



# VILLAGE NEWS

## APRIL 2025

**Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00am—12:00pm & 1:00—5:00pm (closed for lunch)**

**Office & Public Works Closed April 18 & 21**

### VILLAGE TIP: STAY SAFE ON NIGHT TIME WALKS

Living in our beautiful Village means enjoying beautiful starry nights - but without streetlights, night time walks require extra caution. Whether you're out for fresh air or walking your four-legged friend, here are some bright ideas to help you stay safe after dark!

Wear reflective gear-vests, armbands or even light-up accessories for you & your dog.

Carry a flashlight or headlamp, but don't just point it straight ahead-move it around so drivers see you're a person in motion, not just a stationary light.

If walking in groups, don't block the road - share the space safely.

Keep your pup on a short leash - no surprise sprints into the street!

**Bonus Tip: Scoop the Poop!** Yes, even in the dark! Your neighbours will thank you. No one likes an unexpected "surprise" on their morning walk.

Without streetlights, it's up to us to be extra visible. So light up, leash up & enjoy those moonlit strolls safely!

### RESIDENT FEEDBACK WANTED!

The Village is preparing for this year's Ratepayers Meeting & seeks your input to ensure we address the topics that matter most to our community. Complete our quick questionnaire to share your thoughts & help shape how we keep you informed.



Access the questionnaire with the QR Code or visit our website at [www.buenavista.ca](http://www.buenavista.ca). If you are unable to complete it electronically, come visit us at the office to fill out a paper copy. Your feedback is invaluable & will help us ensure we address key concerns. Please submit by April 15.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm at the village office. Meetings are always open to the public.



### 2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The Assessment Roll, which is a listing of all properties in Buena Vista, is available for public inspection from February 21 to May 20 by visiting the office Monday-Friday from 9-12 & 1-5 or online at [www.buenavista.ca](http://www.buenavista.ca) > 'Resident Information' > 'Property Taxes & Assessments'.

If you wish to appeal, the deadline to file with the Board of Revision is May 20. \*Please note the only time of year you can make an assessment appeal is while the roll is open.\*

### ELM TREE BAN

Did you know it's illegal to prune elm trees from April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>? This ban helps prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease, a deadly fungal infection carried by elm bark beetles.

- ✓ Wait until October 1<sup>st</sup> to prune elm trees
- ✓ Dispose of elm wood properly—do not store or transport it. Take to the landfill, where staff will advise on proper disposal.

Protecting our elm trees is a community effort! Share this to help spread the word (not the disease).

### LANDFILL CHANGING TO SUMMER HOURS

April 16—October 15  
Friday—Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm  
Last load accepted at 3:45 pm  
For the fee schedule & more details, visit [www.reginabeach.ca](http://www.reginabeach.ca)



### Get the Information You Need, When You Need It

The Village has chosen the Voyent Alert! service to communicate important & day-to-day information to our residents. The service is free & easy to use. We encourage you to register to receive these important alerts. You can choose to receive alerts on the Voyent Alert! app, by email, text message or phone call. Register today!



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# Bylaw BUZZ Stay in the Know!

## Planning your Spring Project?

### Let's build it right with Zoning & Building Bylaws!

Spring is the season of new beginnings – whether you're installing a new fence, building a shed, adding a deck, demolishing an old house or building your dream home it's the perfect time to get those outdoor projects started! But before you grab your hammer and nails, let's chat **Building & Zoning Bylaws** to make sure your project is a success.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

**KNOW YOUR ZONE** – The Zoning bylaw defines where you can build and what you can build. Want a new structure? Check if it fits within your zone's rules!

**DON'T OVERSTEP YOUR SPACE** – Setbacks are important! Check the minimum distance requirements from property lines before you start building. Zoning bylaw set rules on how far structures must be from property lines, roads and other buildings. Make sure you're building within these boundaries.

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**—Submit Development Permit Application to the Village Office along with applicable payment. The Village will review for compliance to our bylaws (1-2 business days).

**PREPARE YOUR PLANS**—Site plans, elevations, construction plans, etc.

**PERMITS ARE A MUST** – Projects like new constructions, demolitions, structural alterations, and more, require a **building permit**. It's an essential & easy way to stay compliant and ensure safety before you begin construction.

**BUILDING APPLICATION**—Once the Development Application is approved, you may apply for a building permit. Ensure all required forms according to your project type are completed. Once the Village reviews for completeness the application is submitted to Professional Building Inspections (PBI) for review and approval (up to 5 business days).

**APPROVAL**— Once PBI approves the Building Permit, the Village will be in contact with the permit fees.

**RECEIVE PERMIT**— Once the Plan Review is received & permit fees are paid at the Village Office, construction may begin.

**INSPECTIONS**—Coordinate inspections with PBI as outlined in the Plan Review.

**PROJECT COMPLETION**—Ensure final inspections are done for compliance.

This spring, **build smarter, not harder!** Get your project right from the start by checking the bylaws. It'll save you time, money, and stress later on! And your project will be the envy of the neighbourhood (for all the right reasons).

For more info or to check what requires a permit, visit our website at [www.buenavista.ca/building-amp-development/](http://www.buenavista.ca/building-amp-development/)  
OR give us a call for guidance on your next project!