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Have Your Say!

2019

CITIZEN BUDGET is now available

The District of Vanderhoof invites you to have your say on the 2019 budget through the new CITIZEN BUDGET tool. This interactive, online tool helps us understand your priorities.

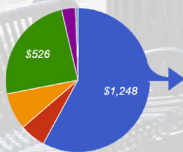
The CITIZEN BUDGET is easy to use! Just enter your property assessment, and the tool will tell you how much of your taxes go towards Public Works, Parks, Culture, Fire, and more. Simply drag the slider to increase or decrease the amount of your taxes that go toward each service, and the balance at the top of the page will show you how your taxes would be affected. Please note this is a decision-making tool only, and your choices will not reflect your actual 2019 tax bill.

The CITIZEN BUDGET results will be reviewed by Council and used as an informational tool to develop the 2019 budget and 5-year financial plan.

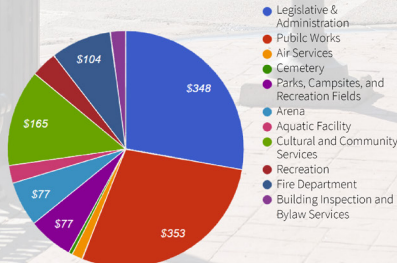
Thank you for your participation!

Based on a \$250,000 property assessment, \$1248 of your taxes go to the municipality:

- Municipal
- Hospital
- Regional District
- School
- Police
- BC Assessment
- Other



Then, your \$1248 is distributed like this:



Numbers are approximations only.

Access the Citizen Budget vanderhoof.ca/citizenbudget Closes March 8

For more information, contact the Finance Department at cfo@district.vanderhoof.ca or call 250 567 4711.



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CITIZEN BUDGET

Please partake in this interactive tool to help the District of Vanderhoof understand your needs for our community.



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Upcoming Council Meetings

- ▶ March 11: Regular Council Meeting
- ▶ March 18: Committee of the Whole
- ▶ March 25: Regular Council Meeting

Click here for more Events

SKATEBOARD PARK

The Skateboard Park Committee has finalized the design for Vanderhoof's new skatepark! We are excited to start skating this summer! If you are a local contractor or supplier and interested in donating materials or equipment for the project, please email hilaryirvine@district.vanderhoof.ca to get in touch with the Skate Vandy Society.

NEW! COMMUNITY CALENDAR

As part of the District's new website, we have built an interactive community events calendar. Anyone can access the calendar and input their own events! This is a great tool to see all the amazing things going on in Vanderhoof.

Visit vanderhoof.ca/events to view the calendar, and click **SUBMIT AN EVENT** to get your event on the calendar.

AQUATIC CENTRE

Below are the Aquatic Centre hours. The YMCA's current priority is recruiting new lifeguards! Email heather.crozier@nbc.ymca.ca if you are interested in this opportunity. More information about the pool can be found at nbc.ymca.ca/Vanderhoof-aquatic-centre.



Pool Hours

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| Wednesday | 3:00pm-8:00pm |
| Thursday | 6:00am-12:00pm |
| Friday | 3:00pm-8:00pm |
| Saturday | 10:00am-6:00pm |
| Sunday | 12:00pm-5:00pm |



COUNCIL MESSAGE *Perspective*

Perspective is the word that comes to mind as I consider how my first few months as a Councillor has impacted me. Being involved in the community from the perspective of leadership has given me a fuller understanding of the trials and opportunities that present themselves on a daily basis. Manoeuvring through the layers of government, laws, and stakeholders on a variety of issues takes time. Projects that I thought had been long forgotten, I have now discovered are moving slowly, but they are moving. The Vanderhoof Aquatic Centre was a dream that began many years ago and is an example of how the community, through perseverance and creative thinking, can work together to see the dreams for Vanderhoof realized. The staff of the Aquatic Centre are working hard to work out the kinks that inevitably follow any new venture, with the process of training and hiring lifeguards continuing to remain a priority.



Councillor Cyndi Lauze

I am also discovering that there are many ways that community is defined in Vanderhoof. We are a community that is defined geographically and by our shared experiences and interests. We are a community of actors, singers, quilters, curlers, ranchers, and faith. The diversity of our community not only makes it vibrant, but can also create challenges as we seek to ensure that all members of the community have an opportunity to engage and be heard. In an effort to improve engagement and communication, the District has launched a new website that provides information about upcoming events, council meetings, bylaws and zoning, etc. **The Citizen Budget** is included on the new website and provides a way for you to have input on how you think your tax dollars should be spent. I want to encourage you to take a few minutes to explore the new website and give us your feedback.

Communication also builds relationships. At 7:00 a.m. on the third Friday of the month council members will be at The Bakkerij Lobelle in an effort to informally connect with the community. Please join us for a coffee and share what is on your mind.

In the next few months we will be looking at establishing priorities for the Vanderhoof of today and the Vanderhoof we envision in the future. Your perspective is only discovered by speaking-up, and having your voice heard helps to create balance in the decisions that are made. I believe that words are creative and they have the ability to divide or build. I am always interested in hearing what you have to say and to learn how we can work together to build a community that remains vibrant and strong. Please contact me at **council2@district.vanderhoof.ca**.

~ Councillor Cyndi Lauze

2019 WOODSTOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Woodsmoke releases particulate matter into the air that can affect respiratory and cardiovascular health. Switch out your old, uncertified stove for a cleaner-burning EPA-certified wood, pellet, or natural gas stove. You can get up to \$1200 in incentives and rebates! Email **hilaryirvine@district.vanderhoof.ca** for the application form.

2019 BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Do you own a business on Highway 16 or Burrard Ave that needs a face-lift? The Business Façade Improvement Program provides 50% funding up to \$5,000 to help you update the look and feel of your storefront. Projects must have a min total cost of \$2,000 to be eligible. Email **hilaryirvine@district.vanderhoof.ca** for the application form.

YMCA RECREATION SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2019

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please contact Taylor at 250-567-4524 or taylor.vassallo@nbc.ymca.ca

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|--|---|--|---|----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | Pro D Day 8:30am-4:30pm @ GC | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Boot Camp 9:30am-10:30am @ICC Parent & Tot Gym Time 9:30am-10:30am @GC | Seniors Stretch 10:30am-11:30am @FC Sports of all Sorts 3:00pm-4:30pm @GC Boot Camp 6:00pm-7:00pm @ICC | Parent & Tot Tea Time 9:30am-10:30am @ICC Y Art 3:00pm-4:30pm @ICC | Active Start 9:30am-10:30am @ICC Open Gym 3:00pm-4:30pm @GC Boot Camp 6:00pm-7:00pm @ICC | Boot Camp 9:30am-10:30am @ICC | |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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Ice is scheduled to come out **Vanderhoof Arena** **March 17** Free Skating Schedule

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| Public Skating | Tuesday Wednesday Thursday | 12:00pm-1:00pm |  |
| Drop-in Hockey | Friday | 12:00pm-1:00pm |  |
| Parent & Tot Skate | Friday | 3:30pm-5:00pm |  |
| Youth Skate | Saturday | 7:00pm-8:00pm |  |
| Family Skate | Sunday | 4:15pm-5:15pm |  |