

## Message from Council

The hottest days of summer 2021 (and did it EVER get hot!) are behind us now, and parents, students, educators and staff of Summerland schools are gearing up for the 2021/22 school year. The cooler and—we hope—wetter weather should help with the wildfires burning around us and throughout BC and people who have had to leave their homes can return to rebuild some semblance of normalcy.

Council and CAO Statt will be attending the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention this month. The Convention is an excellent opportunity to network with elected officials throughout the province, debate on resolutions submitted by local governments, attend seminars and workshops on a variety of matters, and meet with Ministers and/or Ministry staff on topics of particular concern to the District of Summerland. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Convention will (again) be held virtually. As usual, there will be only one day of Council meetings in September (September 27).

The August 2021 Message from Council closed with a mention that Step 4 of the Restart Plan was just a month away. However, with the August 24 announcement that masks are once again mandatory in all public places throughout the province, at the time of writing this Message it appears that Step 4 (scheduled for September 7) may be postponed.

What has *not* changed is Council's appreciation of Summerland residents and business owners who are following public health protocols, getting vaccinated and protecting others in our community and beyond. This is the only way forward—the only way we can challenge COVID-19 and its emerging variants. Stay strong, Summerland.

## One-day recycling depot & household hazardous waste round-up

Saturday, October 2, 2021 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Summerland Arena, 8820 Jubilee Road East



**Proof of Summerland residency is required**  
**Household quantities only.**  
**NO commercial waste or bulky items**

### \*Want to skip the line-up?

These items can be recycled year-round.  
Visit [www.rcbc.ca](http://www.rcbc.ca) for more information.

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

#### Accepted:

- Antifreeze\*
- Ballasts\*
- Batteries\*
- Bleach
- Brake fluid
- Concentrated acids
- Darkroom chemicals
- Fluorescent lights/bulbs\*
- Furniture stripper
- Herbicides
- Motor oil\*
- Oven cleaner
- Paint and thinners\*
- Pesticides\*
- Propane fuel tanks (empty)\*
- Solvents\*
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Transmission fluid
- Turpentine\*

### Recycling Accepted:

Glass jars and non-refundable bottles\*

#### Simple Plastics:

(plastic bags & overwrap)\*

#### Fancy Plastics:

(other flexible plastic packaging)\*

White & Coloured Foam Packaging\*

TVs, small appliances, electronics\*

Electronics\*

Power tools\*

Smoke detectors\*

**Note:** Please separate Simple and Fancy Plastics prior to arrival

*Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your HHW & recyclable materials.*

**ALL USERS MUST FOLLOW COVID PROTOCOLS**

Visit [www.summerland.ca/recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/recycling) for more information on how to separate recycling.

## Be a volunteer and give back to your community

The District of Summerland currently has openings on two committees: the Board of Variance and the Water Advisory Committee. The Board of Variance meets only when required to make decisions on minor development variance applications where compliance with regulations would cause undue hardship. The Water Advisory Committee makes recommendations to Council regarding water issues – including the upcoming review of the Water Master Plan, Water Emergency Response Policy, and the Drought Management Plan.

Applications are available at [www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/committees](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/committees) (or at Municipal Hall) and must be submitted to [corporateofficer@summerland.ca](mailto:corporateofficer@summerland.ca) by October 1, 2021. Council will review all applications and decide on appointments.

## 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.



## Short term rental regulation review

As the use of residential dwellings in Summerland for short-term rentals are becoming more common through the use of platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO, the District is looking to review its policies on renting out a dwelling for short-term stays.

Summerland's zoning bylaw currently does not allow any short term rentals, only registered bed and breakfast businesses with property owners present and guests staying within the home. Staff will be seeking feedback from the community on this topic in upcoming months. For more information, visit [www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation?pname=Short%20Term%20Rental%20Regulation](http://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation?pname=Short%20Term%20Rental%20Regulation)



## Pay it forward

While you're out, compliment a parent on how well-behaved their child is.

## BC Energy Step Code and Building Bylaw review

Over the next few months, District staff will be engaging with the building community and the general public on the potential implementation of the BC Energy Step Code and a review of the District's Building Bylaw. The BC Energy Step Code works to reduce the amount of energy required for all new buildings being constructed. Through this program, local governments can choose to mandate that new buildings in their jurisdiction meet specific levels, or "steps". Over the upcoming months, staff will be engaging the community to provide input and comment on these potential changes. Visit [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca), Planning and Building for more information.

 <b>Health and Comfort</b> Studies have shown that high-performance homes are more comfortable and healthier, because they effectively manage temperature and fresh air throughout the building.	 <b>Climate Leadership</b> The BC Energy Step Code puts British Columbia on a path to meet the province's target that all new buildings must be "net-zero energy ready" by 2032.	 <b>Jobs and Economy</b> The BC Energy Step Code could open up new opportunities for B.C. in the growing global market for energy efficiency education, technology, and services.	 <b>Less Energy, Lower Bills</b> The BC Energy Step Code improves energy efficiency and lowers energy bills compared to homes and buildings with similar systems designed under the BC Building Code.
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## Summerland community recreation & health centre project

The District of Summerland continues to plan for the replacement of the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre and explore the inclusion of a Primary Health Care Centre. A **Recreation Centre** Feasibility and Site Fit Study is currently underway considering two potential sites: current site on the Summerland Secondary School property and Summerland Arena property.

A **Primary Health Care Centre** Feasibility Study is also taking place in tandem which will consider the Recreation Centre sites as well as looking at the feasibility of other sites in downtown Summerland. Stakeholder meetings and public community engagement activities will take place in the Fall. For more information and ongoing updates, please visit: [www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre](http://www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre).

To sign up to be on the project update email list, please email [recreation@summerland.ca](mailto:recreation@summerland.ca).

## Fall is the best time of year to use compost in your yard

Did you know you can purchase high quality, sustainable, and safe Class A biosolid compost at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill? Biosolid compost is valued for its high organic matter content and strong structure that drains easily and promotes healthy root growth. The Class A government designation means that the product can be sold with no restrictions. It can be safely applied to lawns, flowers, shrubs and gardens. Applying District of Summerland Compost in the fall will prepare your yard for next year – replenishing the nutrients lost during the growing season!

- restore Lawns;
- overwinter Trees and Shrubs;
- plant Fall Bulbs and Tubers; or
- re-nourish Spent Gardens.

Visit [www.summerland.ca/solidwaste](http://www.summerland.ca/solidwaste), Green/Organic Waste & Compost-Fall for more information on how to apply District of Summerland Compost.

Compost is available for purchase from the Summerland Landfill. Please bring your own containers/bags and shovel for small quantities or we can load **trucks and/or trailers Mon- Fri 9:00am-2:45pm, with a lunch closure between 12:00-12:30pm** The landfill also has green wood mulch, white wood mulch, apple box mulch and top dressing for sale.

## Power Smart for Schools

Power Smart for Schools is an online hub of energy focused activities and lessons for teachers looking for new ways to inspire their students. Resources include lesson plans, videos, thought starters, worksheets, and more ready to go for kids K to 12. Provided by BC Hydro at <https://schools.bchydro.com/>. Teachers who would like a Summerland Powerline Technician to participate in a classroom lesson may contact [works&infrastructure@summerland.ca](mailto:works&infrastructure@summerland.ca) or call 250-494-0431.

## Bylaw information

### Multi-use pathways

With the completion of the restoration of the multi-use pathways along the foreshore, please respect all users of this corridor. Pedestrians, joggers, and cyclists travel at different speeds and should be mindful of each other.

### Tree trimming

As the school year approaches, please ensure any tree branches overhanging a public roadway are trimmed 13ft above to allow for clear sight lines and safe passage of school busses.

For more information about the District of Summerland's bylaws, please visit:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/bylaws-policies/bylaws>

### Do you have a question about the District's bylaws?

Please submit your inquiries to: [bylaw@summerland.ca](mailto:bylaw@summerland.ca)

## Watering restrictions—Stage 2

Hot and dry conditions continue to affect water supplies in many BC regions, including Summerland. Summerland's reservoir storage is below normal but trending adequately for our current water restrictions. The Community's effort to reduce usage is having a noticeable and positive effect on our water systems. Summerland remains in Stage 2 Water Restrictions but asks that all residents continue to voluntarily reduce their water use as much as possible to help avoid further mandatory restrictions. The District greatly appreciates everyone's assistance this season for their efforts to reduce water use.

<https://www.obwb.ca/drought/>

<https://okwaterwise.ca/>

## Annual property tax sale

September 27, 2021 at 10:00 am

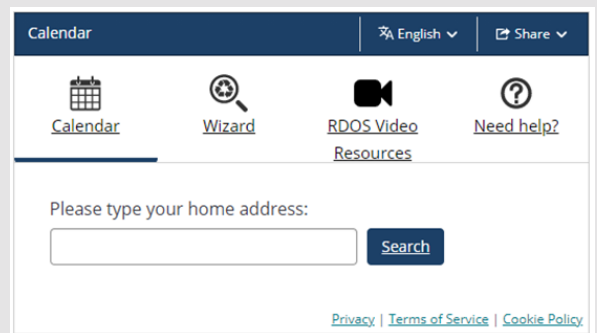
Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Ave

Each year, on the last Monday of September, municipalities are required to have a tax sale of all properties with three years of outstanding property taxes. The addresses and upset prices (minimum amount required) will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper by the middle of September. Please visit our website, call the Property Tax Department at 250-494-6451, or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca) for details if you are interested in bidding on a property.



## Want notifications and alerts regarding curbside collection?

You can sign up to receive a reminder for your collection day and any service alerts that may affect your collection. Please visit [www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling); you will see:



The screenshot shows a web interface with a search bar labeled "Please type your home address:" and a "Search" button. Above the search bar are icons for "Calendar", "Wizard", "RDOS Video Resources", and "Need help?". At the bottom of the interface are links for "Privacy", "Terms of Service", and "Cookie Policy".

Simply type in your address and search. Then click

[Get a reminder!](#)

And select your preferred reminder method.

You can also search items to learn how to properly dispose of them by selecting the button and typing in your material.

## Notice to Summerland irrigators –

### Fall irrigation shut off

Irrigation services will be turned off beginning Monday, October 4. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an Extension Irrigation application form and pay \$48.50 plus GST (\$50.93 total) per property no later than noon Friday, October 1. Application forms may be printed from the District's website or are available at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, open to the public Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Please call 250-494-0431 if you require further information.



**Keep up to date:** The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

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**Facebook:** [facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

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