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Summerland Re-Launches Energy Self-Generation (Net Metering) Program

Community members and solar installers invited to re-launch event August 27th from 3-6pm in Arena Banquet Room

The District of Summerland is pleased to announce the re-launch of the Summerland Distributed Generation (Net Metering) Program. The program allows residents with their own energy generation systems, such as rooftop solar, to connect to the Summerland electrical grid to offset their own electricity needs and sell any excess energy they produce back to the District's electrical utility.

"Solar energy is a simple, proven source of renewable energy, and the number of Summerland residents benefiting from solar on their property has been increasing dramatically in recent years - from eight customers at the start of 2018 to twenty-five as of August 2019" says Mayor Toni Boot. "Investing in solar and other clean energy sources helps our customers reduce their utility costs, increases our community's resiliency, and enhances the local economy. Summerland is proud to be a leader in promoting these technologies, and we are excited to welcome the community to our re-launch event to learn more about our net metering program."

Summerland residents with their own energy generation systems have had the opportunity to interconnect to the electrical grid through the District's Distributed Generation (Net Metering) Program since 2015. However, the program updates provide customers and installers with a simplified application process, up-to-date forms and guidelines, as well as a dedicated website (www.summerland.ca/netmetering) to find information and resources to support their installations. Further, the program has been updated to include formalized rates for energy produced to provide clarity and consistency to customers returning excess energy to the grid.

The updated Distributed Generation (Net Metering) Program allows customers to produce their own energy with small (30kW or less) energy generation systems that utilize a low carbon or renewable energy source. Customers who produce more energy than their property consumes in any given month will have the excess energy rolled forward into the following month in the form of a credit where it will be applied at the retail rate. At the end of each calendar year, any credits remaining will be purchased by the District at the wholesale rate.

Community members and solar installers are invited to attend the official program re-launch event to learn more about the updates to Summerland's Distributed Generation Program and to connect with local area installers and subject matter experts. This drop-in open-house style event will take place on August 27th from 3-6pm in the Arena Banquet Room, with a short presentation by the District at 3:30pm, repeated at 5:00pm.

The event is free and no registration is required. Light refreshments will be provided and all attendees will be entered for door prizes. Solar installers interested in participating in this event and interacting with members of the Summerland community should contact the District to make arrangements.

Links

For more information regarding Summerland's Distributed Generation (Net Metering) Program, visit www.summerland.ca/netmetering.

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