

Lumby Matters!

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Have your say about Lumby's fiscal future

The Village Council invites you to a public meeting Wednesday, October 20th at the White Valley Community Centre starting at 6:30pm to talk about Lumby's economic future. Participants will also learn about Council's intent to resurrect the Economic Development Standing Committee, which will formally guide community-wide discussions over the next number of months.

"In its efforts to enable and encourage economic development," says Mayor Kevin Acton, "council has explored many opportunities for growth and change that would ideally provide social, environmental, and economic benefits. We think it's time to open that discussion up for community input, and then move forward with strategies that truly reflect residents' wants and needs."

Acton is clear to point out "this doesn't mean the correctional facility is off the table. Council still believes it would provide many benefits, including economic diversity, jobs during and after construction, and a much-needed increase in our tax base. Having said that, though, we realize many residents are concerned about



Don Albert photo

Lumby is the gateway to the Monashee. How can residents leverage that unique and very special characteristic to build economic prosperity? You can have your say about that October 20th at a public meeting designed to brainstorm potential economic development strategies.

having a correctional facility here. We now want to step back and take a look at the bigger picture. We want to engage residents in dialogue about economic development in general, rather than a debate about the correctional facility in particular."

Looking back...

Lumby has been in economic transition since 1999, when Weyerhaeuser Canada pulled the plug on its lumber

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You're Invited!

PUBLIC MEETING

**Lumby's Fiscal Future:
Building a Case
for Change**

Wednesday, October 20th

White Valley

Community Centre

Starting at 6:30pm

**Bring your
innovative ideas!**

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operation here. More than 130 people, many of them Lumby residents, lost their jobs. The impacts of this and other forestry-related closures prompted the Village of Lumby to explore other prospects for prosperity. The resulting *Lumby & Area Economic Development Action Plan* was developed with community input to identify economic opportunities that could provide employment and economic spin-offs.

The plan included recommendations for short-term solutions such as establishing an Economic Development Standing Committee; providing marketing support for the agriculture, value-added, and tourism sectors; creating an Industrial Site Development Plan; upgrading tourism/recreation infrastructure; working with education and training agencies to create a "learning centre" for Lumby residents; revitalizing the Lumby Days Festival; and facilitating the start-up and expansion of small to medium-sized businesses.

The plan also recommended larger, capital-intensive projects such as a secondary road access to Silver Star, a multi-level care facility, a community forest license, an upgrade of provincial park sites and facilities, an upgrade of Highway #6, and an upgrade of communication lines and phone systems in the Lumby area.

To help move the recommendations forward, the Village established an Economic Development Standing Committee in 2000. Its mandate was to help Lumby avoid dependence on a single-industry by:

- increasing the commercial/industrial tax base to cover the costs of much-needed services;

- attracting non-polluting industries;
- supporting value-added wood industries and secondary manufacturing;
- enabling and encouraging tourism; and
- promoting institutional development.

Successful committee outcomes included corporate branding (including our slogan, *Simply the Best*), downtown revitalization, development of the Salmon Trail, road signage, and tourism facilities and marketing in conjunction with the Lumby Chamber of Commerce.

Current councillors picked up where the committee left off when they set specific economic development targets for their three-year term. They committed to:

- enabling and encouraging the construction of **supportive housing** on village lands;
- developing a **community forest**, including a new **road to Silver Star** Resort/Park;
- working toward the construction of a new **recreation complex**; and
- retaining current industries and promoting **industrial growth**.

Supportive Housing

A council-appointed committee explored in depth the feasibility of having a developer build seniors' housing in conjunction with a medical health services facility on two acres of Village-owned land earmarked for that purpose. Meanwhile, the federal and provincial governments are building 16 independent housing units on Village land. Council, therefore, will re-evaluate the need for additional

seniors' housing after the units are complete.

Community Forest

A 'community forest' is any forestry operation managed by a local government, community group, or First Nation for the benefit of the whole community. BC is home to 39 active community forests; another 15 are in the works. The Village has been working toward establishing a community forest for ten years; it's currently awaiting information from the Ministry of Forests and will then embark on a two-year application process this fall with help from a professional forester.

Road to Silver Star

This is a costly, long-term project that involves ongoing discussion with key stakeholders such as First Nations, senior governments, and the private sector.

Recreation Complex

The White Valley Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee — including representatives from Lumby and Electoral Areas D and E — completed a Recreation and Culture Master Plan last year. Since then, recreational structures have been tested for soundness and longevity, and a needs analysis has been conducted with input from user groups. A landscape architect will take that information and develop a layout for Community Park, including the site for a new recreation complex. A report, including construction costs, is expected this fall for presentation to the committee and council.

Industrial Growth

To its advantage, Lumby has about 200 acres of land zoned for industry. A drawback to industrial growth is the level of costly services required by the insurance industry (e.g., water for fire flow demand). Research shows that it could cost up to \$4 million to build a reservoir, water trunk mains, sanitary trunk mains, and lift stations. Researching raw materials inventories and work force skills would also be costly, as would marketing Lumby as a possible site for new industry. The Village currently works with the City of Vernon to identify industries that might be interested in locating here.

Correctional Facility

In addition, councillors explored the possibility of having a correctional facility in Lumby, which they thought would create significant economic stimulus both during construction and through long-

term employment and service support. Following a public meeting in June during which residents were encouraged to share their thoughts and questions about having a correction facility in Lumby, councillors agreed to proceed with gathering more information. Now, a correctional facility is part of a larger discussion about economic development.

Looking ahead...

In all its efforts, the Village is working toward Lumby being a sustainable community that's healthy socially, culturally, environmentally, and economically. To that end, the Village invites you to a public meeting October 20th at the White Valley Community Centre starting at 6:30pm to explore the role economic development plays in that scenario. Together, we'll answer the questions:

- What is economic

development?

- What is the history of economic development in Lumby?
- What is the current state of economic development in Lumby?
- How does Lumby compare economically to other similar-sized communities?
- How do we want Lumby to grow economically into the future?

At that meeting, the Village will also outline its plan to resurrect the Economic Development Standing Committee. Local and provincial government representatives, people from businesses and business-related organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, and members from the community at large will be invited to participate as committee members. Terms of Reference outlining the committee process and selection criteria will be announced and available at the meeting.

Please support the Lumby & District Health Services Society

DID YOU KNOW?

- All x-rays and lab services can be done in Lumby. The Lumby & District Health Services Society provides the latest x-ray technology and certified lab technicians.
- New x-ray equipment sends the image electronically to your doctor's office computer. No waiting, no hassle!
- Your doctor is not in Lumby? No problem! X-rays and lab services can still be done in Lumby and forwarded to your doctor.
- Help us keep health services in Lumby by having your x-rays and lab services done here!

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All doctors' requisitions accepted.

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250-547-9741

2135 Norris Avenue, Lumby BC

• VILLAGE UPDATES •

Water Well Project: Stage 3 Update

The Village is in the final stages of securing and supplying potable water for the residents of Lumby. Presently, two deep wells supply water to the distribution system. Completion of Stage 3 of the Water Well Project involves incorporating a third well, ensuring a reliable supply during hot summer weather when demand increases. Expected to start and be finished this fall, the project is being undertaken by Matcon Construction Ltd. for \$191,000 plus HST.

Fall Cleaning – Curbside Pickup

The Village of Lumby will provide curbside chipping of tree prunings and removal of leaves during the week starting on October 12th. Please deposit all leaves into a secured clear plastic bag, and kindly stack all tree clippings into a neat pile. No trunk diameter can exceed four inches.

eHOG and Pre-Authorized Payment Program are HITS!

More than 30 homeowners took advantage of the eHOG program that allows residents to claim their Home Owner Grants via the Internet through the Village website. A similar number have enrolled in the Pre Authorized Tax Payment program which, effective October 1st, is paying one percent interest. Please contact the Village Office for more information. Financial officer Ken Klassen says the popularity of the program is prompting the Village to consider offering preauthorized payments for utility (water, sewer, garbage, recycling) accounts. Initial thoughts are to process the total amount due for the quarterly billing on the due date. We welcome your comments. More info to come on this one!

CHRISTMAS HOURS

Village of Lumby office will be closed December 24th and 27th, 2010 and January 3rd, 2011. Office Hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm., Monday to Friday, Closed Statutory Holidays.

After-Hours Emergency Number

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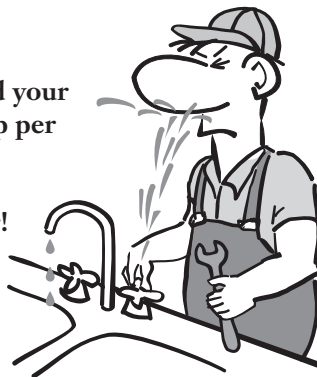
Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

be water wise

Money down the drain?

Leaky taps waste valuable water and your hard-earned cash. A leak of one drip per second can waste up to 25 litres of water a day ...that's enough to fill more than 180 bathtubs in one year! Most leaks are easy to fix by simply replacing worn washers... go online to learn how.

So, what are you waiting for?



...simply
sustainable!

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