



Enjoy the Views from Giants Head Park

Summerland has one of the nicest mountains in the area for walking, hiking and biking. The views from Giants Head are incredible. Giants Head Park is open all year round for foot traffic; but the gate is locked each year from November 1st to April 15th for safety reasons until maintenance is complete. The park is now open to vehicular traffic - so everyone can get out and enjoy our beautiful park!
 Please note: the gate will be closed periodically May 11th—May 13th as Bear Trucks will be doing some promotional filming on Giants Head Mountain. Signage will be posted.



Our Building Inspector Robert Cook and Summerland Timbermart invite you for a BBQ and Information Session on the new Building Code issues.

Thursday, May 14th 4pm - 6pm at the Summerland Timbermart, 9310 Jubilee Rd. E.

Emergency Preparedness Week May 3rd - 9th


Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week is an awareness program to encourage people to know the risks, make a plan and have an emergency kit on hand. In the Okanagan, the major risk is wildfires. During an emergency, you and your family could be on your own for some time or be asked to evacuate your home. Learning how to be personally prepared is critical to your family's safety. Summerland has a trained Emergency Support Services (ESS) team that is available to help those in need in the event of evacuation. ESS and the Fire Dept. will have a display set up at Municipal Hall from May 4th—8th. Please drop by for information and see what is needed for a "grab and go" bag.

The Party is Over....Rover



The time for dogs to be off leash at Peach Orchard Park ended April 30th. Dogs must now be on a leash at all times when they are in the park (unless they are enjoying a swim in the lake at the Doggie Beach). October 1st, dogs will again be allowed to be without a leash at Peach Orchard Park.

Recreation Brochures will be mailed out May 12th.



2015 Property Tax Notices

will be mailed out by the end of May. Property taxes, including eligible Home Owner Grants, will be **due Friday, July 3rd, 2015**. Please advise Municipal Hall if you have not received your notice by early June.

Details about Home Owner Grants, payments and tax information can be found on the insert sent with your tax notice or on our website. Call the Finance Department if you have any questions.

Watering Schedule



Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions unless otherwise notified.

If your address is **odd** (the last digit ends in 1,3,5,7,9) you may water on Saturday, Monday and Thursday.

If your address is **even** (ends in 0,2,4,6,8) you may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

If you have an underground sprinkler system, you may water from midnight to 6am on your permitted days (either odd or even).

Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle can be used anytime to water trees, shrubs or veggies.

If you are planting new sod or seed and need to water more, please see us about a Special Watering Permit.

A Few Council Hi-Lites...

Check our website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

- **2014 Financial Results** were received by Council and are available for viewing on our website.
- A Development Permit for **4917 Gartrell Rd.** was granted enabling the owner to construct a dwelling for farm help within the High Hazard Development Permit Area. A geotechnical report stated it was acceptable.
- A Development Permit for **10001 Walters Rd.** was authorized and the owners are able to move forward with a Home Site Severance subdivision in accordance with the Agricultural Land Reserve regulations.
- A DVP was issued to **7706 Higgins Ave.** to increase the gross floor area of a carriage house from 646 ft to 826 ft.
- Council approved a DVP for **5492 Solly Rd.** to allow a carriage house in the front yard of the property.
- The Rotary Club came as a delegation to Council to speak about a proposal for a **Sunday market** in downtown Summerland. Staff are reviewing the proposal.
- Council approved a Development Permit at **17818 Matsu Dr.** to proceed with a subdivision in an environmentally sensitive development permit area.
- A **Public Hearing** will be held at the Regular Meeting on Monday, May 11th for an Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment re Urban Growth Strategy.
- Staff has been authorized to proceed with design and construction of safety improvements to the Fenwick Rd. entrance of the **Trans Canada Trail** at an estimate cost of \$30,000.
- Grade 12 students will have a chance to ride the bus free of charge for any two consecutive days in June 2015. Summerland is participating in the BC Transit—**GradPASS** program which promotes transportation options.
- Staff is continuing to review the concrete **no-post barriers** installed on Prairie Valley Rd. They were installed for safety reasons and although many are in favour of them, many are opposed to their look and the restricted driveway access.
- A temporary use permit application to allow a 10 unit agri-tourism accommodation campground at **9114 Hoofbeat St.** will be considered at Council May 11th.



Don't Miss the Fun of Action Festival Weekend June 5th—7th

Sign up now through the Aquatic and Fitness Center or online at www.runningroom.com for the Man of Steel Triathlon or the Giant's Head Run - Saturday, June 6th. Something for everyone—Recreational or Competitive. Early bird registration ends May 29th, 2015.

BE "UNBEARABLE"

Bears are out of hibernation and looking for food. Their sense of smell is excellent, so please do not leave garbage that can attract them into your yard. Whenever possible, please put garbage out the morning of pick up and ensure it is in a sturdy container to keep critters out.



FireSmart Information Session - May 26th

Ministry of Forests personnel will be on hand with a PowerPoint presentation, and will be able to answer any questions you may have on how to reduce the risk to your property from a potential wildfire.

This information session will take place Tuesday, May 26th in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, beginning at 7pm.

As space is limited and to confirm interest, please RSVP prior to May 20th if you are planning to attend by email to sfd@summerland.ca or call 250-494-7211 extension 5 and leave a message.

Water Advisory and Agricultural Advisory Committee—Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for members to serve on two new Council Committees. The Water Advisory Committee will make recommendations to Council with respect to the quality and quantity of Summerland's water supply issues regarding commercial, domestic and irrigation water. Up to 13 members representing all different groups and associations are needed for this committee.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee will act as a liaison between Council and the agricultural community and advise Council on agricultural land use issues including economic development matters with respect to agriculture. Please email kjones@summerland.ca or visit our website if you are interested in joining these or any other Council Committees.

Correspondence to Council

All correspondence sent to Council is considered public information and may be included in a Council Agenda.

Letters or invites for Mayor and Council can be sent by email to council@summerland.ca or delivered to Municipal Hall. Council will receive a copy as well as the appropriate staff member, if applicable. Appointments or invites intended for the Mayor can be sent to mayor@summerland.ca. Please ensure your name and contact information is included on any correspondence.

Domestic Second Water Service

If you have a property under 2.0 arable acres, the charge for a second unmetered water service (i.e. one for the house and one for the land) will be:

0.5 arable acres or less	\$44.00
0.51 - 1.0 arable acres	\$112.00,
1.01 - 1.5 arable acres	\$184.00
1.51 - 1.99 arable acres	\$254.00

This rate will be in effect until the irrigator metered water rates have been determined.

Please contact Works and Utilities 250-494-0431 if you do not require the 2nd service anymore, if you would like an existing service turned on or if you have any questions.