



# Taylor Times

## October 2023



# Taylor Directory

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| District Office                     | 250-789-3392 |
| Taylor Fire and Rescue Services     | 250-789-3392 |
| Arena                               | 250-789-3004 |
| After Hours Trouble Calls           | 250-785-7078 |
| Lone Wolf Golf Club                 | 250-789-3711 |
| Library                             | 250-789-9878 |
| Peace Island Park                   | 250-789-9295 |
| Parks and Facilities                | 250-789-3333 |
| Community Services Hub              | 250-789-2828 |
| Visitor Centre                      | 250-789-9015 |
| Emergency                           | 911          |
| FSJ Rotary Club (assisting Seniors) | 250-785-1972 |
| Seniors Helpline BC 211             | 211          |



## Council and Committee Meeting Dates

Each year, Council publishes the adopted Council and Committee schedule for the upcoming year in compliance with Section 127 (1) of the *Community Charter*.

All meetings are held in Council Chambers at the District Office located at  
10007 – 100 A Street, Taylor, B.C.

| <b>2023</b>     | Committee of the Whole at 3:30 pm<br>Council at 5:00 pm                                |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>October</b>  | <b>Tuesday, October 10, 2023</b><br><del>Monday, October 25, 2023</del><br>(Cancelled) |
| <b>November</b> | <b>Monday, November 6, 2023</b><br><b>Monday, November 20, 2023</b>                    |
| <b>December</b> | <b>Monday, December 4, 2023</b><br><b>Monday, December 18, 2023</b>                    |



**Subscribe to e-updates and receive information on Council and Committee business that may be of interest to you!**

**<https://taylor.civicweb.net/Portal/>**



# **NOTICE OF BYLAW READING**



**The first three readings of the  
Backyard Hens and Bees Bylaw  
and the updated  
Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw  
will be at the October 10 council  
meeting**

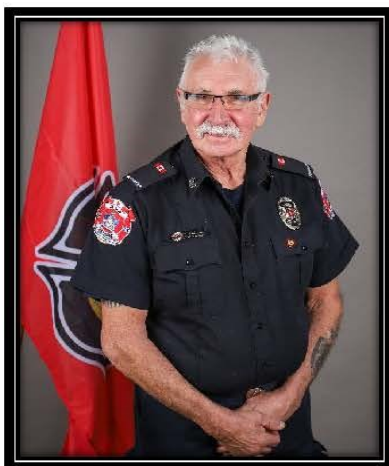
**Citizens with questions or concerns  
are encouraged to attend this meeting**



## IN THE HEAT WITH THE TAYLOR FIRE RESCUE

The members of Taylor Fire Rescue come from all sorts of backgrounds and volunteer their time to help our community. Our fire department trains to meet and exceed the BC Structure Firefighter Standards level of Full-Service Firefighter, which includes, Firefighter level 2, First Responder and Hazmat Operations qualifications. This month we would like to introduce to you a couple of our members.

**Acting Lieutenant Josh Carrell** has been a member of the Fire Department since October 2011. He was promoted to Acting Lieutenant earlier this year and has stepped up into an Instructor role to help train our probationary crews. A/Lt. Carrell has been involved with the truck committee for many years and sits on the Taylor Firefighters' Association Executive Board. Josh works full-time at the North Peace Airport as an Aircraft Technician which specializes in Aircraft Fire Rescue Response and Airfield Maintenance. He and his family can usually be seen helping at fire department events like parades, barbecues and other occasions within the community.



**Firefighter Ed Fornelli** joined our department in September 2012. He came to us with many years of experience with the McMahon Plant Emergency Response Team. His skills and expertise include Hazardous Materials, Industrial Firefighting, and Rope Rescue. Firefighter Fornelli completed the NPFA 1001 Firefighter level 2 program and did extra coursework to complete his Fire Officer 1 certificate. Firefighter Fornelli has an exceptional athletic background including national soccer, provincial hockey, and Ironman Triathlons. Ed is now retired and spends the summer months in Green Lake, BC where he also holds the position of Deputy Fire Chief for Watch Lake - North Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department.



## Fire Prevention Week 2023



This month we are celebrating Fire Prevention Week from Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This year's theme is "Cooking Safety starts with YOU."

We encourage all ages to come join us for BINGO! on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> where there will be some prizes to win and fun to be had. Games start at 7:00 pm at the Community Hall so come down and grab your cards early.

Members of the fire department will be out and about testing Smoke Detectors, for those who are registered, on the evening of Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.



On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Taylor Fire Rescue will be hosting a Wildfire Preparedness BBQ at the Firehall parking lot to help kick off Fire Prevention Week. Come on down from 11am-2pm. Funded by FireSmartBC.



## Animals Saved from Fire

Taylor Fire Rescue responded to a house fire last month and worked hard to extinguish the blaze. Initial attack crews were able to gain access to the building and rescue a total of 4 dogs and 3 cats from the residence. A little smoky and scared, all animals were safely returned to their owners without injury.

A/Lt. Andrew Wingo, Firefighter Ethan Byford and Firefighter Brock Schroeder shown exiting the building with one of the saved kittens.



## Emergency Siren Testing

A reminder that the District of Taylor will be testing their **Emergency Siren at 12:00 noon, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. This test will continue monthly on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

## Emergency and Public Alerts



Did you know that you can receive alerts affecting Taylor, directly to your cell phone, email, or home phone? All residents of the District of Taylor are encouraged to sign up for **North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts**, and it is **FREE!**



*"Our Family Protecting Yours"*





## Taylor Industrial Mutual Aid Group (TIMAG) with the District of Taylor

### Public Notice – Public Alerts TESTING!

During an exercise involving staff and our industrial partners, TIMAG and the District of Taylor will be testing the North East BC Emergency and Public Alerts system.

This test of the notification system will take place on **October 17<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM**

This will **ONLY** be a test. To sign up for public alerts FREE, please follow the instructions below.

NORTH EAST BC | Emergency & Public Alerts

*If we can reach you, we can notify you.*

**SIGN UP FOR**

North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts

 [nebcalerts.com](http://nebcalerts.com)

 Powered by Everbridge



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WHAT IF NO ONE  
ANSWERED THE CALL?

**FIREFIGHTERS**  
**NEEDED TODAY!**

**Taylor Fire Rescue  
is seeking district  
residents who are  
willing to serve  
their community as  
Paid-On-Call  
Firefighters**

- **No experience necessary**
- **All required training provided and compensated**



**Questions?**

call

250-789-3392

or email

[sbyford@districtoftaylor.com](mailto:sbyford@districtoftaylor.com)



# Driveway Snow Clearing



As per the Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy, snow is cleared from designated driveways in accordance with the Plowing Schedule priorities and other unscheduled municipal emergencies that may occur. Those desiring to have this free service and meet the criteria, **need to apply annually**.

## Who can apply?

If you are 65 years of age or older, or have a condition that makes you unable to perform driveway clearing, and there is no able bodied person living in your residence that can perform the snow clearing duty, you may apply. To apply, you may either come into the District of Taylor Municipal Office at 10007 – 100 A Street along with your ID and fill out an application or due to COVID-19, you may call in at 250-789-3392 to take advantage of this free service.

## Residential and Commercial Driveways

The District of Taylor utilizes the boulevard areas for snow storage. Placing snow on District owned roads from residential properties will only add to the Districts snow storage area or it may be carried over onto the neighboring yard, adding to their snow storage area. Individual residential driveway snow should be kept on the property that it originated. If this is an issue, the District of Taylor provides residential and commercial properties an area to take excess driveway snow. This snow dump area is located at 10347 – Cherry Avenue East, just past the Golf Course Maintenance Yard. Please obey all of the information posted at this site.

Placing snow on public roadways is a safety concern. Snow piles on roadways are not always clearly seen. They may impede or deviate traffic flow, affect emergency vehicle response and cause potential danger for pedestrians. Public Works strives to provide safe passage for motorists and pedestrians on roads and sidewalks, which can be obstructed when snow from residential driveways is put on District roads.

**- Public Works Department**





## **District of Taylor Sani-Dump Area Operation**

The RV sani-dump located behind the Taylor Hotel is a free to use service with a potable water fill station.

The sani-dump is open from the **May long weekend through to the Thanksgiving long weekend** in October. If the weather is uncooperating and begins to freeze, the opening may be prolonged and/or it may close sooner.

All users are encouraged to be courteous and respectful of this service so that it may continue.



**Operations Department**

ADVERTISE HERE  
CALL COMMUNITY SERVICES  
AT 250-789-2828



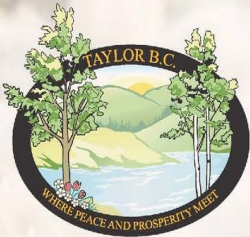
## **Do you have a culvert or a ditch in front of your property?**



As ditches and culverts form a key part of the District's drainage system, they should not be obstructed under any circumstances. Accumulation of debris can lead to blockage of the pipe and thereby prevent the free flow of water that will eventually overflow the ditch. As well, water flows are affected by culverts that are damaged, commonly by being ran over by vehicles and/or equipment.

Fall is a good time to verify if there is any accumulated dirt, leaves or any form of debris at the entrance or exit of the culvert pipe. In addition, make sure to mow the grass shorter in front of the entrance to ensure proper water flow in the ditch.

If you have any questions or have a damaged culvert, please call Public Works @250-789-3392.



# District of Taylor Coats for Kids

**Help us spread the warmth this winter by donating your previously loved (or new) outdoor gear!**

**Bring in your used (or new) winter gear to the Community Services Hub between Monday and Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm starting September 1st.**

**Donations will be dry-cleaned and donated back to the Community. Items will be on display in the entrance of the District Ice Centre starting October 3rd.**

**Questions? Call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828**

**ADVERTISE HERE  
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AT 250-789-2828**





District of Taylor  
PO Box 300  
10007 100A St  
Taylor BC  
V0C 2K0

[www.districtoftaylor.com](http://www.districtoftaylor.com)

## IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY ACROSS NORTHEASTERN BC

The new Northeastern BC Accessibility Plan will help embed accessibility in local government practices and improve outcomes for people with disabilities across the region.

The Peace River Regional District, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, and member municipalities across the region worked together to create the Northeastern BC Accessibility Plan. This Plan supports collaborative and efficient efforts to improve accessibility and ensures that communities across the region meet the requirements of the provincial *Accessible BC Act*.

The Accessibility Plan includes a shared vision, priorities for action, and an initial set of goals for the region. The District of Taylor will create a tailored implementation plan based on the priorities and goals laid out in the collaborative plan.

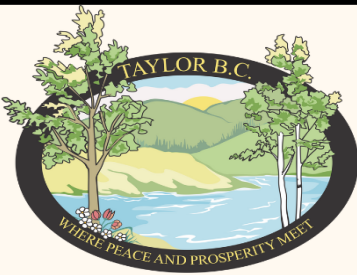
To ensure a consistent approach to accessibility across the region, a shared Northeastern BC Accessibility Committee has been established. The Committee includes staff representatives from the member communities as well as people living in the region who have disabilities, or work with organizations that serve people with disabilities.

The Committee will also help partner organizations implement the requirements of the *Accessible BC Act* and foster collaboration and cooperation, sharing and pooling of resources, and avoid duplication of work. The committee's first meeting was held September 14, 2023.

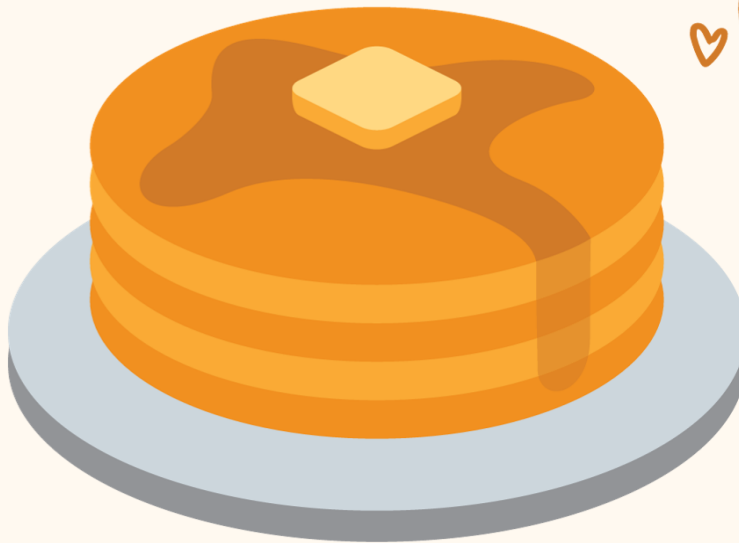
To read the Northeastern BC Accessibility Plan and provide feedback on accessibility initiatives in your community, visit: [districtoftaylor.com/northeastern-bc-accessibility-plan](http://districtoftaylor.com/northeastern-bc-accessibility-plan)

### Accessible BC Act

The *Accessible BC Act* (2021) is provincial legislation that sets out a path for British Columbia to become more accessible. The Act establishes requirements for provincial services and public organizations, including local governments. These requirements include creating accessibility plans, establishing accessibility committees, and creating a way for the public to provide feedback on accessibility measures.

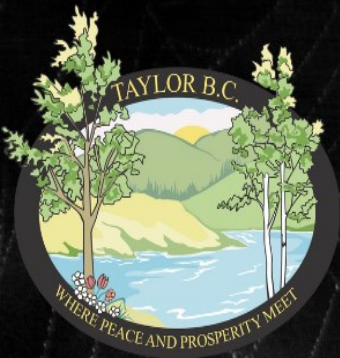


# HEALTHY WALK TO BREAKFAST



**TAYLOR COMMUNITY HALL  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH  
9:00AM**

**questions? Call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828**



# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

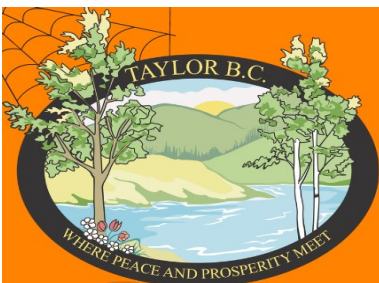
Taylor Community Hall  
Saturday, October 28th  
12:00 - 2:00pm

GAMES PHOTOBOOTH CAKE WALK TREATS AND MORE!

Free tickets are available at the Community Services Hub  
or \$2.00 at the door.

Questions? Call the Hub at 250-789-2828





# **HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS**



Tuesday, October 31st  
Lone Wolf Golf Course  
Doors open at 8:00pm



# ACTIVE SOLES WALKING

Taylor Community Hall  
October 3rd - April 30th  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 1:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB AT 250-789-2828

ADVERTISE HERE  
CALL COMMUNITY SERVICES  
AT 250-789-2828



# ZUMBA

**TAYLOR COMMUNITY HALL**  
**OCTOBER 16, NOVEMBER 27, DECEMBER 11**  
**6:00PM - 7:00PM**  
**FREE DROP IN**

**QUESTIONS? CALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB  
AT 250-789-2828**



# Jarvis Crescent Subdivision



*Where Peace and Prosperity Meet*

**URBAN**  
systems



May 24, 2019

Job Number 1770.0092.02

## Church of the Good Shepherd

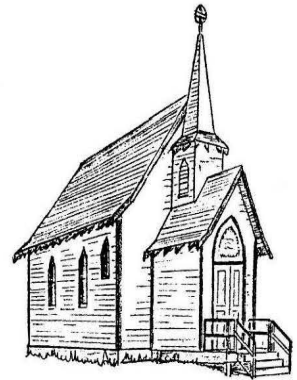


**Sunday Services**

**– Next to the School**

**Every Week 11 AM**

**Broadcast on 91.7 FM**



**Make This Sunday your Someday**

**A lot of people think like you.**

**80% of people believe in God.**

**40% of people plan to go to church someday.**

**100% of people can't find someday on the calendar!**

**Make this Sunday your Someday.**

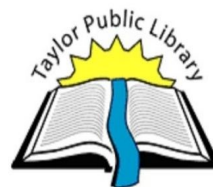
**Contact us - 250-785-6471**

**[csamsom@pacificpastor.ca](mailto:csamsom@pacificpastor.ca)**

**Those in need of food or other assistance may visit the Mercy Box at the Library.**



# What's happening at... Taylor Public Library



It's Survey time again!  
Tell us what programs and  
services you would like at  
the library for a chance to  
win Coles/Chapters Gift  
Cards.

Surveys available at the  
library or on Facebook  
/Instagram /Twitter  
**DEADLINE OCTOBER 7TH**

**Next Board Meeting:**  
**October 11th @ 6:30 pm**

## **Hours of Operation:**

Tuesdays to Fridays  
2 pm to 6:30 pm

Saturdays  
11 am to 3:30 pm



@TaylorBCLibrary



Web site:

<http://taylor.bc.libraries.coop>



**Big Day - Join us on  
Saturday, October 7th  
— for our Kick off to National  
Fire Prevention Week**

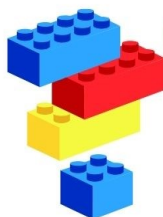


11am Kids Story Time and Coloring Contest  
12 noon Coloring Contest Deadline & Winners  
(Color the picture in the Taylor Times or pick  
one up at the Library)

1-3pm Lego Challenge - Win Prizes!!!



3 pm DRAWS FOR 72 HR EMERGENCY KITS



**Lego Day Oct 7 - 1pm to 3pm**

Theme - Fire Prevention

Build a Firetruck, a burning building,  
a Fire Station or your choice



# CHILDREN'S STORY TIME, ACTIVITY AND COLORING CONTEST AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 11AM - NOON

TOPIC - FIRE PREVENTION & THANK YOU  
TO OUR LOCAL TAYLOR FIRE FIGHTERS

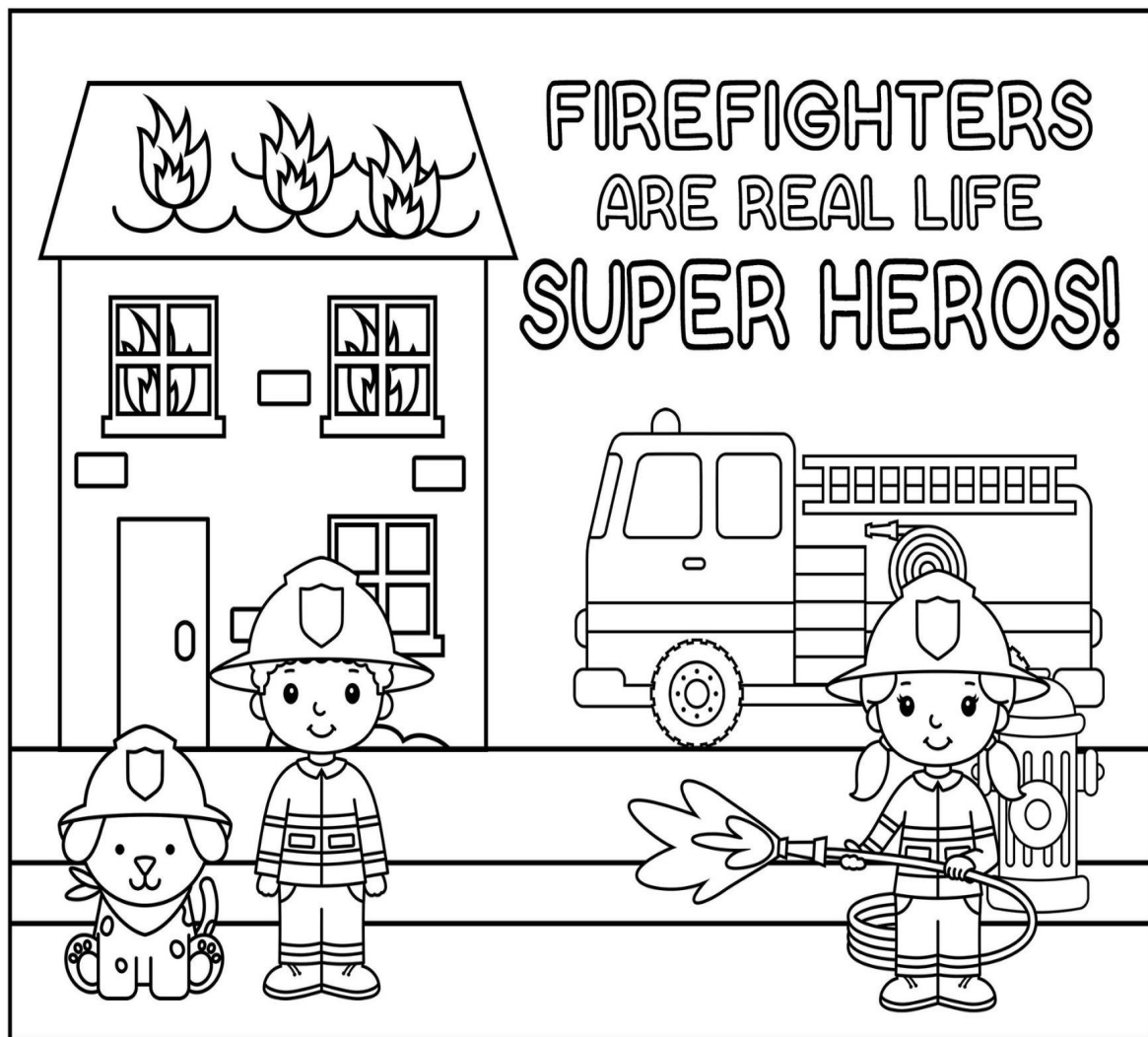




**HEY KIDS - COLOR AND RETURN THIS PICTURE TO THE  
LIBRARY BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT NOON TO WIN  
PRIZES - EVERYONE IS A WINNER!**

**NAME:**

**AGE:**



# Peace Community Church

10556-100th Street; Ph: (250) 789-3045

Church Office Hours - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 - Noon.



## hello OCTOBER ~Weekly Events~



### SUNDAYS

Morning Services  
10:30am

Sunday School around 11am

>>Tune In on our Facebook Live<<

### TUESDAY

Coffee & Chaos Drop-in Playgroup

(Ages 0-5)

9:30 - 11am

### WEDNESDAYS

Grey Matters Seniors Coffee Time

Weekly 10 - 11:30am



### FRIDAY

Community Coffee House

Weekly 6-8pm



## ~This Months Events~



### Coffee & Crafts -

#### Saturday

Do you like to quilt, knit,  
crochet, paint, colour, sew, etc.

Bring out your current project or  
dust off an old one.

Show/Tell....Bring a snack to  
share

Oct 14 & 28 - Noon to 3pm

### Trunk or Treat Tuesday October 31 5:30-7pm



Join us for a fun evening.

This event will be held in the Church parking  
lot. Stop by for a hot chocolate & treats.

Children are encouraged to wear costumes  
but not required.

### In One Accord Inter-church Praise, Prayer & Fellowship

October 14, 2023

6:30-8pm

FSJ ALLIANCE CHURCH

AFTER HOURS: (250) 263-8203 | [OFFICE@TAYLORCHURCH.CA](mailto:OFFICE@TAYLORCHURCH.CA) | [WWW.TAYLORCHURCH.CA](http://WWW.TAYLORCHURCH.CA)

PCCTAYLORBC ON FACEBOOK



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
**ROAD WORN**  
ON PROBATION  
WHO SAVED GRACE!

# Halloween

*Scary Night Party*

Saturday October 28th

**BIG BAM SKI HILL**

Big Bam Bonfires, camping available

**COSTUME CONTEST**

Psycho a go-go adult jello treats

**\$10 DRESSED UP \$15 IF YOU ARE NOT**





**COYOTES PUB**

**HALLOWEEN**  
*Party*

**OCTOBER 28TH  
KARAOKE  
PRIZES  
DRINK SPECIALS**

# HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

FREE ENTRY

PRIZES

DRINK SPECIALS

TRICK OR TREAT



COYOTES PUB

10440 100 ST TAYLOR BC

OCTOBER 27TH

CALL 2507893033 OR STOP BY TO

PRE-REGISTER



# KIDS LOVE! CANSKATE!

## Testimonials

- "CanSkate makes me happy because people help me!" - Macey, age 3
- "I like the way CanSkate makes learning to skate fun!" - Nathalie, age 8
- "CanSkate is awesome! It's fun because of all the kids and my favorite is the Fast Track." - Triton, age 6
- "I love ALL the CanSkate games!" - William, age 5
- "My favourite part is when we get to do the hard stuff, like gliding on one foot" - Magdalena, age 8



- "I love the Fast Track because you get to skate fast!" - Jacob, age 6
- "I really like skating. My favourite part is when we go backwards" - Spencer, age 5
- "I like CanSkate because I like to jump. My favourite part is to do my jump" - Jonathan, age 5

## Skating Club Contact Information:

Peace Passage Skating  
Club  
Tavlor, BC

250-262-4659

[peace.passage@yahoo.ca](mailto:peace.passage@yahoo.ca)

[www.peacepassage.com](http://www.peacepassage.com)



**CANSKATE**

For more information, call 1-888-747-2372

[skatecanada.ca/canskate](http://skatecanada.ca/canskate)

**ONLY THE BEST**  
can bring out their best



[skatecanada.ca/canskate](http://skatecanada.ca/canskate)



# CANSKATE

## CANADA'S BEST SKATING PROGRAM

- Skate Canada has been teaching Canadians to skate since 1887.
- 95% of Canadian kids know how to skate or intend to learn to skate.
- CanSkate is taught in over 1200 clubs across Canada by over 5000 professional coaches.
- Some of the best skaters in the world learned to skate with CanSkate - including Olympic figure skaters, Olympic speed skaters, men's and women's Olympic hockey players and NHL players



### THE BEST CURRICULUM

- A complete series of balance, control and agility skills that will prepare skaters for any ice skating sport or recreational skating
- Nationally-tested and proven curriculum and delivery methods that guarantee skater success
- Designed for 90% movement so skaters learn in an active and fun group setting



### THE BEST COACHES

- Nationally certified coaches trained specifically in teaching the mechanics and proper technique of skating
- Coaches are assisted by trained program assistants
- Ensures a 1:10 coach/program assistant to skater ratio or lower



#### CanSkate Graduates

- Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir, Olympic and World ice dance champions.
- Patrick Chan, Olympic medallist and World men's figure skating champion.
- Ivanie Blondin, Olympic and World long track speed skater.
- Matt Duchene, NHL Colorado Avalanche and Olympic hockey team gold medallist.
- Jeff Skinner, NHL Carolina Hurricanes, NHL Rookie of the Year and former Canadian juvenile men's figure skating medallist.

**ONLY THE BEST**  
can bring out their best

### THE BEST START

### THE BEST RESULTS





# **Taylor Curling Club 23/24**

## **Learn to Curl Junior Program**

### **Try it** **Session**

**Nov. 2 from  
4:00pm to  
5:30 pm**

**Free**

### **Learn to** **Curl**

**(4 Weeks)**

**Nov. 9, 16,**

**23, 30**

**Cost \$10**

**The Junior Curling  
Program is for students  
from 8 to 18 years of  
age.**

**We will meet on  
Thursdays afternoons at  
the Taylor Curling Club  
from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**

**All necessary  
equipment is provided  
with the exception of a  
clean pair of rubber-  
soled runners carried to  
the rink each week.  
(Outside shoes not  
permitted)**

**The participants will  
learn and enhance new  
curling skills.**

**Call Andy at  
250-329-7414  
to register and for more  
information.**



# BORN TO ROCK

## *Membership Fees*

**Single - \$200**

**New Member - \$100**

**Senior (Plus 60) - \$100**

**Junior (18 & Under) - \$100**

**Spare - \$50**

**Try Curling This Winter!**

**Taylor Curling Club**

**Thurs. PM Drop In League**

**Call Shirley Kinnis @**

**250-261-5869**

**Wed. Night Ladies League -**

**Call Jen Mathieson**

**@ 250-261-2478**

**Thursday Night Men's League:**

**Call Kane Ditchfield @**

**250-261-1963**

**Friday Night Mixed League:**

**Call Murray Giesbrecht @**

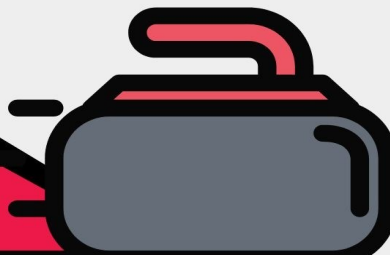
**250-329-5039**

**Anyone interested in a**

**Junior League -**

**Call Andy Odermatt**

**at 2503297414**





# Distracted driving in B.C.



On average 77 people die every year in crashes where distracted driving is a contributing factor.

Distracted driving is responsible for more than **one quarter** (29 per cent) of all crash fatalities in B.C.



“

When you're distracted, you react slower.

Most rear-end crashes resulting in injury **involve distracted drivers.**

”

## Did you know?



There are many types of distractions, but one of the **most common** is the use of personal electronic devices.

Studies show that when drivers use a hand-held device, their visual attention is reduced by about half.<sup>1</sup>



**3.6X**

You're **3.6 times** more likely to crash if you're on your phone.

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

**89%** of B.C. drivers believe it's highly risky to text while driving, including **70%** indicating it as extremely risky.\*

**89%**



**43%** of B.C. drivers admit to using their phone at least some of the time while driving.\*

\*Ipsos Distracted Driving Study, April 2022

Three out of four drivers are not fully aware of the penalties for distracted driving.



## The rules



The use of hand-held personal electronic devices while driving has been banned in B.C. since 2010.



The law also applies while you're stopped at a red light or slowed in traffic.

If you have your L or N, you're not allowed to use any personal electronic devices, even with a hands-free system.



**\$368**



**+4**

The penalty is the **fine and four penalty points for one distracted driving ticket.**

\*As of January 1, 2022, four penalty points result in a Driver Penalty Point Premium of \$214 if this is your first offence in the past three years.

**#LeaveYourPhoneAlone and #EyesFwdBC**



Focus on the road and your driving. Avoid distractions, especially those associated with electronic devices and display screens.



Make sure your hands-free device can be activated or deactivated with a single touch and is in a fixed location.

Source: ICBC's Business Information Warehouse, Quick Stats Contributing Factors Report, Police Traffic Accident System. ICBC (crashes & injured victims) and police (fatal victims) data five-year average (2017-2021) for B.C. Driver Distraction includes incidents where one or more of the vehicles had contributing factors: use of communication/video equipment, driver inattentive, driver internal/external distraction.

<sup>1</sup> This finding was documented in a presentation given by Professor D.L. Strayer (University of Utah) at a conference titled "Cell Phones and Driver Distraction" (2007).

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## **Handy Dart Services**

### **Is Handy Dart right for me?**

handyDART is an accessible, door-to-door shared transit service for people with permanent or temporary disabilities that prevent them from using fixed-route transit without assistance from another person. handyDART picks you up at your accessible door and drops you off at the accessible door of your destination. Customers must first register, at no charge, for this program.

handyDART is part of the Accessible Services offered from your local transit service. Many handyDART customers use a combination of fixed-route and handyDART services depending on their travel needs and destination.

Two types of accessible transit service are offered: shared door-to-door handyDART service and fixed-route service. Fixed-route service includes either low-floor buses with ramps, or lift-equipped buses on fixed routes and schedules.

Fixed-route buses have securements for wheelchairs or scooters. To check if a stop is accessible, call your local transit office. Customers using wheelchairs or scooters, registered handyDART customers or CNIB pass holders may travel with an attendant. Attendants travel free and must board and exit at the same stop as the customer requiring assistance and help load and secure mobility aids on the bus.

### **How to book a trip**

You must first be registered with handyDART before booking a trip. Subscription trips are scheduled once a week or more at the same location and time for an extended period. An example would be a biweekly physical therapy appointment. To request this service, you must contact handyDART to check availability. Subscription trips are cancelled on holidays. Renal patients should check with the hospital and handyDART for holiday service. You must contact handyDART if you need to keep a trip on a holiday.

## **Booking Check List**

When you book a trip, please have this information ready:

- Your name
- The day, date and time you need to travel
- Identify if you have an attendant or companion or an assistance animal
- Your pick-up address - street name and number
- Your drop-off address - street name and number and phone number if available
- Your appointment time
- Any special instructions (e.g. side door)
- Type of mobility aid you will be using (wheelchair, walker, etc.)

Reservation trips are one time or occasional trips. These trips are scheduled on a first-to-call basis. You need to book a trip in advance of the date required but no more than 14 days in advance.

## **Canceling Trips**

handyDART resources are limited and always in demand. If you must cancel a trip, it is important that you call the handyDART office as soon as you can. By cancelling as far in advance as possible, you help us improve service to all our passengers.

## **Service Hours**

Monday to Friday 7:45 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:15 am to 3:30 pm

Sunday and Holidays No Service

## **Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone: 250-787-7433

Fax: 250-787-9322

## **BC Bus North Services**

BC Bus North offers weekly bus schedules between Dawson Creek and Fort Nelson, with stops in communities such as Taylor, Fort St. John, Wonowon, Pink Mountain, Buckinghorse River Lodge, and Prophet River.

BC Bus North's schedule is designed to conveniently connect residents and visitors to the Northern Rockies area. Whether you're visiting friends and family, travelling for work, or just taking in the sights, see below for our bus schedule between Dawson Creek and Fort Nelson.

### **Reservations**

**Online Bookings:** The cutoff for purchasing tickets online is 24 hours prior to departure.

**Phone Bookings:** Passengers booking over the phone must book at least 3 hours prior to departure. Phone bookings can be made daily between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at 1-844-564-7494.

**Walk-up Tickets:** We recommend booking in advance, however, passengers may show up at a stop and pay the driver (debit or credit card only) based on availability. Cash is not accepted.

### **Arrive at the bus stop on time**

Arrive at the designated pick-up location 15-20 minutes prior to departure. Buses operate on a schedule and cannot wait for late passengers. Consequently, missing bus results in rescheduling and paying for a new reservation.

### **Cancellation**

Please cancel your ticket a minimum of 24 hours in advance to receive a full refund.

In the event that BC Bus North cancels your trip, reservations are refunded.

Please note we have a special cancellation policy due to COVID-19 concerns. With this in mind, if you cancel within the 24-hour notice period, we'll approve it and offer a future travel credit.

### **Transfers**

This independent service has no connections or transfers to other bus services.

### **Ticket Vendors**

Purchase tickets by phone or online. In particular, for debit payments please contact the call center. Additionally, at this time, there are no retail outlets, offices or physical addresses to purchase tickets from.



## Schedules

BC Bus North provides a convenient bus between Prince George and Fort St. John, with two departures per week in each direction. Our Prince George/Fort St. John bus service stops at the following locations: Bear Lake BP Gas Station, McLeod Lake General Store, Mackenzie Junction, Mackenzie Recreation Centre, Azouzetta Lake Lodge and Cabins, Chetwynd Petro Canada, Groundbirch Race Trac Gas Station and Store, Dawson Creek Co-op Mall, and Taylor Esso. BC Bus North operates from Prince George to Fort St. John on Monday and Tuesday, while the return trip operates on Wednesday and Thursday.

### Bus Schedule From Fort St. John to Prince George

Thursday & Friday

- Fort St. John (99 Ave. at 100 St.) 08:00\* MST
- Taylor: Esso 08:15\* MST
- Dawson Creek: CO-OP Mall: Arrive 09:05\* MST
- Dawson Creek: CO-OP Mall: Depart 09:15\* MST
- Groundbirch: Race Trac Gas Station/Store 09:50\* MST
- Chetwynd: Petro Canada: Arrive 10:35\* MST
- Chetwynd: Petro Canada: Depart 10:40\* MST
- Azouzetta Lake Lodge and Cabins: Arrive 12:00
- Azouzetta Lake Lodge and Cabins: Depart 12:30
- Mackenzie Recreation Centre: Arrive 13:30
- Mackenzie Recreation Centre: Depart 13:35
- Mackenzie Junction 13:55
- McLeod Lake: General Store 14:10
- Bear Lake: BP Gas Station 14:55
- Prince George: Four Seasons Pool - 1295 7th Ave 16:00

General Inquiries: 1-844-564-7494

Call Centre Hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

## **Do you have an ad you want to see in the Taylor Times?**

### **How much does it cost?**

Business Card Size \$11.61/ month

1/4 Page Ad \$17.86/ month

1/2 Page Ad \$35.71/month

Full Page Ad \$69.64/ month

Non-profit organizations are offered 1/2 page advertisement per month free of charge.

**\*Please note above pricing does not included taxes that will be charged at time of purchase.**

Payment can be made in person or via phone. We accept cash, debit, credit cards and cheques. Please note that payment has to be made prior to the publishing date in the Taylor Times.

### **When is the submission deadline?**

Advertisements and articles have to be submitted by the 20th of each month for the upcoming issue. Submissions past this deadline will not be accepted.

### **In which format do I have to submit my advertisement?**

Advertisements and articles have to be submitted in print ready stage.

Electronic submissions have to be made as a word documents or jpeg-file. Word by word submissions are possible for people that do not have access to computers and internet, however they need to be made in person during office hours.

Please note that due to copy right reasons, we cannot accept advertisements, pictures or articles that have been copied from other publications.

For more information call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828  
or email [smaycock@districtoftaylor.com](mailto:smaycock@districtoftaylor.com)

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| Sunday                      | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday  |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|---|----------|---|---|
| 1                           | 2      | 3  | 4<br>GM 10-11:30  | 5        | 6   | 7<br>Lego Day 1-3pm<br>Story Time<br>11am— 12pm   |
| 8<br>PCC 10:30am<br>GS 11am | 9      | 10<br><br>Community<br>Bingo 7pm<br>COW 3:30pm<br>Council 5pm           | 11<br>GM 10-11:30   | 12       | 13  | 14  |
| 15<br>PCC 10:30<br>GS 11am  | 16     | 17   | 18<br>GM 10-11:30   | 19       | 20  | 21  |
| 22<br>PCC 10:30<br>GS 11am  | 23     | 24<br>Coffee with<br>Council - PW<br>Shop 7pm  | 25<br>GM 10-11:30   | 26       | 27  | 28<br><br>Halloween<br>Spooktacular<br>12-2pm<br>Garden Club -<br>TPL 1pm |
| 29<br>PCC 10:30<br>GS 11am  | 30     | 31<br><br>Halloween<br>Fireworks @ Lone<br>Wolf. Doors open<br>at 8pm |  |          | PCC = Peace<br>Community<br>Church<br>GM =Grey<br>Matters<br>TPL = Taylor<br>Public Library | COW =<br>Committee<br>of the<br>Whole<br>GS = Good<br>Sheppard<br>Church  |