

Message from Council

September is here and 75% of this weird, stressful and unprecedented year is behind us. The August 24 Regular (Afternoon) Council Meeting agenda included a staff report on available options to continue to allow public participation at Council meetings for the remainder of year. Council decided that Council Chambers would remain closed to in-person attendance at meetings until December 31, 2020. All regular meetings and public hearings will be videotaped on-site and streamed live to the District's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com, District of Summerland). Further, staff will be reporting back at a future Regular Meeting on options and associated costs for updating the Council Chambers technology.



We are all aware that B.C. is experiencing a spike in COVID-19 cases and that the Province and health authorities are preparing for a second wave of the virus. In Summerland, we have seen less illness from the virus, but we cannot be complacent, especially as we move into the traditional flu season and the 2020/2021 school year begins. Council is appealing to all Summerland residents to make the right choices and continue to do their part. Stay safe and continued health.

Mayor and Councillors

Downtown Neighbourhood Plan Task Force

Council identified Downtown Vibrancy as part of the 2019 Strategic Planning process. The creation of a Downtown Neighborhood Plan is a strategic implementation priority that will provide a long-term vision for the future growth and development of the downtown neighbourhood. To help guide the planning process the District has created a Downtown Neighbourhood Plan Task Force to provide direction for staff and any consultants managing the process and to foster community champions for plan implementation.

The Task Force will be made up of a mix of local stakeholders and residents with an interest in the future enhancement and vibrancy of the downtown neighbourhood. Representation on the Downtown Neighbourhood Plan Task Force will include members from the following groups, all with an interest in moving the downtown community forward in a positive direction:

- Downtown business owners
- Residents of Summerland
- Chamber of Commerce
- Youth representatives
- School District 67
- Supportive Housing / Support Services providers
- Arts, Culture and Heritage representatives
- Parks & Recreation representatives
- Representative from the seniors' community
- Development & Real Estate Community
- Other groups as directed by Council

If you are interested in being part of the Task Force please send an application to info@summerland.ca. Application forms can be found at: <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/committees>.

Applications will be received until Friday, September 25, 2020.



Summerland Community Recreation & Health Centre

The District of Summerland is planning for the replacement of the Aquatic and Fitness Centre and exploring the potential of the inclusion of a Primary Care Health Centre as part of Council's strategic priority projects.

Planning a new recreation facility only happens every 40 to 50 years. Your participation now will set the direction for the rest of the project. **We need your help** to make sure we understand how this facility can help Summerland become an even better place to live.

Community stakeholder workshops started the end of August and stakeholder questionnaires have been distributed. If you represent a stakeholder group who has not received a questionnaire or if you are a community member who would like to be added to the email list to receive project updates, please email recreation@summerland.ca.

A public survey will be issued in September and a public online open house is scheduled for **Thursday September 24**.

Please visit www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre for more information about the project and updates on community input opportunities.

Summerland Off-Leash Dog Park - Community Consultation Phase 2

The work continues to find a suitable location for a year-round fenced off-leash dog park in Summerland. The first phase of the project resulted in a recommendation from Council (March 2020) to further explore four potential sites and collect feedback from community members and stakeholder groups:

- Julia Street Community Church - vacant lot
- Living Memorial Ballpark (Snow Avenue) - ball diamond #3
- Powell Beach Park - ball diamond and green space
- Summerland Rodeo Grounds - north of the main ring; access from trail parking lot

Visit www.summerland.ca/dog-park-project for information on each of the potential sites and this project. Printed materials can be made available upon request by emailing recreation@summerland.ca or calling 250-494-0447. Plans are in place to host a 'COVID-19 friendly' online Q&A before the release of the community-wide survey at the end of September (electronic and hardcopy versions will be available). Visit the website for more information on community input opportunities.

District Facilities Update Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Call to check what hours facilities may be open to the public. Staff are available during regular business hours at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall - General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451. Finance is open to the public from 9:00am until noon Monday through Friday except holidays.
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373. Development Services is open to the public by appointment only.

- Utility Billing: (250) 404-4047
- Property Tax/Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable: (250) 404-4055
- Parks & Recreation: (250) 494-0447 Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Fire Department (Non emergency): (250) 494-7211
- Works & Utilities: (250) 494-0431
- After Hours Emergency 3:30pm - 7:00am Monday to Friday, weekends or Statutory Holidays for Water/Sewer/Roads/Parks/Electrical Utility: (250) 493-0005

Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre Re-Opens Sept. 8

The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre re-opens its doors on September 8 with a phased re-opening plan. COVID-19 safety plans and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be in place.

All Aquatic & Fitness Centre admissions and programs require pre-registration using our online booking system at www.summerland.ca/ recreation or by calling the Recreation Office in advance to book your spot Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Phase 1: Tuesday, September 8 - Sunday, October 11, 2020

Facility Hours:

- Monday to Friday: 7:00am - 8:00pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Phase 1 mandatory pre-registration enables the District to limit the numbers of patrons in our facility and within each program to ensure physical distancing will be maintained and controlled. Please visit www.summerland.ca/recreation for the full re-opening schedule, programming, re-opening facility guidelines and COVID-19 protocols.

Fall program registration is now open.

View the online Fall Recreation Guide at www.summerland.ca/recreation.

Any questions? Please call Summerland Recreation at 250-494-0447 or email recreation@summerland.ca. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm.



Summerland Power Disruption—FortisBC

11:00pm to 2:00am on Friday, September 18, 2020

FortisBC Electric is performing maintenance on the transmission line that provides electricity to the community. To assist and support their efforts to maintain this critical infrastructure, there will be a community wide power outage. This transmission line is Summerland's only electrical feed and therefore it is important to support this maintenance activity to ensure reliable power delivery to Summerland. The power outage will be from approximately 11:00pm to 2:00am on Friday, September 18, 2020.

New Phone Messaging System for Summerland RCMP Non-Emergency Line 250-494-7416

The RCMP Non-Emergency phone messaging system has new prompts. The purpose for the new messaging is Summerland RCMP would like to encourage the general public to speak to a call taker when a police officer is required. When reporting a crime or suspicious activity, it may be crucial to obtain the information at the time versus waiting for the next business day.

"You have reached the Summerland RCMP. If this is an emergency, please hang up and dial 911. If you wish to report an incident requiring police attendance, please **press 1** and your call will be redirected. Summerland RCMP administrative hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please **press 2 or stay on the line** to leave a message if you require a non-emergency response. Note that your message may not be listened to until the next business day. Thank you."

A friendly reminder that our officers work beyond the administrative hours, 365 days a year.

Welcome New District Bylaw Officer

The District has hired Lucky Bedi as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer II / Business Licence Inspector. Lucky joins us with a background in both bylaw and business licensing – working most recently at the City of Abbotsford and prior to that, the City of Calgary. Welcome to Summerland, Lucky!

Notice to Summerland Irrigators - Fall Irrigation Shut Off

Irrigation services will be turned off starting Monday, October 5. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an Extension Irrigation application form and pay \$46.20 plus GST (\$48.51 total) per property no later than noon Friday, October 2. Extensions are only permitted to Friday, November 20, 2020. Application forms may be printed from the District's website or are available at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, open to the public Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm (noon). Please call 250-494-0431 if you require further information.

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.

Property Taxes Extension Deadline – September 30, 2020

The due date for Property Taxes, including eligible Home Owner Grant (HOG) has been extended to 4:00pm Wednesday, September 30, 2020. An unpaid or unclaimed Home Owner Grant is subject to a 10% penalty. HOG must be completed each year if eligible. You can claim your HOG online or at Municipal Hall. The Finance Department will be pleased to help you with any questions; call (250) 494-6451 or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca.

Keep Up To Date: The District will post community updates to our website, Facebook and Twitter Accounts. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

Website: summerland.ca

Facebook: [facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

Twitter: twitter.com/SummerlandBC

Sign Up for our Online Newsletter:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe>

FireSmart

Do you have fire resistant trees in your yard?

Choose leafy deciduous trees over conifers when planting new trees.

Space trees 3m apart and trim them up to 2m to be FireSmart.



22 Electrical Charging Stations in Summerland

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, announced a \$380,000 investment to help the Corporation of the District of Summerland build 22 electric vehicle (EV) chargers as part of the government's commitment to realizing a low carbon future.

The federal funding, which is provided through the Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative (EVAFIDI) and the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program, is in addition to the \$150,000 the Government of British Columbia is investing in the project.

"Zero-emissions vehicles are part of Canada's net-zero future. The Government of Canada is providing Canadians with greener options to get where they need to go. This project will help boost the District of Summerland's local tourism and economy, while reducing emissions from British Columbia's transportation sector."

*The Honourable Seamus O'Regan
Canada's Minister of Natural Resources*

"Early in 2020 the District finalized its *Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan*. This document provides a framework for our climate action work, and demonstrates our commitment to reducing net emissions. The news of this funding award fully supports the expansion of our EV-charging network and will benefit both locals and visitors."

*Toni Boot
Mayor, District of Summerland*

