

Summerland municipal election results

Congratulations to Summerland's new Council who will serve for the next four years! Effective November 7, 2022 Summerland's Mayor is Doug Holmes and the six councillors are Richard Barkwill, Adrienne Betts, Doug Patan, Janet Peake, Erin Trainer and Martin Van Alphen. Dave Stathers and Linda Van Alphen were elected as School Board Trustees for SD67 Electoral Area No. 2.

Reminder: Short-term rental licences are required to operate

District enforcement activities have been initiated as of September 6, 2022 to bring all unlicensed short term rental operators into compliance with the District's regulations.



If you are an operator of a short term rental, please either visit our office at Municipal Hall or register your short term rental online via the project webpage link below.

If you live next to an active short term rental, and wish to submit a nuisance complaint, you can now do so on our new online nuisance complaint reporting system on our project webpage <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation>

Any inquiries on the regulations and licencing of short term rentals, please contact Development Services at 250-494-1373.

Giants Head Road construction update

Construction on Giants Head Road is progressing with paving between Harris Road and Gartrell Road, set to be completed by the end of November. Thank you for continuing to follow marked detour routes and traffic control instructions.



Centennial Trail now open

The rehabilitation and repair work to Peach Orchard Trail is complete! The popular nature trail and connector pathway between upper and lower Summerland has officially reopened. Peach Orchard Trail was extensively damaged during the devastating floods of 2017 and 2018.



The trail extends 600m alongside Peach Orchard Road and Eneas Creek, which provides a safe, natural, and serene barrier between the trail and road. Trail access is at the top of Peach Orchard Road on the south side, just below the Hwy 97 overpass—come check it out!

Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens Breakfast

Join the Summerland Fire Department Saturday, November 26 from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM at Second Home Café & Grill, located at 13229 Henry Avenue, for the annual Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens breakfast. Let them serve you pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs, along with pastries from True Grain Bakery. Breakfast is by donation of cash, brand new unwrapped gifts or Canadian Tire Money. All funds received go towards purchasing gifts for children and teens in need that live in Summerland.



Firefighters will also be 'shaking the boot' for donations at the Festival of Lights on November 25.



Pay it forward

One kind word can change someone's entire day!

Summerland election statistics

Year	Eligible Voters	# of Voters	Percentage
2022	9881	3587	36%
2018	8990	4099	46%
2014	8695	4446	51%
2011	8276	2994	36% (Mayor by acclamation)
2008	8430	3884	46%

2023 budget timeline

The District will be starting 2023 budget deliberations in November 2022. Please check out Facebook page facebook.com/SummerlandBC and website summerland.ca for upcoming dates.

Did you know?

Sea can/ shipping containers

The District has received inquiries about the placement of metal storage containers (i.e. Sea Cans) on residential properties. These structures are not permitted on all residential lots as per the Summerland Zoning Bylaw 2000-450. These containers are not manufactured based on a standard that is referenced in the British Columbia Building Code (BCBC).



Exceptions: A storage container may be used on a temporary basis on a construction site which has a valid building permit for that project under construction. Agricultural, industrial, and institutional zones allow for shipping containers, but may still require a building permit if it is altered.

Any further questions on the placement of shipping containers please contact Development Services by phone 250-494-1373 or email building@summerland.ca.

Remembrance Day—November 11

Please take time on Friday, November 11 to honour and remember those who proudly served our country.

The Legion will hold its annual service:

- 10:30 AM—parade form up in front of library
- 10:45 AM—march to Cenotaph
- 11:00 AM—Ceremony begins (chairs available for those in need)
- 2:00 PM—5:00 PM—Entertainment at the Legion
- 5:00 PM—dinner; no charge for Veterans & caregivers, but must pick up ticket; all others \$20.00

Over 50 banners of WWI and WWII Summerland soldiers are displayed on our street light standards. Have a look at the banners throughout Summerland!

If you would like to learn more about the 180+ Summerland war veterans, visit the Summerland Museum exhibit "Summerland Remembers the Defenders of the Empire".



District Offices Closed November 11

District offices, the Landfill, Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.

Council's first Regular Council Meeting will take place 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM on Monday, November 14 in Council Chambers.

Yard and garden waste curbside collection

The final Yard & Garden Waste Curbside Collection for 2022 is the collection week of November 29 to December 2.

Prepare your family for an outage

Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer - up to days or even weeks. Power outages are often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. You may also be left without phone or internet service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges.

You can greatly lessen the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. You and your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours. Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca.



What to do if you see a fallen power line

It's impossible to tell just by sight or sound if a power line that has fallen on the ground or become damaged is still live – it doesn't always spark, smoke or make a buzzing sound. If you come across a downed or damaged power line, it's important to treat it as an emergency situation. Stay back at least 10 metres (the length of a city bus) and report it to **911**.

Winter curbside cart collection

With winter on its way, follow these guidelines for successful curbside collection:

- Ensure the areas around and under your carts are clear of snow.
- Place carts as close as possible to the road, without obstructing the snow removal operations, street, sidewalk or bike lane.
- Do not place carts behind or on top of a snow bank.
- Ensure there is proper spacing around the carts:
 - 1m (3ft) of space on all sides;
 - 3m (10ft) of clearance above; and
 - 0.5m (5ft) of space from a vehicle.



The District of Summerland curbside collection contractor will make every attempt to pick up waste material during winter conditions. However, their top priority is resident and employee safety.

In the event of a collection delay:

- Please place your cart(s) out **each day** following the delay until collection can be completed safely.
- When service is resumed, the contractor will collect any extra accumulated material, at no extra charge, equivalent to the amount that would have been collected if service had not been temporarily interrupted.

To sign up for curbside notifications/alerts and for more information on winter curbside cart collection please visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste

FortisBC rebates and advice for small businesses

1. FortisBC is offering rebates

On select high-efficiency commercial equipment and products to help lower operating costs and improve energy efficiency. It's just one way Fortis is doing their part to help your business operate more sustainably. That's energy at work. For details, visit <https://www.fortisbc.com/rebates-and-energy-savings/saving-energy-in-your-business>

2. Energy advice for small businesses is just a call away

FortisBC can help you save energy and costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Through its Small Business Support Program, you can get customized advice via telephone or videoconference (or in select communities in-person visits) with FortisBC's partner GreenStep Solutions on topics such as turning down building systems, low-cost/no-cost tips to save energy, and rebates on high-efficiency equipment. Learn more and request a free consultation for your business <https://www.fortisbc.com/rebates/business/energy-savings-and-rebate-advice-for-small-businesses>.

Be prepared to drive in winter conditions

- Ensure your vehicle is equipped for the weather – use winter tires.
- Maintain a safe following distance by looking ahead, and keep at least 4 seconds distance.
- Reduce your speed to match road conditions – the posted speed is the maximum speed under ideal conditions.
- Watch for black ice which is especially common in shaded areas, under an overpass, and in areas where vehicles frequently stop.
- Accelerate and brake slowly to maintain traction.
- Avoid sudden moves by looking ahead to anticipate stops and turns well before they occur.
- Know how to handle a skid – do not brake, ease off accelerator, and look and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go.
- See and be seen – turn your vehicle lights all the way on, so your tail lights come on as well.
- Be cautious when approaching District snow removal vehicles and staff as they are trying to get you safely to your destination.



Invasive trees

Invasive trees are the biggest invaders in the neighbourhood and in some cases wreak havoc with our sewers and foundations. These troublemakers reach heights of up to 24 metres and are a point of contention between many neighbours. Three species are particularly problematic: tree-of-heaven, Siberian elm and Russian olive.

All of these species provide shade, habitat and may be considered pleasant-looking trees. But those redeeming qualities are outweighed by their aggressive expansion into natural areas and neighbouring properties. Tree-of-heaven and Siberian elm also support invasive insects that can invade homes or threaten the agriculture and forest industries.

How to control? Seedlings can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist. Mature trees may be controlled using cut-stump herbicide treatment. The dormant season (fall through winter) is an ideal time to take this approach. Bulldozing, mowing and brush cutting can also be effective, but require many consecutive years of treatment. Anyone dealing with invasive trees should consult a professional.

For more information visit www.oiso.ca

Light Up Summerland

The Summerland Chamber of Commerce and District of Summerland are thrilled, after a 2-year pandemic pause, to present the 35th Annual Summerland Festival of Lights on Friday, November 25th from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM.

Featuring entertainment on the Main Stage and Family Stage, a Kid Zone, and the Mini-Santa Parade as well as all your favourite food and artisan vendors lined up along main street. Finishing the night off with an amazing fireworks display—come out and celebrate with us!

For more information and to view a schedule of events, visit <https://summerlandlightup.com/>.



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 <https://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland>

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Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

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