

news

Thomson says inspections have found 26 mussel-infected boats in B.C.

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Forests, Lands And Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson says the province's new invasive mussel defence teams have made great strides over the last three months in keeping quagga and zebra mussel out of B.C.

Thomson told the media in Kelowna Thursday that since May, the teams have inspected over 3,200 boats in 19 communities, from the Lower Mainland to Valemount, including Kamloops, Osoyoos, Midway, Castlegar, Cranbrook and Golden.

He said thanks to the enhanced invasive mussel defence program announced by the B.C. government earlier this year, 26 watercraft requiring decontamination were identified and dealt with, either by provincial inspection crews or through decontamination

orders provided to the vessel owners.

Four boats required a 30-day quarantine period, in addition to decontamination, to ensure B.C. waters remain free from the destructive mussels.

These decontamination and quarantine orders issued under the Provincial Controlled Alien Species Regulation were the first issued in B.C.

"Invasive mussels pose a threat to more than just ecosystems," said Thomson. "(They also pose a threat to) drinking water facilities, hydro stations, agricultural irrigation and more."

But he warned while the province considers the work of the invasive mussel defence teams "success stories" this summer, the public still needs to do its part to keep quagga and zebra mussels out of B.C. waters.

"I encourage everyone to practice 'Clean, Drain, Dry' activities (the

procedure for making sure no mussels are on or in a boat or its mechanical workings) and report all problem vessels to the B.C. Conservation Officer Service hotline.

Anyone who transports a boat into or within B.C. needs to clean the boat, trailer and other equipment by completely removing aquatic animals, plants and mud, drain all water out of bilges, ballast tanks, engines or live wells, and ensure the boat is dry.

Earlier this year, the province announced it was providing \$1.3 million—in partnership with B.C. Hydro—to pay for early detection and mobile rapid response teams to tackle the issue of keeping the mussels out of B.C. The Columbia Basin Trust in collaboration with FortisBC and Columbia Power Corp. kicked in an additional \$360,000.

Keeping B.C.'s waterways invasive mussel-free is a joint

effort by the province and Western provinces and U.S. states and the Canadian Border Services Agency. Mussel inspection programs across the Pacific Northwest notify each other of watercraft traveling from mussel infested waters.

British Columbia's "enhanced" defence program includes six mobile decontamination units, 12 trained auxiliary conservation officers who perform roadside watercraft inspections and decontaminations, as well as expanded monitoring for zebra and quagga mussels and increasing Clean, Drain, Dry education and outreach programs.

It is a ticketable offence for failing to report at watercraft inspection stations and vehicles transporting smaller watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes and car

toppers are not exempt. The public is encouraged to report mussel-affected boats or

equipment to the B.C. Conservation Officers

Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) hotline at

1-877-952-7277.



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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that City Council will hold a Public Hearing on:

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6pm
Kelowna City Hall, 1435 Water Street
Council Chambers

Council will hear representations from the public who deem an interest in the properties affected by proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw 8000 for:

285 Sadler Road
 Lot 1, Section 26, Township 26, ODYD,
 Plan 8519
 Bylaw No. 11132 (Z15-0032)

The applicant is proposing to rezone the subject property to facilitate the development of a second dwelling.

Requested zoning change:
 From the RU1 – Large Lot Housing zone to the RU6 – Two Dwelling Housing zone.

Owner/Applicant:
 Thorsten Trof / Novation Design Studio

540 Osprey Avenue
 Lot A, District Lot 14, ODYD, Plan EPP14200
 Bylaw No. 11133 (Z15-0005)

The applicant is proposing to rezone the subject property to facilitate a five storey mixed use building.

Requested zoning change:
 From the RU6 – Two Dwelling Housing zone to the C4 – Urban Centre Commercial zone.

Owner/Applicant:
 0958123 BC Ltd Inc. No. BC0958123 /
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Comments can be made in person at the public hearing, or submitted online by email to cityclerk@kelowna.ca, or by letter to the Office of the City Clerk, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4.

Presentations at the public hearing are limited to a maximum of five minutes. If a person has additional information they shall be given further opportunity to address Council after all other members of the public have been heard a first time.

No representation will be received by Council after the conclusion of the public hearing.

Correspondence, petitions and e-mails relating to this application must include your name and civic address. Petitions should be signed by each individual and show the address and/or legal description of the property he or she believes would be affected by the proposal. Correspondence and petitions received between September 1, 2015 and 4pm on Monday September 14, 2015 shall be copied and circulated to City Council for consideration at the public hearing.

Any submissions received after 4pm on Monday September 14, 2015 will not be accepted.

The public may review copies of the proposed bylaws, Council reports and related materials online at kelowna.ca/council or at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall from 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday, as of September 1, 2015 and up to and including September 15, 2015.

INFO: 250-469-8645 cityclerk@kelowna.ca
kelowna.ca/council

PUBLIC NOTICES

Affordable rental housing grants

Grant submissions are now being accepted for the construction of new affordable rental housing in 2016.

Grants are available up to a maximum of the Development Cost Charge (DCC) equivalent / unit of affordable rental housing, subject to available funding in 2016.

Please note:

1. Units to be identified for funding must qualify under the City's definition of affordable rental housing, which can include market rental buildings with five (5) or more dwellings;
2. Units eligible for funding must be secured by entering into a housing agreement with the City;
3. Dwellings must be reasonably expected to be constructed in 2016.

Completed application forms, available on the Financial Incentives City webpage, must be received by **Sept. 30, 2015**. For details, visit kelowna.ca/council, click on "policies" and select Rental Housing Grants - Policy 335.

For more information contact James Moore in Policy & Planning.

INFO: 250-469-8419 kelowna.ca/council
jmoore@kelowna.ca

Watermain Flushing

Utility crews continue their watermain flushing program to ensure the distribution system is refreshed and healthy.

Barnaby Road to Uplands Drive between Lakeshore Road and Kuipers Crescent including Kettle Valley & Upper Mission Drive
Sept. 4 – Sept. 18

During this period, lower than normal water pressure may be experienced. If water is discoloured, run the cold water until clear.

INFO: 250 469-8929 kelowna.ca/utilities

City Water Utility watering restrictions in effect through September

Odd/even outdoor watering restrictions remain in effect for City of Kelowna Water Utility customers.

Odd numbered addresses may water on odd calendar days and even numbered addresses may water on even calendar days. Automatic underground irrigation systems may run between 12am (midnight) and 6am. Manual sprinklers and watering by hose (hand watering) may occur between 6am and 11am or 6pm and midnight on the scheduled odd/even day.

INFO: 250-469-8502 kelowna.ca/utilities
watersmart@kelowna.ca

Holiday Hours

In honour of Labour Day, City Hall will be closed: **Monday, Sept. 7**

The Glenmore Landfill will be open regular hours, 7:30am to 4:45pm. Parkinson Recreation Centre will be open Monday from 10am to 3pm; however, the aquatics area is closed for maintenance until Sept. 20.

INFO: 250-469-8600