

## Message from Mayor and Council

After a two-year hiatus, Council enjoyed gathering in Memorial Park to celebrate Canada Day . . . and eating cake! Ongoing global events only emphasize how much we have to be grateful for, including the generosity of Indigenous hosts who share land with those of us who—as newcomers or through ancestral immigration—have chosen to live in Canada. Our thanks to the Summerland Legion for organizing the Canada Day celebrations.

Downtown Vibrancy is one of six key themes in Council's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan; one of the initiatives that falls under this theme is the creation of a Downtown Neighbourhood Plan to provide a long-term vision for the future growth and development of the downtown neighbourhood. Following a call out to community members to participate on the Downtown Neighbourhood Plan Task Force, members were appointed in November 2020. Following 17 months of work, the draft Downtown Neighbourhood **Action Plan** was presented to Council on June 13. Thank you to the 12 steadfast members of the Task Force, District senior management and Urban Systems for your commitment in creating this draft Plan.

The draft Plan is now out for community engagement for your questions, comments and/or concerns. More information is available elsewhere in this newsletter with links to the draft document and how you can let us know your thoughts. Council is looking forward to the implementation of the Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan, recognizing this is a project that will be underway for many years.

A reminder for those residents with young children that Interior Health has added new evening and weekend vaccine clinics for COVID-19 vaccinations. Parents or guardians can book an appointment for children aged 5-11 by registering online at [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or by calling 1-833-838-2323. Once registered, an invitation to book an appointment will be sent.

## Voyent Alert!

The District of Summerland has chosen Voyent Alert! notification service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications. Register now to receive important notifications that matter to you! The service is FREE, easy to use, and anonymous. Choose how you want to stay informed. Receive emergency or day-to-day notifications from the District of Summerland via the Voyent Alert! mobile app, text/SMS messaging, email or voice calling to a landline. Visit the following link to register and for more information <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.



## Make Water Work

Will you make the pledge to do your part to reduce water waste in the Okanagan?

Find out more information at <https://www.makewaterwork.ca/>



## Property tax notices

The 2022 Property Tax due date was **July 4, 2022 at 4:00 PM**. Effective July 5, 2022 unpaid 2022 Property Taxes (including unclaimed Home Owner Grants) are now subject to a 10% penalty.

You may still claim the HOG online at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or phone the Province of BC 1-888-355-2700. Retroactive home owner grant applications are accepted up until December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

The District of Summerland offers a Pre-Authorized Payment Program for property taxes - eleven (11) equal payments will be withdrawn from your bank account, starting August 15th each year. The final twelfth (12th) payment will be the difference between the actual amount of the current tax bill and pre-payments collected, plus interest earned up to the tax due date.

To participate in this program contact the property tax department at [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca) for an application form or visit our website [www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes) to download a pdf copy.

Applications are due **August 10, 2022**.

## Water Utility Emergency Response Plan

Council adopted the Water Utility Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in May 2022.

This ERP is a guideline for dealing with a wide range of water related emergencies including:

- watershed emergencies;
- water supply and intake ;
- water treatment plant emergencies, and
- distribution emergencies,



For more information you can find the ERP on our website <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/reports-studies>

## Register to vote in the upcoming General Local Election!

The District of Summerland will be utilizing the most current available provincial list of voters prepared by Elections BC in this upcoming General Local Election. To register, or to add or update your registration information for the Voters List, please visit the Elections BC webpage at <https://elections.bc.ca/voting/register-to-vote/> or call 1-800-661-8683.

Registering in advance makes the voting process faster and easier. Same-day voting registration will be offered for those who are not registered in advance for the Provincial Voter List.

For more information please contact, Kendra Kinsley, Chief Election Officer, at [elections@summerland.ca](mailto:elections@summerland.ca) or 250-404-4037.



## Invest in you and get active this summer!

Recreation and fitness programs are known to help release stress and improve overall health and wellness. Summerland Recreation has something for everyone. Check out our 2022 Summer Recreation Guide online at <https://summerland.ca/recreation> to see all the programs and services we have to offer.

Summer programs include:

**Preschool/Children:** Sportball Soccer, REFIT for Kids, Red Cross Swim Lessons. **Adult Programs:** Beach Yoga, Zumba Gold in the Park, Pilates in the Park, Rev & Flow REFIT, REFIT, Classical Mat Pilates, Fusion Bootcamp and more.

Summerland Aquatic Centre will be offering **Lifeguarding** courses this summer: Bronze Medallion/Cross, Water Safety Instructor and First Aid. National Lifeguard will be offered in Fall 2022.

Registration deadline for programs is one week from the course start date. If registration minimums are not met, the program will be cancelled. Register online at <https://summerland.perfectmind.com>, in person at the Summerland Aquatic Centre or over the phone at 250-494-0447.



## Pay it forward

Write a gratitude list in the morning and again in the evening.

## Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan

The District has drafted a new **Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan (DNAP)**, that includes a future vision and concept plan for **Memorial Park**. You can find a copy of the **DNAP** here: <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/current-projects/downtown-reimagined>. Included on the project page is a summary document, project background, and descriptive video. A link to a survey to provide feedback on the plan is open and will be available until **July 11, 2022**. We want your feedback on the proposed vision for your Downtown!



## 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.



## Canyon View Road watermain upgrade

Construction for the Canyon View Road watermain project was completed in the middle of June. The project included 1,050m of watermain replacement and road reconstruction on Canyon View Road, Paradise Road, and McGee Street from Simpson Road to Mountain Avenue.



## New regulations for dogs in parks

The Parks Regulation Bylaw (2022-012) has been updated to permit dogs in parks under the following terms **except** on sports fields, sport courts, skateparks and beaches, or near playgrounds and spray parks:

- **Dogs are permitted on-leash year-round** at Memorial Park, Dale Meadows Park, Living Memorial Park, Peach Orchard Beach Park, Powell Beach Park, Peach Orchard Campground, Giant's Head Park, Conkle Mountain Park, Cartwright Mountain and Summerland Rodeo Grounds.
- **Dogs are permitted off-leash during the off-season** (October 1 – May 1) at Peach Orchard Beach Park, Powell Beach Park, Peach Orchard Campground, Conkle Mountain Park, Cartwright Mountain and Summerland Rodeo Grounds (except around equestrian events and activities).
- **Dogs are permitted off-leash year-round** only at designated District off-leash dog parks.



To review the full bylaw, visit [www.summerland.ca/bylaws](http://www.summerland.ca/bylaws).

## Thinking about running for local office?

The District of Summerland has prepared a pre-recorded Candidate Information Session for those who are interested in running in the October 15, 2022 election. This session provides general information about what to expect before, during, and after the election, including an overview of general local elections, election legislation and regulations and key dates. In addition, the session will cover the candidate nomination process and requirements, voting and taking office, responsibilities of elected officials, the expected time commitment and compensation. To view the video, please visit the following link: <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/candidates?pname=Candidate%20Information>

Questions about the upcoming election may be directed to the Chief Election Officer at [elections@summerland.ca](mailto:elections@summerland.ca) or 250-404-4037.

## Summerland Landfill Recycling Depot

Did you know that you do not have to cross the scale to access the Recycling Depot? When arriving at the landfill, keep to the right to access recycling only.



For more information, visit [www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/landfill-recycling-depot?pname=Landfill%20Recycling%20Depot](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/landfill-recycling-depot?pname=Landfill%20Recycling%20Depot).

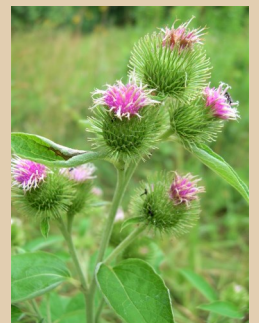
## Agricultural User Meter Readings

Agricultural users are reminded that monthly meter read updates are available on the municipal website. Now that the weather is becoming hotter, users should review their consumption more closely. To access these reports, please go to the District of Summerland's website at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca). Under the "City Services" tab at the top of the page, click "Agricultural Water" to be taken to the appropriate page. Additional information pertaining to agricultural water, such as 2022 rates, can also be found on this webpage. Irrigators are encouraged to view the data to track their usage. The annual irrigation invoice will be mailed out by the end of July.

Please call the Finance Department or email [finance@summerland.ca](mailto:finance@summerland.ca) if you have any questions.

## Invasive plant alert—Burdock

Burdock is an invasive biennial plant introduced from Eurasia. The leaves of first year plants resemble rhubarb. It reaches heights of 1 – 3 metres with purple flowers from July to September found in short-stalked clusters along the stems. Mature plants have prickly burrs that stick to clothing or animals. Burdock's clinging properties provide an excellent mechanism for seed dispersal. Fun fact: Burdock's clinging properties led to the invention of Velcro! The burrs can be a problem for livestock and wildlife. Birds and bats are stuck to seedheads and cannot fly away. If you have this invasive plant on your property, take action. Repeated hand-pulling, digging, above ground cutting of bolted plants and chemical treatments can help control outbreaks.



For more information visit <https://www.oiso.ca/species/burdock/>

## 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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