

## 2018 General Local Elections

Voting in the upcoming municipal election is important and easy. When you arrive to vote, you will be directed to a table where you will show two pieces of the required ID (see below) and then sign a declaration stating you are eligible to vote (see below). You will be handed a ballot with the names of all the candidates to take to a booth to select up to one Mayor, up to six Councillors and up to two School Trustees. You will fill in the oval beside the names of who you would like to vote for. You can choose up to the number required (or less if you like). After the final voting day, October 20th, all the ballots will be tallied and preliminary results will be posted that evening. The new council will be sworn in on November 5th.

### I.D. Required to Vote

Summerland does not have a voters list and uses voting day registration. At the time of voting you must provide two pieces of ID that must prove who you are and where you live. (i.e. Drivers Licence, utility bill or other bill, Passport, SIN card, Medical Services card, credit or debit card). At least one piece of ID must have your signature on it.

### To Qualify to Vote you must be:

- A Canadian citizen
- 18 years or older when registering to vote
- A resident of BC for six months before Voting Day
- A resident of Summerland for at least 30 days immediately preceding Voting Day
- Not otherwise disqualified by law from voting

Persons that own property in Summerland for at least 30 days before Voting Day, but do not reside in Summerland may be eligible to vote as Non-Resident Electors with restrictions. Further details on the election are on the District's website, at [www.elections.bc.ca/localelections](http://www.elections.bc.ca/localelections), by emailing [elections@summerland.ca](mailto:elections@summerland.ca) or by calling Jeremy Denegar, Chief Elections Officer at 250-404-4046.

**Voting Opportunities - any eligible voter may vote on any one of these three dates. Choose a day that works for you!**

**Wednesday, October 10, from 8am - 8pm**  
in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue.

**Tuesday, October 16, from 8am - 8pm** in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue.

**Saturday, October 20, from 8am - 8pm** at Giant's Head Elementary School and Summerland Senior High School.

## Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Mayor and council had a productive week at the recent annual UBCM conference. Council met with five provincial cabinet ministers as well as senior ministry staff to discuss topics related to Summerland, and they also spent time on an informal basis with the Premier and other ministers discussing Summerland initiatives. Council attended various educational sessions and heard different perspectives on challenges municipalities currently face including affordable housing, policing in BC, cannabis legalization, community resiliency (fire & flood prevention), homelessness, revitalization of the ALR and more.

Council met with Emergency Management BC (EMBC) and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO). The meeting focused on the need for the province and municipality to work closely together in the development of funding policies during emergency response. Summerland had an additional meeting with FLNRO to discuss Eneas Creek and the critical need for the province and municipality to work together with property owners to assist with mitigation and recovery efforts along the creek and to provide greater assistance to property owners affected by emergency events.

At a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, council emphasized the municipality's readiness to locate a regional Okanagan Agricultural Innovation Centre in Summerland and requested funding support from the province.

An extension of the Lakeshore pathway from Trout Creek to Penticton was discussed with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. Council urged the Minister to consider such a project critical for the safety of those cycling on the highway.

Lastly, council met with the Minister from Municipal Affairs and Housing to thank the ministry for the funding support on recent infrastructure projects. They also requested that the current application for funding (Flume and Water Treatment Plant Intake upgrades) be approved.

## Trails, Cycling, and Sidewalks Master Plans

The District of Summerland is in the process of creating the Trails, Cycling and Sidewalks Master Plans and invite the community to have a say in shaping these plans.

### Open House:

**Thursday, October 25, 5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Summerland Arena Banquet Room**

Drop-in to learn about the project and provide input that will guide the development of future trail, bicycle and sidewalk routes, infrastructure and amenities in Summerland.

### Online Survey Available now until October 26

Provide your input via the online survey available on our website [www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation](http://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation)

## Development Services - Improvements Coming

If you currently have an application in for a variance, development permit, rezoning, subdivision or other land development matter with the District of Summerland, you may be experiencing longer than usual delays in processing due to backlogs.

There have been many changes to the department over the past six months, but we are confident this backlog will be dealt with over the next few weeks. With new staff in place and the implementation of enhanced processes, the District is committed to improving customer service in this area.

The District apologizes for the current wait times and looks forward to customer service improvements in the upcoming months.

The staff in the Development Services department can be reached at 250-494-1373 and include:

Corine Gain, Director of Development Services

David Pady, Manager of Planning (beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>)

Kevin Taylor, Development Planner

Jerome Hudon, Building Inspector

Vern Sopow, PT Building Inspector

Dawn Boothe, Development Services Secretary



**Open Burning Permits** are issued from October 15 to April 15 to owners of agricultural properties with over two acres for the purpose of burning orchard prunings and stumps. Permits are issued by the Fire Department.

Those with permits are required to call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 to check the venting index and obtain approval each time they burn. **Open burning on residential properties is strictly prohibited.**



## Trail Construction on Giant's Head Mountain

The District of Summerland supports a vibrant and liveable community by providing access to recreational amenities. Expect to see activity on Giant's Head Mountain as construction of Phases 1 and 2 of the Trails Redevelopment Plan starts this fall and will be completed in the spring. These first two phases include trail improvements, trail decommissioning for erosion control, a new multi-use trail, improved guard rails, and park entrance improvements. This District of Summerland trails project, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Summerland, was planned in consultation with the community, user groups, and stakeholder groups with the goal of building a trail infrastructure system which meets both recreational and environmental needs over the next ten years. This project received \$435,000 in funding from the BC Rural Dividend Fund.



## Free Run for Dogs

From October until the end of April, dogs are allowed to be off their leashes on the grassed area at Peach Orchard Park. Dogs must remain leashed on the walkway or playground. Please continue to be considerate of others by following the signage and picking up after your pets.



## Grant in Aid Requests

Each year Mayor and Council consider Grant in Aid requests from non-profit organizations that contribute to fulfilling basic needs and improving the quality of life of Summerland residents.

If your organization is interested in applying for a 2019 Grant in Aid, please visit the Finance Department section of the District website at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) for the current application form and related policy.

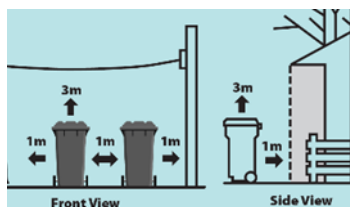
Complete submissions, with all requested supporting documentation, are due October 31, 2018. Please forward all related information to the following address: [awood@summerland.ca](mailto:awood@summerland.ca)

## Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste Carts

It is important to remember to properly space your carts for collection.

Please ensure there is a minimum:

- 1m (3ft) of space on all sides of each cart;
- 3m (10ft) of clearance above your carts; and
- 1.5m (5ft) of space between the carts and vehicles.



### Need a Different Cart Size?

If a different size of cart(s) would better suit your household needs, you can make changes. All three carts are available in the following sizes: 120L or 240L or 360L. You can also change your garbage cart to a 120L wildlife resistant garbage cart and/or have your yard & garden waste cart removed.

Until **December 31, 2018**, residents may change the sizes of any number of carts, **one time**, without paying the switch-out administration fee (\$30). Please note that requests for certain changes may incur other fees (such as upsizing garbage carts). For further information on changing carts visit Municipal Hall, Works & Utilities or the website [www.summerland.ca/cart](http://www.summerland.ca/cart)

**For missed collections or lost or damaged carts, call Waste Connections of Canada at 250-490-3888.**

## October 15 - 21 is Waste Reduction Week!

Waste Reduction Week in Canada is focused on the principles of circular economy, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. Reducing the amount of waste that we send to landfills protects our environment and saves our community money!

To help promote Waste Reduction Week, Summerland is hosting a series of fun, educational events:

**Wednesday October 17, 7pm** - a FREE screening of the film "Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?"

**Thursday October 18, 8am-4pm** - one-day downtown recycling depot where you can drop off your glass, styrofoam, plastic bags & overwrap, and electronics at Municipal Hall.

**All Week:** Reduce Your Waste Photo Contest! Send us photos of you taking action on waste reduction and win!

Visit [www.summerland.ca/wrw](http://www.summerland.ca/wrw) or call 250-404-4068 for details.



## Annual Irrigation Shut Off - Update

The District apologizes for the lack of communication to our irrigators. Irrigation shut off was scheduled to start October 1 to reduce the risk of lines freezing. The District of Summerland realizes that turning off irrigation a week ahead of the usual time negatively impacts some irrigators and therefore will be waiving the extension fee for anyone needing an extension to October 12. The extension fee of \$44.00 will be in effect for extensions granted after October 12.

If you have any questions, please contact Works and Utilities at 250-494-0431.

## Halloween Haunt

Special Event for Children at the Pool Summerland Aquatic and Fitness Centre Saturday October 27, 2018, 6:30 - 8:30 pm \$5/person pre-sold tickets

*Any child under 10 who cannot swim the width of the pool must be accompanied by an adult with a ticket.*

