



SENIOR PLANNER

Summerland, nestled in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, is an idyllic town with beautiful beaches, orchards, vineyards and mountains. The population of this centrally located municipality is just over 12,000. If you are excited about building a sustainable, healthy community and you share our values of service, integrity, and innovation – the District would like you to be part of our team.

The District of Summerland has an opportunity for a Senior Planner who, under the direction of the Director of Development Services, will be responsible for a wide range of professional planning functions, provide advice to internal and external clients that requires a sound understanding of federal, provincial and municipal legislation, and provide support and advice to select Committees of Council. The Senior Planner will also lead, develop, and manage a number of strategic land use planning projects for the District and as directed by District Council and management.

The District is about to embark on a number of large-scale, high priority planning projects, including a full-scale Official Community Plan (OCP) review and update, housing needs assessment, and related zoning bylaw amendments to address housing supply to be completed by the end of 2025. Other projects include the rezoning, subdivision and sale of a ~145 unit high sustainability focused “Eco-Village” residential development, revitalization projects as recommended in the Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan, and the review and update of form and character development permits as prescribed in the District’s OCP. The Senior Planner will be responsible in leading these large-scale planning initiatives on behalf of the District. In addition, the District is increasingly seeing larger-scale, unique and complex development applications requiring Senior Planner review and processing, from pre-application enquiry to final approval.

Qualified candidates will possess the following qualifications:

- A bachelor’s degree in Planning, Geography or a related field with preference being given to applicants with a Master’s Degree.
- Minimum of seven years planning experience in a municipal planning environment and / or planning practice.
- Membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).
- Strong working knowledge of theoretical land use planning principles, local land use planning policies, and the ability to make land use decisions and recommendations.
- Strong working knowledge and understanding of the *Local Government Act, Land Title Act, Community Charter, Agricultural Land Commission Act* and other relevant federal and provincial policies and legislation as they relate to local government.

Please view Summerland’s website at www.summerland.ca/jobs for a complete job description including all required skills, knowledge and qualifications. This position is in the CUPE 1136 bargaining unit and offers an hourly wage of \$51.25 per hour as well as a competitive benefits package and pension.

The District of Summerland is currently able to offer the successful candidate the option of either a 4-day compressed or 5-day, 35 hour work week. Summerland’s Municipal Hall regular office hours are open to the public from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday to Friday. In addition, an

unfurnished, affordable, temporary accommodation may be available for a successful applicant required to relocate.

Qualified applicants may submit a cover letter and resume, in pdf format, by Monday, May 20, 2024, to the attention of the Human Resources Department by email to hr@summerland.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those short listed for an interview will be contacted.