

Message from Council

December is upon us. It came so quickly, yet its arrival was interminable. In late January Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the first case of COVID-19 in B.C., followed by the declaration of the provincial state of emergency less than two months later. District facilities and local businesses closed, then re-opened with pandemic protocols in place, and Summerland residents resumed their activities—with prescribed adjustments. Due to realized and anticipated income losses, Summerland businesses and households had to amend their budgets; Council had to do the same. Senior governments provided COVID-19 relief funding to businesses and residents; in November, they were able to do the same for local governments.

As we move into 2021 budget discussions, the \$2,724,000 COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant will certainly be part of Council's deliberations but the District, like Summerland business owners and residents, must remain fiscally cautious.

But it is not just about money. We are officially in the second wave of this global health crisis and here is the important piece: We are all in this together. We, as a community, have diligently followed the directives of the public health officer and kept our case count low. We know we can do this—we know we must do this. On behalf of Council, thank you for your continued vigilance in keeping well-being top of mind: physically, mentally and fiscally.

We wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday season.



New Chief Administrative Officer



The District of Summerland is excited to announce that Graham Statt has been appointed by Council as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) starting January 4, 2021.

Graham is a proven leader with over 20 years of provincial government experience

with most of that time spent in senior executive positions. His primary role was the Assistant Deputy Minister, Pharmaceutical and Supplementary Benefits Division with the Ministry of Health; however, since March he has been leading Alberta's Emergency Operations Centre for COVID-19, and is currently appointed as its Incident Commander.

"One of Council's most important responsibilities is to select a suitable CAO for our community," said Mayor Toni Boot, "and we believe that Graham will make an excellent addition to Summerland. We look forward to working with Graham and are confident he has the leadership and skills to continue advancing Summerland and achieving Council's strategic priorities."

Graham brings a wealth of attributes from his previous executive roles for the Ministry of Environment, as well as the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, and the Ministry of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations.

District of Summerland Holiday Schedule

Municipal Offices will be closed at 2pm Thursday, December 24 and will reopen on Monday, January 4.

Arena, Aquatic & Fitness Centre - Closed at 2pm December 24 and closed December 25, 26 and January 1. Please refer to summerland.ca/recreation for holiday public skate and swim schedules.

Fire Hall Office - Closed December 25, 26 and January 1. Please always call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Landfill - Closed December 25, 26 and January 1 (always closed Sunday, check website for regular hours).

District Facilities Update

Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Call to check what hours facilities may be open to the public. Masks are required. Staff is available during regular business hours at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall - General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373

Meet Summerland's New Electrical Vehicle Chargers

The District of Summerland's Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network is growing! At Memorial Park, EV drivers can now find the District's first fast-charging (Level 3) stations, as well as expanded Level 2 charging. New Level 2 stations at Municipal Hall will be coming online at the start of December, and additional stations – both Levels 2 and 3 – will be added at several other locations across the community in early 2021.



The installation of these stations will help the District meet our greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and was supported by \$566,000 in grant funding from the Federal and Provincial governments, as well as internal funding from the District's climate action reserve and capital funds.

More details about the District's EV network will be rolled out in 2021. Questions or comments about any of Summerland's climate action initiatives can be directed to climate.action@summerland.ca or (250) 404-4068.

Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule

The District would like to remind residents of the following changes to the curbside collection schedule over the holidays:

December '20						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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25 **Holiday Collection**
Dec. 25, 2020:
No collection (Garbage & Recycling)
Pick-up occurs December 26, 2020

1 **Jan. 1, 2021:**
No collection (Garbage Only)
Pick-up occurs January 2, 2021

Important Utility Information

Due to the office being closed for the holidays, the due date for this month's utility bills will be Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

If you are moving, please email utilities@summerland.ca or visit our website to provide details.

- 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 & Infrastructure: (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

Summerland Winter Recreation Guide

We would like to thank all of our patrons during these challenging times. Thank you for adhering to our COVID-19 safety protocols and code of conducts. Thank you for being kind, calm and safe.



The Winter 2021 Recreation Guide is now available online at www.summerland.ca.

Winter program registration, holiday timeslots for fitness centre, public swims, lane swims and public skate will open on Tuesday, December 8.

Please ensure you review the COVID-19 Code of Conduct prior to attending our facility.

Aquatic & Fitness Centre and Arena Holiday schedules are available at: www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/schedules.

The Aquatic & Fitness Centre and the Summerland Arena are closed on December 25, 26 and January 1. Pre-registration and masks are required to enter facility.

Be a "Snow Angel" this Winter

For safety reasons, it is important that snow is cleared from sidewalks. For some this task can be very difficult. Snow Angel is a snow removal awareness and recognition program to encourage residents to help their neighbours in need during the winter months. To be a Snow Angel, simply help out a neighbour and shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows.



Residents are encouraged to complete the nomination form found on the District's website or at Municipal Hall and let us know if a Snow Angel came to your rescue. The Mayor will acknowledge them with a certificate and their name will be entered into a draw. One lucky Snow Angel will win a prize.

Call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca if you require more information. Be a good neighbour this winter and make a difference in your community!

Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens

The Summerland Fire Department and CIBC Staff, along with its many helpers, are once again sponsoring its annual drive for Toys and Toonies.



With the COVID-19 pandemic impacting everyday life, we thank you for your continued support. Right now, Toys and Toonies for Tots and Teens face new challenges. As we adapt to these unprecedented circumstances, we'll continue to serve our communities as best we can. However, in order to ensure the safety of our community and ourselves, we've made necessary modifications to our campaigning that we'd like to share with you. Cash donations, as well as "New" unwrapped toys will be accepted at one of the following locations noted below:

SUMMERLAND FIRE HALL & CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE
CLOSING DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2020

All gifts are distributed under the direction of the Summerland Food Bank.



Christmas Tree Pick-Up



With a donation to the 2021 Dry Grad Class, you can have your Christmas Tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department. Carry on the Christmas Spirit and do a good deed for Dry Grad 2021 and the environment. Trees will be chipped and composted by the Summerland Fire Department and the District of Summerland.

Pick-Up Dates will be:

Sunday, January 3 and Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Starting December 16, you may call the Fire Department to schedule a pick-up. Phone 250-404-4087 or email sfd@summerland.ca.

Sidewalk Clearing

Municipal bylaws require that you remove the snow and ice from public footpaths and sidewalks bordering your property (business or residential).

Any snow or ice that accumulates before noon must be removed by noon that day. If it snows in the afternoon, you have until noon of the next day to remove it.

Failure to do so could result in a fine. We ask that you use a de-icing "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it can cause damage.



Snow Removal

Please help our snow removal crew by parking your vehicle(s) off the road. When clearing your driveway, stockpile snow on the right side when facing the road. This prevents the snow you removed from being ploughed back in front of your driveway. Thank you for your cooperation!

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](https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

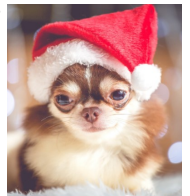
Twitter: twitter.com/SummerlandBC

Sign Up for our Online Newsletter:

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

Dog and Business Licence Renewals

Dog and business licence renewals will be mailed out in the middle of December and are due February 1, 2021. If you do not receive your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require a dog or business licence, please call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or send an email to info@summerland.ca.

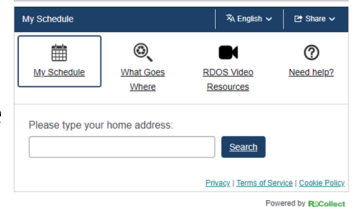


Curbside Collection Reminders, Service Alerts and Solid Waste Information

With winter coming, or should we say already here, do you want to receive curbside service alerts and information?

Visit www.summerland.ca/curbside, scroll to the bottom, choose the 'Get a reminder!' option, and select your preferred method of communication. This will sign you up for both collection day reminders and service alerts/information.

If you would only like to be notified of alerts and information, select 'Service alerts only'. Be sure to fill out your information correctly to ensure a reminder!



Energy Savings That Reflects In Your Pocket

Avoid heating unused rooms by closing doors. Have your furnace cleaned once a year. Install a programmable thermostat, set back by 5C when not at home. Turn off kitchen and bathroom fans immediately after use, ventilation fans can extract all your homes heat in 2 to 3 hours. Take advantage of daylight, use natural sunlight when possible. Improve the insulation in your home, adding insulation to your attic and basement tend to give the biggest energy savings.