

## Message from Mayor and Council

Phases 3 and 4 of the Giant's Head Mountain Trails Redevelopment Project is now underway. Final design work will be completed this year with construction beginning next spring. Completion date is scheduled for 2025.

Work will include improvements to the upper section of the Grind Trail and connecting trails as well as erosion control, brush removal and fire hazard remediation, and remedial planting and invasive weed management.

There will also be a new washroom at the park entrance, improvements to the upper parking lot washroom, and park road upgrades.

An Indigenous interpretive sign is now in place at the upper parking lot and there will be continued collaboration with the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) and Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) for additional interpretive signage.

The project received an official kick-off on June 9 with a blessing from sylix knowledge keeper Richard Armstrong and the unveiling of the interpretive sign. As mayor, I had the honour of hosting the event and introducing PIB Chief Greg Gabriel and Municipal Affairs Minister Anne Kang, who were both present to say a few words of congratulations and speak about how the project demonstrated the value of working in partnership. Also in attendance were MLA Dan Ashton, several members of Council, and representatives from the ONA, Summerland Rotary Club, Associated Engineering (project consultants), District of Summerland staff, and members of the media.

Phases 3/4 is a \$1,682,782 project with contributions coming from the Government of Canada (\$673,113), Government of British Columbia (\$560,871) and District of Summerland (\$448,798). Phases 1 and 2, completed in 2020, were also funded by all three levels of government as well as donations from Summerland Rotary.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

## Extended hours at Municipal Hall

Starting July 2, 2023, Municipal Hall will trial extended service hours for customers by compressing full-time hours into a four-day period, from Tuesday to Friday. The trial will be 18 months and will apply to most Municipal Hall staff. Counter services will be provided Tuesday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.

To ensure operational efficiency, some services will remain on a different schedule. Development Services, Bylaw Services, and Corporate Services will operate on a five-day schedule and by appointment-only on Mondays (when counter services are not operational).

## Victoria Road South project

A storm drainage and road improvement project will be taking place on Victoria Road South between Agur Street and Dunham Crescent. Work will include the replacement of storm drainage infrastructure, road reconstruction and the installation of a multi-use pathway lane. Work is anticipated to start in the summer and be completed this fall.



## Property tax notices

The 2022 Property Tax due date was **July 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM**. Effective July 8, 2023 unpaid 2023 Property Taxes (including unclaimed Home Owner Grants) are now subject to a 10% penalty.

You may still claim the HOG online at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or phone the Province of BC 1-888-355-2700. Retroactive home owner grant applications are accepted up to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

The District of Summerland offers a Pre-Authorized Payment Program for property taxes - eleven (11) equal payments will be withdrawn from your bank account, starting August 15th each year. The final twelfth (12th) payment will be the difference between the actual amount of the current tax bill and pre-payments collected, plus interest earned up to the tax due date.

To participate in this program contact the property tax department at [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca) for an application form or visit our website [www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes) to download a pdf copy.

Applications are due **August 11, 2023**.

## Jubilee Road project

Watermain replacement and road reconstruction will be taking place on Jubilee Road West between Kelly Avenue and Rosedale Avenue. The project will include installation of a bike path and new curbing at the Kelly Avenue intersection to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Work will commence this summer during the school's summer break. Expect temporary closures during this time.



## Flower news

This cranesbill geranium is winter hardy, (returns every year) resists deer, road salt, and heat and will bloom for many weeks in spring and summer. It also has a brilliant orange fall colour. It is currently blooming in front of the post office and firehall.



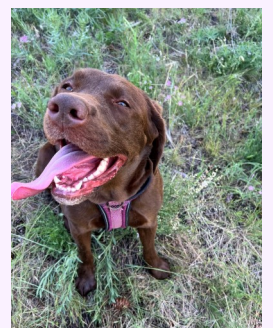
## Regular scheduled Council meetings

The day of regularly scheduled Council meetings has been amended from Monday to Tuesday (note—this change is to take effect July 18, 2023).

A copy of the Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 2023-017 is available for viewing on the District's website at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca).

## In dog news...

Due to the success of the temporary fenced dog park at Dale Meadows Sports Complex, permanent fencing has been installed and the footprint has been expanded. A large temporary "pop-up" dog park has been placed at Peach Orchard Beach Park. Please provide feedback to [recreation@summerland.ca](mailto:recreation@summerland.ca). The trial will be evaluated this Fall.



## Voyent Alert!

The District of Summerland has chosen Voyent Alert! notification service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications.

Register now at <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.



"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

~A.A. Milne

## 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](http://www.summerland.ca). Under the "City Services" tab at the top of the page, click "Water" to be taken to the main water utility page. On the left side of the page, click "Agricultural Water". Additional information pertaining to agricultural water, such as 2023 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](mailto:finance@summerland.ca) if you have any questions.

## 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.

## Summerland Fire Department community open house

Saturday, July 8, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM at Fire Department, 10115 Jubilee Rd. W. Free event for all ages! Emergency Responders on site to answer questions.

## Summerland Landfill recycling depot

Did you know that you do not have to cross the scale to access the Recycling Depot? When arriving at the landfill, keep to the right to access recycling only.



The following residential items are accepted free of charge year-round:

- Smoke detectors & alarms
- Residential cardboard & paper
- Flexible plastic packaging including plastic bags, overwrap, plastic pouches, wrappers, onion nets & other soft packaging made of plastic
- Lighting—fixtures and bulbs
- Foam Packaging (white and coloured) such as foam containers for meat & produce, foam egg cartons, foam clamshells, cups & bowls for take-out food, firm foam cushion packaging to protect electronics, small appliances, etc.
- Glass - clear or coloured food containers, jars, non-refundable bottles
- Batteries including household batteries, small rechargeable & lead-acid batteries
- Electronic waste—computers, TVs, stereos, DVD players, phones, small electrical appliances

Crossing the scale gives access to many other free residential recycling opportunities:

- Commercial cardboard
- Household hazardous waste—paint, pesticides, flammables, anti-freeze, gas, fuels, mixed fuels, paint thinner, solvent, aerosol cans, fluorescent light tubes
- Used motor oil, filters and containers
- Propane tanks, refillable or non-refillable—up to 46kg
- Metal/Scrap Metal—siding, roofing, rebar, pipes, window frames, doors, furnaces, duct work, wire cable, fencing, autobody parts, BBQs, metal furniture, tire rims
- White Goods—washers, dryers, dishwashers, fridges, stoves, freezers, hot water tanks, air conditioners

## 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://facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

[www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe)

## 2024 Permissive Tax Exemptions

2024 Not-For-Profit Permissive Tax Exemption (PTE) applications are now available.

Not-for-profit organizations that provide a service to the community may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes if the facility they operate from is owned or leased by the organization. This reduction in property taxes payable is considered a "Permissive Tax Exemption". Potential applicants can find eligibility criteria, along with the required application on the District of Summerland website at:

[www.summerland.ca/pte](http://www.summerland.ca/pte).

All applicants will be requested to attend a council meeting as part of the 2024 PTE application process. The Permissive Tax Exemption submission deadline is July 31, 2023.

Please access the District website or contact:

David Svetlichny, Director of Finance at (250) 404-4045 if you have any questions or require further information.

## Puncturevine season

There is very little puncturevine in Summerland, so please REPORT this plant to [OASISS@shaw.ca](mailto:OASISS@shaw.ca).

Puncturevine is an invasive annual introduced from Mediterranean areas. It is a low growing plant that matures from a taproot and branches in all directions up to 3 metres in length. The stems are covered by hairy leaves that are divided into six to eight leaflets. Flowers are small and yellow. The fruit is a roughly circular, hard spiny bud with five sections that split when mature. Each section has two spines that are so sharp and hard they can pop bike tires, puncture shoe soles or embed in dogs' paws. It typically infests vacant lots, gravel parking areas, roadsides, unpaved trails and beaches. Hand-pulling can provide good control if done prior to seed formation. If done after seed set, pick up any loose seedpods and place in the garbage to prevent re-infestation. For more information go to: <https://www.oiso.ca/species/puncturevine/>.



## Summer programs to keep you moving

Recreation not only increases our physical health, but it's also a great way to build your sense of community, increase mental health and meet new people. Summerland Recreation has programs for all ages and fitness levels waiting to be explored. Check out the [online guide](#) to see all we have to offer.

Summer swim lessons are underway, the second set of lessons will open for registration on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Other summer aquatic programs include aquafit, lifeguarding courses and themed public swims.

Other programs include Zumba Gold, Yoga in the Park, Sportball, Pilates and much more! Stay up to date with all program changes, summer pool and fitness room schedules and pop up events by following us on Facebook at [facebook.com/SummerlandRec](https://facebook.com/SummerlandRec).



## Calling all volunteers!

The District of Summerland is currently recruiting for community members to get involved in local government by participating in the following four committees:

- **Development Process Improvement Advisory Committee** (positions available for a two-year term): The Development Process Improvement Advisory Committee's (DPIAC) mandate is to provide advice and assistance to Council and staff as the Development Services Department look to update bylaws, processes, and procedures as they relate to planning, development, and construction in the community.
- **Agriculture Advisory Committee** (positions available for a two-year term): The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) advises and makes recommendations to Council on policies, procedures and bylaws that affect the agricultural community and impact agricultural viability within the District of Summerland.

If you have an interest to be involved in the community, an ability to work with others, and a willingness to contribute your viewpoint, then this opportunity is for you! More information and application forms can be found on our website [www.summerland.ca/committees](http://www.summerland.ca/committees). Send completed applications to [corporateofficer@summerland.ca](mailto:corporateofficer@summerland.ca).