



### Message from Mayor and Council

After what seemed like a long winter, spring has finally arrived in Summerland and we all have an extra reason to celebrate!

Last month, the provincial government announced a new \$1 billion Growing Communities Fund to support municipalities and based on population, Summerland will be receiving \$4.53 million. Council is still awaiting details of when the grant will be delivered and what it can be used for. Later this month, we expect to have a lively discussion on how to best use these funds. Could it be roads, pier replacement, asset management, or water infrastructure? There is a lot to consider.

This month, Council is also getting its first look at the new 20-year Integrated Roads and Water Plan. This plan identifies the condition of all roads within the District and gives us an idea about the water infrastructure underneath. This document allows staff and Council to have more information when planning the budget and to prioritize projects based on many factors such as condition, cost, risk level, and degree of complexity. You will also be able to view the plan (and look up the condition of your road) once the new interactive website is connected to the District's website. Stay tuned!

We look forward to paving Giants Head Road this spring (as soon as the asphalt plants open) and the final completion of this project. In addition, as more residents head outside to enjoy the warmer weather, District staff will also be out preparing the season's landscaping, tidying parks, sweeping the roads, and filling potholes. On behalf of Summerland Council, we wish you a Happy Easter and Earth Day this April.

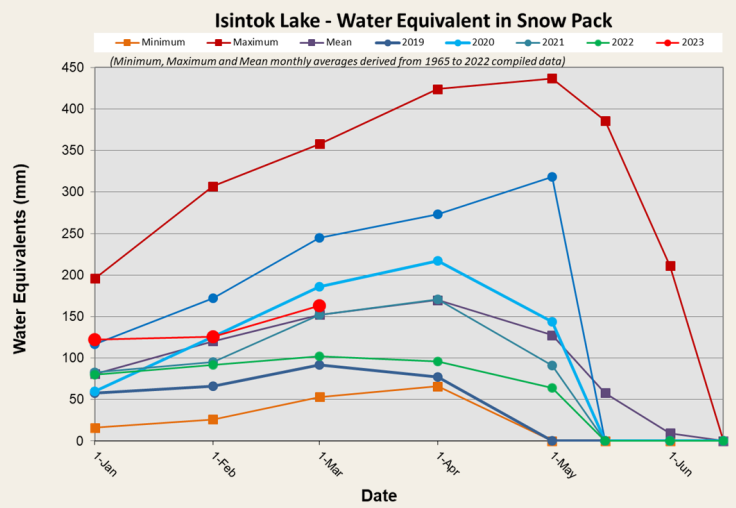
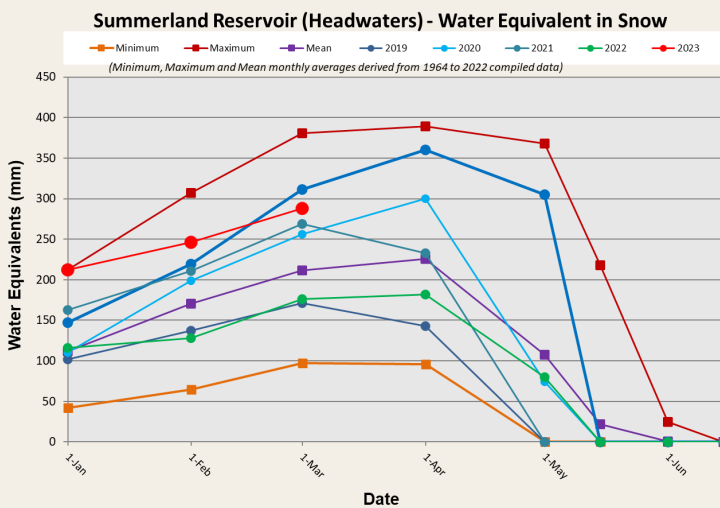
~ Deputy Mayor Erin Trainer

### Snow pack survey

Snow course survey data is retrieved every month from the beginning of the year until no snow remains. Data is gathered from two locations within the District's watershed and posted on the District website at [www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey). As of March 1, 2023, the snow survey showed the Summerland Reservoir (Headwaters) at 137% and Isintok Lake at 107% of the historical averages.

Each year following the irrigation season, staff lower the reservoir level to predetermined levels to provide available storage volume to accommodate the coming freshet in the spring. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed at which the snow melts which can increase with significant rainfall. Unfortunately, this is very difficult to predict. To manage the risk associated with this, staff complete regular monitoring and maintenance activities of the dams and meet routinely to decide if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for the expected volume of incoming water.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.



### Giant's Head Mountain Park

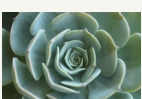
Starting **April 15**, the Giant's Head Mountain Park Road gate will be open for vehicles **12:00 noon – 9:00 PM** Monday to Saturday and closed on Sundays.

The morning and Sunday road closures allow for more space for park users to bike and hike without vehicular conflict.

### Utility bill equal payment plan

If you are currently on the utility bill equal payment plan, April is the reconciliation month. The total amount due on your April invoice will reflect the difference between the utility charges to date and the monthly payments received.

If the account has been underpaid, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the **May 29** due date to bring the utility account balance to zero. If the account has been overpaid, your account will show a credit, which will carry over to next month's invoice. The May utility invoice will reflect your new recalculated equal payment amount (**June 28** due date). Those wanting to be on the utility equal payment plan have until **May 15** to apply. Please call **(250) 404-4047** for more information.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

~Nelson Mandela

### Notice to Summerland irrigators

The Works Division will begin turning on irrigation services the week of April 11, 2023. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this date will be required to complete an Advanced Irrigation application form and pay \$53.41 plus GST per property at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

### 17th Annual Earth Day family planting celebration

Join us at our **NEW LOCATION** – Peach Orchard Park (Boat Launch) for our 17th annual Earth Day family planting celebration on **Sunday, April 23** from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM. Please bring a shovel and reusable water bottle.



### Earth week in Summerland—April 17-23, 2023

Join the District of Summerland for our second annual Earth Week Fair on **Saturday, April 22** from 9:00 AM—2:00 PM at the George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre, located at 9525 Wharton St. More details on activities and events for Summerland's Earth Week Celebrations can be found at [www.summerland.ca/EarthWeek](http://www.summerland.ca/EarthWeek).





## Giant's Head Run

Save the date for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Giant's Head Run on **Saturday, June 3**. Race will start at 6:00 PM at the Summerland Aquatic Centre. For more information visit [www.summerland.ca/GHR](http://www.summerland.ca/GHR).



## One-day recycling depot – April 22

The District of Summerland will be holding a one-day recycling depot at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound located at 8820 Jubilee Road from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM **Saturday, April 22**.



Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, white & coloured foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. Staff will be on-site to assist sorting of recyclable materials.

## Unlimited yard and garden waste curbside collection – week of May 2 to 5

The weather is warming up and spring is on its way. Plan your major yard work around the **unlimited yard and garden waste curbside collection** event the **week of May 2 to 5**.

Place your unlimited yard & garden waste in containers labelled "Yard Waste Only" (stickers are available free at Municipal Hall) or in kraft paper bags the week of May 2 to 5 on your regular collection day.

Residents may also:

- Bring yard and garden waste to the Landfill at a cost of \$25.00/metric tonne with a \$1.50 minimum charge;
- Purchase 'tag-a-bag' stickers from Municipal Hall for \$2.50 each, and place them on your extra container or bag, place the tagged bag or container out beside your Yard & Garden Waste cart; and/or,
- Change the size of your Yard & Garden Waste cart. The carts are available in 120L, 240L (base size), and 360L sizes. The cart changeout form is located on the District website.

## Solar and Battery Storage Project road construction

The District will begin construction of the access road to the Solar and Battery Storage Project, as well as the proposed Eco-Village site starting the last week of March. People can expect to see fencing, workers and equipment operating on site. All activities are in accordance with environmental authorizations and will be conducted in accordance with the highest standards, based on the advice of a Qualified Environmental Professional. Please avoid areas where these activities are taking place.



## Domestic Second Service (DSS) Metering Postponed

The District of Summerland would like to notify DSS residents that the **March 31, 2023** deadline to respond to the DSS letter has now been **postponed** until public consultation in the form of a public open house has taken place. Due to this postponement, all DSS water services will be turned on as usual during the week of April 11, 2023. All property owners will be notified of the date and time of the public open house when this has been determined.

## Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland](http://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland)

website: [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca)

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

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## Canyon View Cemetery spring maintenance

We wish to advise the public that the District of Summerland will commence spring maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on **May 1, 2023**. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016 as outlined below. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by **removing** any offerings that do not meet the following guidelines by **April 30, 2023**.



Offerings that we are asking you to remove include:

- any offering that is not entirely on the concrete base and at least 50 mm (2 in.) away from the edge of the concrete base;
- offerings that are unsightly, create a safety hazard, or interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery;
- small offerings, such as necklaces, small stones, or marbles, that may become entangled in the maintenance equipment;
- anything that extends or grows into the landscaped area surrounding an interment site or anything that encroaches into a neighbouring interment site;
- any offering that is made of, or contains, glass or any other easily breakable substance; and
- pointed or sharp offerings that may present a safety hazard if someone falls.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Infrastructure Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. **Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings.**

## Beach Vending

The District of Summerland is now accepting applications for beach vending at our local beaches (Peach Orchard, Rotary and Powell). Deadline for first intake review is **April 16**. Please visit our website for more information [www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/parks-recreation-vending-opportunities](http://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/parks-recreation-vending-opportunities).



## Summerland Kiwanis Pier

Information on the Kiwanis Pier (located at Rotary beach park) can be found on our website: <https://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/parks-trails/summerland-kiwanis-pier>



See 'Frequently Asked Questions' along with the Waterfront Concept Plan and the Pier Condition Assessment Report. Further updates will be posted to the website.

## Snow Angels

There were 67 Snow Angel nominations made for 2022/2023. Each received a certificate of appreciation from Deputy Mayor Erin Trainer. Congratulations to Henry Manning, this year's gift certificate prize winner.

## Open burning ends April 15

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres. A valid open burning permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department is required. All backyard burning is strictly prohibited.

The season will end **April 15, 2023** and will re-open on **October 15, 2023**. For information call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.



## Not getting your e-bills?

To ensure that your e-bills do not go to your spam or junk folder, add [ebill@summerland.ca](mailto:ebill@summerland.ca) to your address book or contact list.