

JANUARY 2014

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POUCE COUPE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Why become a volunteer firefighter?

There are many reasons to consider joining the PCFD. For starters, it's a great way of contributing to your local community. You can learn new skills, from firefighting and first aid to communications and technical rescue. Plus, you'll make new friends that you're likely to have for the rest of your life.

Who can become a volunteer firefighter?

Just like the communities they come from, the PCFD is made up of people from all walks of life. There are men and women from all types of cultural backgrounds, age groups and professions. As long as you're over the age of 18, you can apply to join as a volunteer firefighter.

I'm not sure I have the time...

The time commitment is significant. Volunteer Firefighters practice a minimum of two hours, every Monday evening typically between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Additional weekend and/or weekday training courses are also offered on a regular basis.

TO APPLY

Please contact:

FIRE CHIEF, Chris Cleave

Office: 250-786-5195

Cell: 250-219-9205

Email: firechief@poucecoupe.ca

- Or -

Pick up an application in person at the Pouce Coupe Fire Hall, 5012 49th Ave, Pouce Coupe, BC.



Speed Reader

The Ministry of Transportation has green lighted the installation of a Speed Reader on the highway by the Elementary School. In order to fund this much needed safety measure the Village of Pouce Coupe is requesting the

public's help with donations or any information regarding sponsorships.

The cost of the Speed Reader is \$35,000. If you have any information that would help put in place the Reader please contact the Village Office.

Local Business Support

The Village of Pouce Coupe is starting a new newsletter segment showcasing a local business every month.

If you would like your business to be featured in the Pouce Coupe newsletter please contact us.

Village of Pouce Coupe

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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The Village of Pouce Coupe Volunteer firefighters provide a great service to this community, and we are grateful for all they do when an emergency arises.

These brave men and women could do other things with their free time, but they choose to battle fires, save property if possible and, in some cases, save lives, which says a lot about their character and selflessness.

One doesn't just walk into a job as a volunteer firefighter.

They must go through months of intensive training to learn the ins and outs of what it takes to get the job done in a safe and professional manner.

Council and Administration wants all of our Volunteer Firefighters to know that we appreciate and support all that you do for the people and visitors to our wonderful community. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



2013 BUSINESS LICENSES ARE NO LONGER VALID

HOW AND WHEN DO I RENEW MY LICENSE?

All business licenses are valid in the year they were purchased. A notice will be sent out at the beginning of each year advising all license holders that their license has expired with the fee which must be paid in order to renew the license for another year.

WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS GET A LICENSE?

A business licence signifies to the public that the business meets the Village of Pouce Coupe's licensing requirements and are permitted to operate within the Village.

PLEASE NOTE: **WITHOUT A VALID BUSINESS LICENSE, CONTRACTORS ARE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN CONSTRUCTION PERMITS.**

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE?

Applications for business licenses are available at the Village Office.

DO HOME-BASED BUSINESSES REQUIRE A LICENSE?

Your home-based business is required to hold a business license and comply with all bylaw requirements.

2013 DOG LICENSES ARE NO LONGER VALID

LICENCE YOUR DOG

The Village of Pouce Coupe's Animal Control Bylaw No. 892, 2007 outlines your responsibilities for all animal owners within the village limits. Dog owners must hold a valid dog license and follow the bylaw to reduce the number of stray and nuisance animals in the Village of Pouce Coupe. Failure to purchase a dog license may result in a fine of **\$150**.

WHERE TO PURCHASE A LICENSE

2014 licenses are available at the Village Office.

COST OF A DOG LICENSE

The cost of a dog license is \$36.00 a year but is reduced to \$12 a year for:

- sterilized dogs (spayed/neutered)
- a puppy (under 6 months of age)

A replacement tag: \$5

BARKING

"No person shall keep or harbor any dog which disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, quiet, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighborhood by its persistent barking or howling." Quoted from the Animal Bylaw No. 892, 2007.

ON A LEASH

"Owners, possessors or harbourers of dogs shall keep them on a leash or under control of a competent person while the dog is upon the highway or in a public place or any place not owned or controlled by that person." Quoted from the Animal Bylaw No. 892, 2007.

FINES FOR A DOG RUNNING AT LARGE

- 1st offence—**\$50**
- 2nd offence—**\$75**
- 3rd offence—**\$100**



2013 BURNING PERMITS ARE NO LONGER VALID

Please visit the Village Office to renew and purchase your burning permit for the year 2014.

Please note: The Village Office has changed their regulations regarding the yearly permit by request of the Dawson Creek Fire Department. The permit no longer lasts from the date of purchase to the date of purchase in the following year. All burning permits are valid in the year they were purchased.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY PERMIT PURCHASED IN 2013 IS NO LONGER VALID.

- Yearly Permit—**\$10**
- 3-Day Permit—**\$2**



NOTICE TO POUCE COUPE RESIDENTS

SNOW REMOVAL

January 2014

This has been a record year for snowfall and the Village of Pouce Coupe is working very hard to keep the streets and lanes clear, while keeping in mind budget constraints and flooding implications in the spring. Recent weather forecasts have stated another 100 cm of snow is expected for January. With this updated forecast, it poses Council and Administration with further concerns. Below states some of the preventative measures we have taken and will take and what you as a resident can do to assist us.

ALLEY'S:

We are unable to continue clearing back alley's. Due to the amount of snow, it makes it impossible to use the grader without damaging fences. Where the resident uses the alley as their **ONLY ACCESS** to their home, Public Works will make every effort to keep these "priority alley's" accessible throughout the winter.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

1. Public Works cleaned out all the culverts, focusing on bad areas in the Village.
2. Snow has not been piled in the ditches as in year's past as a means of not clogging culverts in the springtime.
3. A snow blower was used to move snow onto resident's lawns rather than piling in the ditches.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1. Please do not pile snow in your ditch. We want to keep the culverts as clear as possible in preparation for melting in the spring.
2. Please assist us by helping our Public Works Department and our Firefighters by keeping your fire hydrant clear of snow after each snowfall.

PLAN GOING FORWARD

1. Public Works is currently catching up with other tasks while there is no snow fall.
2. Public Works will make one more pass using the snow blower.
3. Public Works will make every effort to make Priority Alley's accessible throughout the winter.

SNOW REMOVAL:

Budgetary considerations have lead Council to this decision: Snow will only be removed in the most critical areas of the Village.

