



## MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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### Next Council Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2017

Monday, October 16, 2017

### Agendas close at noon

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Thursday, October 12, 2017

### Contact the Council

Councillor Schierbeck can be contacted at  
[gschierbeck@shaw.ca](mailto:gschierbeck@shaw.ca)

### ICBC & Motor Vehicles

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

**Volunteer Appreciation BBQ** - Everyone is invited to the 2017 Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Riverfront Park Gazebo to celebrate our many volunteers. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award: Jolly McMynn and Dorothy Unger.

**20-Year Exemplary Service Medal** - Bob Peters received his 20-year Exemplary Service Medal for his service to the community as a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Acting Mayor Dunsdon thanked him for all of his hard work and dedication to public safety.



### **Fire Safety on the Hiking & Biking Trails**

The Village of Midway would like to urge people to remain vigilant and be extremely cautious with any activity that could spark a wildfire. Please refrain from smoking while walking, hiking, or biking along any of the trail systems and back roads. Please refer to the attached information bulletin from MFLNRO for more restrictions in the Southeast Fire Centre.

**Upcoming Council Meeting** - Please note that the October 2, 2017 Regular Council Meeting has been cancelled due to the UBCM Convention.



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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development  
BC Wildfire Service

### **Southeast Fire Centre restriction and prohibition update**

CASTLEGAR – The BC Wildfire Service is reminding the public that there are a number of restrictions within the Southeast Fire Centre.

The operation of any off-road vehicle (ORV) for recreational purposes on Crown land continues to be prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre. Jeeps, trucks or other “on-highway” vehicles must remain on constructed or defined road surfaces.

Additionally, due to the many large, aggressive wildfires burning out-of-control in the East Kootenay region, all Crown land within the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District is closed to public access. The danger posed by these fires, combined with the limited routes in and out of many areas, led to the BC Wildfire Service taking the extraordinary step of closing the backcountry in the Rocky Mountain Resource District. This was done first and foremost to ensure public safety. A factsheet on this restriction is available at: <http://ow.ly/5fe030eY06g>

While the fire danger rating is “High” to “Extreme” in other parts of the Southeast Fire Centre, those areas are not experiencing the same number of large and active wildfires as seen in the Rocky Mountain Natural Resource District.

Also in the interest of public safety, and to help prevent human-caused wildfires, the following activities are prohibited:

- campfires (as defined in the Wildfire Regulation: [www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirelegislation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirelegislation))
- the burning of waste or other materials
- stubble or grass fires of any size over any area
- the use of fireworks, sky lanterns, tiki torches, chimineas, burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description
- the use of binary exploding targets (e.g. for target practice)
- the use of air curtain burners (forced-air burning systems)

The BC Wildfire Service is continually monitoring conditions, and this prohibition may be expanded or rescinded as needed. It will remain in place until the public is otherwise notified.

For more details on these and other restrictions within the Southeast Fire Centre, please visit: <http://ow.ly/mRWg30eXVQQ>

Smoky conditions may persist in the coming weeks. For information on air quality, as well as smoke forecasts for Western Canada, visit the BC Air Quality website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air>