



# The Westsyde News

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## It's Almost Time for The Annual Westsyde Wide Yard Sales

This year, Westsyde's Community Yard Sale Day is on

### Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Everyone in Westsyde is urged to have one at their own place!  
(to get on the map again go to [westsyde.info](http://westsyde.info))

or you can get a spot from the WCDS either inside or outside at the Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre

**CONCESSION:** Hotdogs, Pop, Juice, Coffee  
Carnival Style Games & Bouncy Castle too!

**IN THE FIELD:** Yard Sale & Flea Market Tables (\$10.00 per space, and you bring a table if you need one)  
**INSIDE THE CENTRE:** Home-based businesses, Collectibles and Neat Stuff Market (\$25.00 per table, we will supply)

To book your space contact: [diane.kuchma@gmail.com](mailto:diane.kuchma@gmail.com) or call Diane at 250.579.7605

Please note the Society is made up of volunteers. The Society needs new members, new energy, new ideas. Please join us, and be part of something important in YOUR community. More information can be found at [wcds.westsyde.info](http://wcds.westsyde.info)

### Westsyde Community Development Society

**"To enhance the positive development of the Westsyde community through initiatives, engagement and collaboration"**

This year's WCDS executive:

#### Board 2017/2018

President - Steve Delaney c:(250) 579 9636

Vice-President - Brent Kelly

Secretary - Arlene Grineau

Treasurer - Karen Kelly

Membership Coordinator - Currently Vacant

Social Media Director - Cassandra McMullen

Youth Engagement Director - Currently Vacant

Director at Large - Diane Kuchma

Director at Large - Ron Kuchma

Director at Large - Lucie Bourgeois

Director at Large - Grant McConechy

## Meet your Neighbours

Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
6:30pm

Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre  
3550 Westsyde Road

Hosted by the Westsyde Community Development Society and the City of Kamloops

### Evening agenda - Tuesday, May 8

- ◆ 6:30 PM
  - ◆ Welcome
- ◆ 6:35 PM
  - ◆ Introduce your Community Association
  - ◆ Presentation - Why you should be part of your Neighborhood Association
- ◆ 7:00 - 8:30 PM
  - ◆ Mingle
  - ◆ Meet your CA executive
  - ◆ Learn about topics important to your neighborhood with City of Kamloops staff

\* Light snacks and refreshments will be made available \*



## **Paving of the Oak Hills Dike**

The City of Kamloops hosted a public budget meeting on Tuesday, February 6th 2018 at the McArthur Event Lounge. The city's Chief Administrative Officer, David Trawin, confirmed that there were no funds budgeted in the 2018/19 year for the proposed paving of the dike bordering Oak Hills, (which has been designated as a portion of the city-wide Rivers Trail). The City had proposed paving the dike on two previous occasions, with its rejection by some area residents. It was unlikely this link in the Rivers Trail would be paved in the future unless solid support was presented by Westsyde residents.

It is worth mentioning that this dike is owned by the City, and the Rivers Trail is used by residents from all areas of Kamloops. Perhaps solid support presented by the rest of Kamloops would shift the City's decision.

## **Ongoing Westsyde Community Development Society (WCDS)**

The Westsyde Community Development Society was incorporated in 2001 to promote recreational activities, athletics and education within Westsyde. Since then, the Society has grown to become Westsyde's voice in liaising with the City and your community association. When comes to plans being made for both our and the greater community of Kamloops, the WCDS strives to improve and encourage growth in our neighbourhood, to support local functions and events, and look for ways to enhance the pride we all feel towards this community.

The Westsyde Community Development Society is now at a crossroads. Many positions on the Board of Directors have recently become vacant or will become vacant at the next Annual General Meeting which is on June 7th, 2018 (President, Secretary, Membership Coordinator, Social Media Director, Youth Engagement Director and Directors at Large).

It is time for Westsyde to decide if there is a desire for the WCDS to continue to represent them, in what capacity, and if so, people need to step up to fill these positions in order for the Society to carry on.

The Society requests the assistance of community members for its various projects and fund-raising events. Membership in the society is a demonstration of your support for the goals and objectives of this organization.

## **Riverside Park Outdoor Skating Rink**

The Kamloops Outdoor Skating Association (KOSA) has requested \$50,000 as a one-time cost noted in the 2018 Supplementals to "develop an overall concept, plan, feasibility and cost estimate for a public skating rink to be located in Riverside Park". Politically it has been suggested an outdoor rink located at Riverside Park would bring people downtown - as a consequence, they are not looking at existing venues such as the Ralph Clearwaters Multiplex Ice Rink in Centennial Park as "no one would go there".

We did ascertain that Council might fund similar studies for other city ice rinks in the coming years. WCDS recently hosted a coffee/hot cocoa session at the rink and found those that attended were in fact, from all over the city.

## **Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre**

The City of Kamloops Council, as of February 2018, are proposing a 1.6% overall tax increase for residents of the city. A public budget meeting on February 6th listed 12 items as 2018 Supplementals. These items are not currently in the 2018/19 budget but could be added and would increase the proposed 1.6%.

Three items are listed that affect Westsyde Pool and the Fitness Centre and include:

- ✎ \$125,000 for expanded operational hours for swim and fitness services
- ✎ \$50,000 study for \$1.2M estimated repair costs in 2019/20
- ✎ \$35,000 for fitness equipment repair and maintenance or replacement

Except for the \$50,000, which might come out of another fund, the other two items could be recurring operational expenses on a yearly basis. Currently they are listed as Supplementals and not in the 2018/19 budget.

Between now and May when the budget is adopted by Council, Westsyde residents have an option to advise Council of their interest and support for adding these items to the budget by using the following city website:

<https://Kamloops.ca/city-hall/city-budget>

Without a strong response, the operational hours of Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre could be curtailed without adequate funding in the 2018/19 budget.