

Mayor & Council Message

On behalf of Council and the District of Summerland, congratulations 2020 SSS Grads. Although most of the last semester of secondary year has been one of uncertainty, stress and, perhaps, anger, your accomplishment—progressing through 13 years of schooling and graduating from Summerland Secondary—is not lessened by the pandemic. The many ways that you have adapted to these unusual times is admirable and your courage and resilience shone through at the Grad March. We applaud your achievements and wish you every success in the years ahead.



We are halfway through 2020 and, for some people at least, this year of uncertainty cannot be over soon enough. While it has been a challenging time for all of us, many individuals, groups and organizations have used this time to reflect and identify where there may be gaps or inequities in our personal lives, policies or how we conduct business. This is also true at the District—at the governance level and in operations—as we review strategic priorities, make budget amendments, and plan for the recovery years ahead.

As in most crises, once the fears begin to subside, silver linings emerge. Let's embrace the silver linings of the pandemic cloud and turn them into opportunities. We at the District of Summerland do not have all the answers but we as the community of Summerland is filled with innovative ideas and solutions. We can 'build back better' and be stronger and more resilient having been through this together. Please reach out. Stay safe and continued health.

Summerland Solar+Storage Project Meeting – July 13th

Council Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Date: July 13, 2020 Time: 1:00pm

Location: Summerland Arena, Banquet Room, 2nd Floor, 8820 Jubilee Rd East

The Council of the District of Summerland is inviting members of the public to provide comment on the proposed site of the Solar+Storage Project, being the District's former Public Works yard & storage area located at 13500 Prairie Valley Road/12591 Morrow Avenue/Denike Street. A public meeting is being held to receive a presentation on the results of the detailed site analyses and the recommendations arising from the results. Copies of the staff report to Council outlining these analyses, as well as the corresponding technical reports, can be found at www.summerland.ca/solar.

In compliance with provincial health orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person attendance will be limited to a maximum of 50 people, including Council, staff and members of the public. There will be appropriate distancing, handwashing, and sanitation protocols in place. To meet all safety requirements, those who provide their comments in person may be asked to depart afterwards and watch the proceedings on-line. This will ensure an equal opportunity for all members of the public.

Council is inviting the public to participate in the following 3 ways*:

1. Watch/Listen live online. Go to 'YouTube - District of Summerland' https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=district+of+summerland
2. Provide written correspondence. Email corporateofficer@summerland.ca or drop off at Municipal Hall. Must be received by 10am on July 13.
3. Register to speak.

Register in advance by email to corporateofficer@summerland.ca.

Electronic - connect via telephone during the live meeting

In person** - Summerland Arena Banquet Hall

To facilitate community engagement and to ensure transparency regarding the Solar+Storage Project, a comprehensive list of questions and answers regarding the project is available on the District website at www.summerland.ca/solar.



*The District of Summerland is committed to ensuring this meeting is open to all residents in a variety of ways, to safely accommodate all participants. These efforts follow the orders and guidelines established by the Provincial Health Officer to reduce transmission hazards during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**All in-person participants are required to register and agree to the release of personal information if requested by the Health Authorities. If attending to speak in-person, you may be asked to depart the meeting following your comments to Council in order to comply with the COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines.

Retiring after 50 Years of Service

Gary Ellis, Bylaw Officer, will be retiring on July 31 after working with the District for 50 years. Who would have known when Gary started in 1971 sweeping streets with a broom, looking after parks and beaches and numerous other jobs at a wage less than \$2.00 an hour, that he would be the District's longest working employee.

Gary's Bylaw career began in 1980 and he has continued in this role to date. As Bylaw Officer he has handled between 30,000-40,000 complaints over the years. Gary deals with people calmly and professionally; he will be greatly missed at the District.

The District would like to thank Gary for his incredible service, and we all wish him the best in his retirement. We know he will enjoy his time with family, friends and, of course, fishing.



Keep Up To Date:

The District will post community updates to our website, Facebook and Twitter Accounts—Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

Website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Twitter: twitter.com/SummerlandBC

Sign Up for our Online Newsletter:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe>

District Facilities Update

Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Call to check what hours facilities may be open to the public. Staff are available during regular business hours (8:30am—4:00pm) at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall – General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373
- Utility Billing: (250) 404-4047
- Property Tax/Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable: (250) 404-4055
- Parks & Recreation: (250) 494-0447
- Fire Department (Non emergency): (250) 494-7211
- Works & Utilities: (250) 494-0431
- After Hours Emergency 3:30pm - 7:00am Monday to Friday, weekends or Statutory Holidays for Water/Sewer/Roads/Parks/Electrical Utility: (250) 493-0005

Summer Recreation Program Registration Has Begun!

The District of Summerland is excited to provide a selection of **outdoor** recreation and fitness programming this summer. Recreation opportunities have been adapted to align with [BC's Restart Plan](#) and the Provincial Health Office (PHO) guidelines and directives.

Registration is now open:

- Online at www.summerland.ca/recreation
- By phone at 250-494-0447 (Mon-Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm)
- Registration drop-box for registration forms and cheques at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre

Check out the newly released Summer Recreation Guide at www.summerland.ca/recreation.



The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will remain closed through the summer. The Summerland Arena will be open July 13 for rentals.

Update your Emergency Contact Information

In the event of an emergency, the District of Summerland may need to contact our residents. Please ensure that the District of Summerland has your current contact information: new telephone number (no land line), new mailing address or email. To update your information please email finance@summerland.ca.

FireSmart

If you are feeling cooped up and can safely do physically distant yard work, then now is a great time to FireSmart your yard before fire season begins.

Start by removing anything flammable within 1.5 meters of your home.



3 Ways to Participate in Electronic Council Meetings

Did you know Council meetings are recorded and live streamed on the District of Summerland YouTube channel through the Zoom platform? https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4nZCtk-Ky4Fq-qlb0-B9jA/featured?view_as=subscriber

You can participate by:

1. **Submitting written correspondence** with the author's name and civic address by email to corporateofficer@summerland.ca, or by hand delivery (drop-box), to Municipal Hall. Correspondence must be received 2 hours before the start of the meeting.
2. **Register to speak** by contacting the Corporate Officer in advance by email to corporateofficer@summerland.ca, and providing the speaker's name, civic address and contact information along with the item you wish to speak to.
3. **Request to speak** - During the recorded, live streaming meeting, a member of the public may contact the meeting moderator by email or telephone to be added to the speakers list. The Mayor's introduction will provide the public with contact information should a member of the public wish to be added to the speakers list. The item number, requestor's name, civic address, email and/or phone number must be provided at the time of request. Additions to the speaker list will follow those who registered prior to the meeting in the order the request was received.

Property Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

Homeowners who are active participants in the (PAPP) Property Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, will see their final (12th) payment withdrawn from their bank accounts on July 15. This is the difference between the actual amount of the current tax bill and pre-payments collected, plus interest earned up to July 15. If eligible, the homeowner grant must be claimed after receipt of the tax notice and prior to the tax due date to avoid penalties. Homeowners who are interested in signing up for the PAPP for the coming year may do so by completing the application form **before August 10** which can be found on our website <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes> or by contacting the property tax department at propertytaxes@summerland.ca.

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR COOLING



Close doors and windows tightly when running your air conditioner. Use ceiling fans instead of air conditioning. Make sure your fan is blowing air downward (counter-clockwise) in the summer. Change or clean the air filter on your air conditioner at least once a month and keep unit well

maintained. Raise the temperature setting on your air conditioner, you can save 3% - 5% of your cooling costs for each degree above 25°C. Install ENERGY STAR® qualified ceiling fans. In combination with energy efficient lighting, these units are about 50% more efficient than conventional fan/light units. When replacing your air conditioner, choose an ENERGY STAR® qualified model. Make sure you don't buy a bigger unit than you need. An oversized air conditioner is actually less effective.

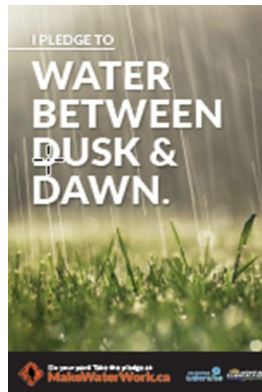
Drought Management

As of May 1, snow pack levels at the Headwaters and Isintok snow survey sites were 67% and 112% of the historical average. No snow remained at the survey sites as of May 15 and all the District's reservoirs are still spilling as of June 25.

The District is always in Stage 1 water restrictions and asks that residents use water responsibly to help mitigate the need for further restrictions throughout the summer. The status of the District's water storage is evaluated regularly, and changes may occur to restrictions at any time.

For more information on conservation and drought conditions in the Okanagan please visit Okanagan Basin Water Board www.obwb.ca/drought.

Take the pledge to use water wisely at Okanagan Water Wise www.okwaterwise.ca.



Sewer Main and Hydrant Flushing

The District of Summerland is performing annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland until the end of October.

Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly.

Please use caution when driving by crews working on the road.



Agricultural User Meter Readings

Agricultural users are reminded that monthly meter read updates are available on the municipal website. Now that the weather is becoming hotter, users should review their consumption more closely. To access these reports, please go to the District of Summerland's website at: www.summerland.ca. Under the "City Services" tab at the top of the page, click "Agricultural Water" to be taken to the appropriate page. Additional information pertaining to agricultural water, such as 2020 rates, can also be found on this webpage. Irrigators are encouraged to view the data to track their usage. The annual irrigation invoice will be mailed out by the end of July. Please call the Finance Department or email finance@summerland.ca if you have any questions.