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The Tulameen Community Club Newsletter

Friendly news, local happenings, and ways to pitch in!!

Hey neighbours, friends, cabin owners, campers, and curious visitors — welcome to a fresh edition of the Tulameen Community Newsletter. This one is all about what's happening around town right now, what's coming up next, and how everyone can help keep this little place we love vibrant, welcoming, and fun. We've kept the tone easy and casual on purpose, because that's Tulameen: friendly, real, and best when people jump in together.

What's Happening Around Tulameen in a Nutshell

There's already a nice buzz building around Tulameen this year. Local updates posted through the community site point to a busy season ahead, including the 50th anniversary Tulameen Days parade with a Gold Rush theme, a slo-pitch tournament, ongoing community club membership sign-ups for 2026, and a new community hall plan reveal.

KVR.. Being Decommissioned And No Longer Usable?? Maybe.



One of the biggest issues on people's minds who love this area, has been the Kettle Valley Rail Trail. Earlier this year, the Province announced plans to decommission the flood-damaged section near Princeton, but that decision was strongly disputed by user groups, local residents, and community leaders who felt there had

not been enough consultation and who continue to push for alternatives and retention of key sections.

At the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, Board actions show the issue is still moving. RDOS has supported steps to examine trail operations, maintenance planning, and the possible retention of four sections of the KVR west of Princeton. If this matters to you, it's worth keeping an eye on RDOS meeting minutes and local community notices.

One thing residents and visitors should keep in mind is that spring water conditions have been a real concern this year. Recent regional reporting noted rising water levels in the Tulameen area, including higher levels in the Tulameen River, Otter Creek, and Otter Lake during March. That's a good reminder to stay aware, check local updates, and lend a hand where needed if weather or water conditions start affecting neighbours, roads, or property. In small places like ours, practical help and good communication matter a lot.

The latest Press Release can be found here, it sounds like some good news perhaps?

https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2026ENV0029-000723?fbclid=IwY2xjawShOXxleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeVdjFW-P1JViefS5o3Hhvre61ggFNHAI4kB40h4objKT9J5G7ee-pctyqcak_aem_V4gQt7MTf5NLTo-AafAlDg

We really need local representation for the Tulameen/Coalmont area to advocate for our section of the rail trail that crosses our communities.. if you want to get involved, contact mhassell@tulameenbc.com.

- ***“Thanks Matt! Two brand new hockey nets means more fun at the arena for everyone.”***



Good news for the arena: a big thank-you goes out to Matt Adams for donating **two brand new hockey nets** for our arena. What an awesome contribution to the community. Donations like this make a real difference and help keep our local recreation spaces fun, active, and ready for everyone to enjoy. Thanks, Matt!



Arena update: there are new boards being installed at the arena this summer!

Exciting news for the future of the arena. We know that projects like this can interrupt some of the fun for a little while, so thanks everyone for your patience while the work is completed!



Giant shout out to Huxley and his grampa Mike Sanderson who made all the benches at the arena playground! You're the best!

Seasonal rentals are encouraged to post this information in their cabins...

Important Information About Off Road Vehicles

Including Dirt Bikes, Side by Sides, ATV's, Golf Carts, etc ☹️

A couple of years ago, a unique agreement was reached with the RCMP that allows people operating Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) to drive on the side of roads and to drive across roads in our area, in order to legally access the surrounding forest service roads and trails, as well as access to fuel at the Trading Post.

This is a PRIVILEGE to all riders in the area, one that can be revoked at any time if the RCMP finds that the rules are not being followed. Fines start at \$598.

Rules for operating an ORV in the townsite:

- Permit from the Princeton RCMP detachment is required and must be renewed annually.
- Current ICBC registration and basic coverage for the ORV and a license plate.
- Operators must have a valid driver's license.
- **NO** driving on Coalmont Road or Otter Avenue, this is a designated highway. You may cross it with this permit. Maps are posted at either end of Otter Avenue for review.

Permits can be obtained **FOR FREE** directly from the Princeton detachment of the RCMP by emailing a proof of ICBC basic coverage, along with a copy of your driver's license, requesting the permit, to:

Princeton@RCMP-grc.gc.ca

Indicate whether you would like to pick up the permit in person at the Princeton detachment or if you would like the permit mailed to you.

*Residents, Timberline Cruisers ATV Club and the Tulameen Community Club have worked alongside the RCMP to create a unique pilot project where we can use our ORVs within the town limits. Please respect the rules we need to follow in order to maintain this **privilege**..*

Have fun and be safe!

Tulameen Days Is Coming — Let's Make It Amazing!!

- ***Tulameen Days is our biggest fundraiser of the year.. the one that keeps the lights on and the internet streaming. Let's do this 50th celebration up right! Looking for great ideas and helping hands....***

Tulameen Days is always a highlight, but this year has extra sparkle with the 50th anniversary celebrations already being promoted by the community. The parade is set around a ***Gold Rush*** theme, and there's also a slo-pitch tournament in the mix, which means there will be lots of moving parts, lots of visitors, and lots of chances for the whole town to show off what makes Tulameen special. If you've ever said, "Someone should help with that," this is your sign that maybe the someone is you.

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Planning for Tulameen Days doesn't have to mean taking on something huge. Maybe you can help with setup, cleanup, decorating, organizing kid-friendly activities, welcoming guests, or simply filling a shift where another volunteer needs a break. The best community events happen when a lot of people each do a little bit. That's how the pressure stays low, the fun stays high, and nobody ends up carrying the whole thing on their own.



Shucking 750 cobs of corn on Friday for the BBQ... with these expert volunteer shuckers, it took less than 1 hour.. !!

TULAMEEN DAYS 50th CELEBRATION!–

Ways for you to help make this the best 50th ever!!



- Beef BBQ.. meal prep, ticket takers, kitchen help, servers, cleanup . Corn shuckers on Friday. Set up and tear down crew.
 - Beer Garden – event head, servers with Serving it Right or Special Event Servers, product handlers the day of as well as days before getting it cold. Clean up, set up.
 - Cake Decorators! Enter your cake for judging.. cakes are used in cake walk the following day...
- Parade entries! Gold rush theme..
 - Street Fair.. game of chance , vendor tables, Tulameen Community Club info booth (where you can get a 2026 membership!)
 - Cornhole Tournament.. sign up early, spots are limited... or volunteer to help!
 - Schoolyard Games... looking for some kid wranglers for a fun sports day of races.
 - Slo-Pitch tournament.. gotta team? Or want to help with organizing this fun tournament? Want to sponsor some prizes?
 - Pancake Breakfast – need servers and preparers.. and clean up!
 - Tulameen Idol.. a side of a rising star with your pancake breakfast and mimosa/caesar bar. Need performers, set up and tear down team, servers with Serving it Right or Special Event Servers, as well as product handlers the day of as well as days before getting it cold. Clean up, set up crew.

More info.. follow www.tulameenbc.com or email events@tulameenbc.com

*****Congratulations to Sam McEwen for creating the winning 50th birthday logo– above!!***

The Dog Beach

Many years ago, long-time resident Trudy Kotzian worked tirelessly to obtain stewardship of a parcel of land on Otter Lake, located at the end of Nicola Avenue, through the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI). Over time, the area became a popular spot for residents and visitors to enjoy the lake with their dogs, particularly as dogs are not permitted on the main beach. It gradually became known as "The Dog Beach."

Stewardship of the property has changed hands over the years, including a period under the Regional District, before returning to the Tulameen Community Club, which currently holds the stewardship permit.



As part of its ongoing commitment to recreation and community enhancement, the Tulameen Community Club is exploring options for the future use and improvement of the site within the scope of the existing permit and applicable government regulations. No decisions have been made, and the current work is focused on gathering information and understanding what opportunities may be available.

The Club's mandate is *"the betterment of the community through recreation,"* and any future considerations will be guided by that objective, while respecting environmental requirements, regulatory guidelines, and the interests of the broader community.

Further information will be shared as the fact-finding process continues.

THANK YOU TDFD FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK!



The Tulameen and District Firefighters have had a busy first half of 2026. The crew have been training in Structural Fire Protection, Wildland firefighting, Fire Science, Advanced First Aid, EMA-FR, CISM, Wildfire Mitigation, Interior Firefighting, and completing their VIERA firefighting modules. They have compiled over 3,200 hours of training plus more hours for call outs, all took time off from their full-time jobs to gain their certification and licencing.

The Tulameen and District Firefighters are Volunteer/Paid on Call. They volunteer and donate their time for community work parties and events, and they are paid a small wage for their fire service. A major commitment to the service in our communities!

Because of everyone's efforts we have reinstated Medical First Response!

The Fire Danger Rating for our area is between High and Extreme. Be careful with your campfires, never leave them unattended and ensure they are out and cold to the touch.

The Grasshopper Mountain Fire remains classified as Being Held. All of the crews continue to be on scene extinguishing all hot spots. This fire was caused by humans. Always be aware and be fire safe in the backcountry.

Enjoy your Summer! Huge Thank You's to the men and women of the Tulameen and District Fire Department. Lonnie, Mel, Davin, Lisa, Drew, Carson, Gord, Frank, Bryan, Tom, Kyle, Dalton, Tyson, Rod, and Jack.

Much respect and appreciation,

Chief Jody Woodford

Why Membership Matters More Than Ever

If you love Tulameen, becoming a member of the Tulameen Community Club is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to support the place. We are a 100% volunteer-run, non-profit, charitable organization, and that really says it all! Community events, gathering spaces, improvements, and those little behind-the-scenes things that make life here feel connected don't just happen by magic. They happen because people sign up, renew memberships, volunteer their time, and care enough to keep showing up.

2026 membership available online at www.tulameenbc.com, single memberships are \$20 per year and family memberships at \$30 per year. That's a pretty small cost for something that helps support events, shared spaces, neighbourly connections, and the general energy of the community. Membership is not just a transaction — it's a quiet vote for more gatherings, more improvements, and more reasons for people to stay involved. It also shows strength in the numbers for our non-profit society.

Membership Quick Facts

Single membership: **\$20/year**

Family membership: **\$30/year**

A small contribution that helps power events, gathering spaces, and community spirit.

And if you're a seasonal resident, weekend regular, or visitor who feels a real connection to Tulameen, this matters to you too. Strong communities don't run on good intentions alone. They run on people who decide this place is worth helping. Whether that means buying a membership, lending a hand once in a while, or sharing an idea for a future event, it all counts. Many hands really do make lighter work — and a stronger community.

New Community Hall

In April, the Tulameen Community Club presented the final drawings for our new Community Hall! We need to thank Chuck Stam from Precision Building Design Associates for understanding our vision for our Community's needs and for moving this forward. Just waiting on the final drawings to get to permitting!





ESS

Emergency Support Services (ESS)

is a community-based provincial emergency response program designed to assist those affected by an emergency or disaster, whether that be a single house fire or a major disaster involving mass evacuations, such as the interface wildfires and floods.

In British Columbia, First Nations Governments and local authorities must coordinate the provision of food, clothing, lodging, transportation and medical services to those impacted by emergencies and disasters. These services may be provided from within or outside the local authority.

The goal of ESS is to help people begin to re-establish themselves as quickly as possible following a disaster.

Emergency Support Services volunteers provide short-term supports to people who are evacuated. Volunteers receive free training and are supported by a local team of trained volunteers. In Tulameen, contact Toni Murray via email at ess1@eoc.princeton, or call Maureen at 250-273-0143 to learn more and become a volunteer.

Your Tulameen ESS Team:

- Toni Murray
- Shirley Morrison
- Katie McDonald
- Judi Hassell

TIC



A group of Tulameen residents created, The Tulameen Infrastructure Committee (TIC) in 2023 to address improving the safety of our community, roads and infrastructure for both Tulameen and Coalmont. We have a Face Book site and encourage all property owners to join this group.

We thought having one voice to represent all the issues and

concerns of the residents would be more affective. We have developed a good working relationship with AIM, MOTT (Ministry of Transportation and Transit) and RDOS (Regional District of Similkameen).

Ford Street was classified as an unmaintained road; however, MOTT (Minister of Transportation and Transit) is planning to reclassify it as a maintained road next year. TIC has been assured by MOTT that dust control treatment will happen this year.

Tulameen one-way bridge - There is a plan to replace the bridge, but this year they will finish the design, and other phases will follow. No exact date provided.

Yellow lines along Coalmont road - yellow center lines are installed based on the classification of the road, which is determined by factors such as traffic volumes, road usage, and applicable roadway standards. Roads with higher traffic counts and greater vehicle usage are typically prioritized for center line markings to improve traffic control and safety. As a result, not all roads qualify for yellow center lines. TIC will continue to educate MOTT that Coalmont Rd along Otter Lake requires yellow lines as there are several residents living along this road and with Tulameen only having two roads, this route is used more than MOTT understands. TIC requested an updated assessment be conducted.

Seal coat - AIM indicated "all streets in Tulameen will be sealed like Coalmont was a couple years ago". This process is where a heavy oil/tar product is applied, covered with gravel, and compacted into the road surface. We understand this has occurred and there are some issues regarding the condition of the roads. TIC is currently awaiting a response from MOTT.

Red bluffs will be getting a makeover this summer. Not going to improve anything but will clean it up". At this time, a confirmed schedule has not yet been finalized. Traffic will be maintained with single-lane alternating traffic control during construction operations, so delays can be expected but access will remain available. Once dates are confirmed, AIM will provide notification through Facebook and local community groups, and they will also share the schedule directly with TIC.

With respect to notifications in general, AIM understand the frustrations that can occur when road work impacts travel plans, appointments, or commuting. Due to the nature of maintenance operations, schedules can change on short notice because of weather, resource availability, emergency work, or staffing requirements. As a result, it is not always possible to provide advance notice for every activity, and notifications are not always required under the maintenance contract. That said, AIM will continue to do their best to provide advance notice whenever possible. Residents will continue to have access through work zones, although delays should be expected during active operations.

We have had some success over the last couple of years; culverts cleaned, boat launch paved, no parking signs along the boat launch, fire hall sign, pot holes filled and road maintenance improvement.

Your local TIC will keep you updated with information as we receive it.

Your Tulameen Infrastructure Committee:

- Toni Murray - Co-Chair
- Gregg Scott - Co-Chair
- Brain Ernest
- John VanBemmelen
- Brenda Upton

In Remembrance

Wayne Passey (October 30, 1940 – August 26, 2025) is being remembered with deep appreciation by many in and around Tulameen. Wayne is survived by his wife Anne of Tulameen, his children and grandchildren, and a wide circle of friends and neighbours who knew him as someone who cared deeply about this community. After leaving the RCMP in 1972, Wayne and Anne built a life shaped by hard work, family, and a love of the outdoors — the very things that drew him to Tulameen and helped make it home.

Wayne's impact on Tulameen can still be seen in the many practical ways he helped improve the community he loved. He built shelves for the library, painted the kids' play equipment at the schoolyard, cleaned up the cemetery and created a place to pause and reflect, and helped move the original schoolhouse log by log to its present location so it could become a museum.



Lynda Wattie. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother Lynda Mary Gayle Wattie on June 5, 2026, at the age of 85 with her two beloved sons by her side.

Lynda was born in Penticton B.C on June 4, 1941, to Charlie and Aggie Clarke. She grew up alongside her younger sister Trudy and her two younger brothers David (Sharron) and Michael.

After completing high school Lynda attended the University of British Columbia where she earned her teaching degree. She began teaching in 1963 with her first posting being in the small village of Bella Coola B.C. Over the next 32 years she taught in Kamloops, Prince George, Gibson and finally Tulameen where she finished her career as the soul teacher in a one room schoolhouse. In 1969 Lynda married Rick Wattie of Prince George together they built a loving family. Lynda helped raise Rick's four daughters Deanna, Dawn, Anita (Steve) and Patti and was a devoted mother to her two sons Brad (Corrie) and Brent (Cocine). Lynda was a proud grandmother to Britney (Dustin), Brian (Dayna), Dylan, Senna, Tegan and Reese and a cherish great grandmother to Piper, Finn, Hazel and Bowen. And an aunt to many nieces and nephews. Following retirement Lynda and Rick enjoy travelling the world

together. They spent many winters in Arizona and travelled extensively throughout Mexico in their motorhome. Lynda treasured her family and held a special place in her heart for the many dear friends she made during her travels and the places she lived, whom she considered part of her extended family. Lynda will be remembered for her dedication to education, her adventurous spirit, her kindness and her deep love she shared with her family and friends. She leaves behind a legacy of learning, compassion and cherished memories that will live on in all who knew her.

She was preceded by her father Charle, mother Aggie and her husband Rick.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt, thank you to the staff and caregivers at the Kamloops Senior village who provided compassion, care and support. A celebration of life will be held in Lynda's cherished place, Tulameen B.C. September 26, 2026, Community Hall.

Looking Ahead

This newsletter is just a starting point, and that's the fun of it. As more local updates roll in, more event details are confirmed, and more photos are gathered, this can grow into an even richer community record of what Tulameen is doing and who is making it happen. For now, the message is simple: there's lots going on, lots worth celebrating, and lots of room for people to get involved with your Tulameen Community Club! info@tulameenbc.com

See you around town — and if you can help out, jump in! Tulameen is best when we build it together! The little town that could! ❤️

