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Keremeos Resident Notification System Sign-up Form

First name Last Name

House number Postal Code

Street Name Apartment Number

Keremeos, BC

Email address (one per person)

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- I've read and accept the terms and conditions

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A Newsletter from the Village of Keremeos

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Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Review

The Village of Keremeos is updating the Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw to make sure that they are clear, consistent and work together to further the long-term goals and objectives of the community.

OCP review

This update is not proposing a major overhaul. The OCP Bylaw assumes that the community vision statement and broad goals contained in the current OCP Bylaw (No. 807, 2013) remain unchanged. A summary of some of the changes proposed within Draft OCP Bylaw No. 850 is as follows:

- updating the Community Profile based upon recent data (i.e. 2016 Census)
- updating growth management projections based upon current trends and land availability
- replacing the “Commercial Core (CC)” land use designation with a new “Village Centre (VC)”
- removing the Building Design Guidelines (1991) from the OCP bylaw
- updating the Land Use Map (being Schedule ‘B’ to the Draft OCP)
- implementation of a new policy direction of accommodating future growth within Village’s existing boundaries as opposed to through boundary expansion(s), including:
 - reinforcing the intent of the Medium Density Residential (MR) land use designation is for apartment buildings and townhouses
 - applying new policies to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s gravel pit to ensure its retention for re-development in future
 - replacing the “Country Residential (CR)” land use designation with a new “Agriculture Transition (AGX)” designation, the intent of which is a holding zone for other, non-farm uses, such Medium Density Residential (MR)
 - updating the current policy regarding a review of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) boundaries and which parts of the Village this should be applied to



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Zoning review

While the proposed changes to the zoning bylaw are more extensive in terms of the overall number of amendments, the intent is generally not to adversely impact permitted uses or densities. A summary of some of the proposed changes is as follows:

- new and revised definitions
- incorporation of floodplain regulations
- restructuring of zone titles and regulations
- updating the Zoning Map

To learn more and review the draft documents, visit keremeo.ca and follow the links from “SERVICES, Keremeos OCP and Zoning Bylaw Review”.

Should you wish to provide input, the webpage at keremeos.ca has a feedback form, or watch for an upcoming virtual public meeting. If you have questions, contact the Village Office at 250-499-2711.

Accessibility Upgrade at Victory Hall

Thanks to a grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation, Victory Hall now has a beautiful new accessibility ramp.

The previous ramp was very steep, had no handrails, and insufficient rest platforms. Additionally, there was a small, sloped landing space at the top of the ramp and no automatic door openers, so access to individuals in a wheelchair was very difficult without assistance.

On June 3, 2019, Council supported an application to the Rick Hansen Foundation to replace the accessibility ramp and install automatic opening doors at the top of the ramp. The grant application was successful, and the work was completed in August, 2020.

Keremeos Council and staff are excited to host future events in Victory Hall that are accessible to all community members.



Coffee with the Mayor October 30

Mayor Manfred Bauer and Keremeos RCMP Commander Brian Evans invite you to join them at Victory Hall, 427-7th Avenue, Keremeos, between 8 am and 10 am on Friday, October 30, 2020.



Social distancing protocols will be in place, and all community topics are open for discussion. We look forward to seeing you there!

Private Remembrance Day Ceremony in 2020



November 11 is a time to pause in remembrance and honour our veterans. Because of the Provincial Health Officer's COVID19 Order prohibiting large public gatherings, Keremeos' 2020 ceremony at the cenotaph in Memorial Park will not be open to the public.

We encourage you to observe Remembrance Day in other ways by:

- **Buying and wearing a poppy**
- **Watching the National Remembrance Day ceremony on TV or online**
- **Using the Legion's teaching guide to learn and teach. The guide includes**
 - Notes on Canadian military history, the Legion and important Canadian symbols
 - Remembrance themes in stories, songs and poems, and suggestions for school Remembrance activities
 - Information about the Poppy campaign and how the money donated is used
 - Information on our National Poster and Literary Contests

For more information, visit

<https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/remembrance-day/the-national-ceremony>

Downtown Community Park Progress

The Village's newest little park saw more progress in 2020. Public works staff completed irrigation, planted turf and trees, and delineated the parking area. One of the Village's two pieces of quail art was moved from the Village Office to the park. The owner of the property at 623-7th Avenue added another bright and beautiful mural that faces the park.

The 2021 plan for the park – budget and public works' time permitting - is for a pergola made of old Red Bridge timbers to provide shade over additional park benches.



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