycling Guide**, along with a **complete, up-to-date list of what is accepted** – and not accepted – in residential recycling bins.

To download the guide or check accepted materials, visit:

👉 <https://recyclebc.ca/where-can-i-recycle/home-collection/kootenay-boundary-boundary-region/>

Need a Blue Box?

If you are new to the area or require a blue box for recycling, please contact RecycleBC's curbside collection contractor, GFL Environmental.

📞 **Boundary & West Boundary residents: 1-888-791-1190**

Taking a few minutes to double-check what goes in your blue bin helps keep our recycling program running smoothly and supports a cleaner, more sustainable Greenwood. Thank you for doing your part! ♻️🌟

! OOPS! Did you receive an Oops tag on collection day?

Our collection partners may leave these behind if your material is unable to be collected. The tag will indicate the issue.

GFL Environmental is Recycle BC's curbside collection partner in the Boundary Region of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. They can answer questions about collection zones, missed pick-ups, holiday schedules, or recycling blue boxes.

Contact: GFL Environmental
Phone: 1-888-791-1190
Email: csrtrail@gflenv.com

For information about garbage, compost, or yard and garden waste services in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, please contact your local government.

What is happening in January?



Hours of Operation:

- Monday's 12pm - 5pm
- Wednesday's 12pm - 7pm
- Friday's 12pm - 5pm
- Saturday's 12pm - 3pm

Contact Information:

- greenlib@shaw.ca
- (250) 445-6111

For More Information on Library events visit:

<https://greenwood.bc.libraries.coop/>



Friday Night Bingo

The Greenwood Community Association brings you BINGO on Friday nights! Located at 1355 Veterans Lane, Greenwood, BC.

- When: Every Friday
- Doors Open: 5:00 PM
- Who: Ages 19+

Bring your friends, test your luck, and enjoy a fun-filled evening with your community.



Upcoming Town Hall's

February 2026 -
Date to be announced soon!



Upcoming Coffee With Council

- January 22, 2026** - At the Seniors Centre - 11am to 12 noon



Boundary Expo Recreation Centre – Your Winter Gathering Spot!

Whether you're planning a fun skate, a friendly game, or a special event, the Boundary Expo Recreation Centre has you covered! With great rates and beautifully maintained ice, it's the perfect place for your next community gathering.

- Location: 734 Seventh Ave, Midway, BC
 - Ice & Arena Rentals: Contact the Village of Midway at 250-449-2222
- Don't miss out on this fantastic local resource—support recreation close to home and make the most of the winter season! ❄️💙



1st day back to School

January 5, 2026



- Thift Store** : Open Tuesday's, Thursday's & Saturday's from 11am to 3pm
- Bingo**: STARTING AGAIN JANUARY 7TH! Wednesday's 1pm - 3pm
- Games Day**: Friday's 1pm to 3pm