

## Message from Council

It has been an 'interesting' start to summer in BC. The Province rescinded the BC-wide state of emergency for the pandemic, only to have to announce another due to the early and dramatic onset of wildland fires in many areas of the province.

Thus far, the District of Summerland has been spared fire alerts or evacuations, but Fire Chief Glenn Noble is constantly assessing the situation and taking all necessary precautions. Giant's Head Mountain Park is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice. Currently, the trails remain open to responsible use (stay on the marked trails; no smoking), but please be aware that, if necessary, some District recreational trails may be closed. Please check [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) or the District's social media accounts for updates.

There appears to be no shortage of visitors to Summerland, despite the unseasonably hot weather, waning pandemic case counts and local smoke. Word is that accommodation providers, wineries and similar facilities, eateries, beaches and the many local attractions are bustling.

As we begin to recover from the global pandemic—both health wise and economy wise—on behalf of Council a huge "thank you" to Summerland residents and business owners for your perseverance and resilience. If the number of visitors is any indication, patrons feel safe visiting Summerland and that is due, in large part, to businesses following public health protocols and to residents getting vaccinated and protecting others in the community and beyond.

We are blessed to live in a country where we have ready access to vaccine and immunizations. Step 4 of the Restart Plan is just a month away: Let's continue to do all we can to get there.

## Road conditions

Council is aware of the condition of our roads, and road improvements are a priority.

Over the past couple of years, some major capital projects have been completed which included full road restoration, such as Simpson Rd., Denike St., Haddrell Ave., Prairie Valley Rd., Rosedale Ave., Bathville Rd., Garnet Valley Rd., Doherty Ave., and Quinpool Rd.



Operationally, some smaller road restoration projects have been completed, such as McDougald Rd. and several intersections. Furthermore, whenever development takes place the District takes the opportunity to increase the works beyond what can be required as part of the

development. Examples are Lakeshore Dr. in front of the resort, the access roads to The Cartwright and Lighthouse Landing and full width restoration of Victoria Rd. as part of Hunters Hill. When local area improvements are requested, roads are upgraded as well, such as Tait St., Juniper St., Miltimore Ave. and Willow Ave.

Upcoming capital projects that will include road upgrades are Canyon View Rd., sections of Dale Meadows Rd., Victoria Rd., and Giants Head Rd. which all include upgrades to underground utilities as well.

To assist in the prioritization of road maintenance in operational and capital projects, a road condition assessment was recently completed, that assigned a Pavement Vehicle Interaction (PVI) score to all sections of paved road within the District. These sections combined equate to nearly 300 kilometres. The PVI score will be used in combination with factors such as the remaining life of underground utilities, the road classification, the amount of properties served, whether the road is a thru or no-thru road, traffic volumes and utility failures that require excavation.

For concerns about the condition of any roads the District is responsible for maintaining, please report these to Works & Infrastructure via email: [works&infrastructure@summerland.ca](mailto:works&infrastructure@summerland.ca) or phone 250-494-0431.

## 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.



## Giant's Head Mountain grassland & weed walk

August 25, 8:30 am-10:30 am

Join the District of Summerland and the Grasslands Conservation Council of BC to learn more about the important role of healthy grasslands in a changing climate and one of the major threats to them: weeds! Through this interactive walk, participants will learn about grasslands, the trails redevelopment project and how to identify three common weeds and strategies to control them. The walk will end at the start of an easy trail if people want to explore more of the park.



Meet at Giant's Head Mountain lower parking lot (9296 Milne Road). Please bring sunscreen, a hat, good walking shoes and a reusable water bottle.

Pre-registration required (no fee) at [www.summerland.perfectmind.com](http://www.summerland.perfectmind.com) or phone 250-494-0447.

## Property tax pre-authorized payment plan (PAPP)

Homeowners who are interested in signing up for the PAPP for the coming year may do so by completing the application form **before August 10** which can be found on our website <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes> or by contacting the property tax department at [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca).



## Pay it forward

Compliment the first **three** people you talk to today.





## Don't place curbside carts out before 5:00am on your collection day

The odours from curbside garbage, recycling and yard & garden waste can entice bears to your neighbourhood. Please properly secure your waste and keep it indoors until collection day or until you can bring it to the landfill. Curbside carts are to be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 am and must be removed no later than 9:00 pm on your scheduled collection day, Bylaw No. 2018-018.

Once a bear becomes accustomed to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to do our part in keeping wildlife wild and communities safe. Residents are reminded to be vigilant of managing wildlife attractants on their properties including waste, bird feeders, compost, tree fruits and grapes.

You can report all wildlife encounters to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or visit [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com) to learn more about how to protect the species around you.

Thank you for doing your part in preventing wildlife from becoming habituated.

## EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!

Do not place batteries in your garbage or recycling carts – take them to the landfill recycling depot



Batteries and other hazardous material, are extremely dangerous and should never be put in garbage or recycling carts. They can easily cause explosions, fires and harm to workers. Recently, there was a fire at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill because a product containing a

lithium battery was disposed of in the garbage. Luckily, the fire was extinguished quickly and no one was injured.

Please dispose of batteries and products with batteries in the designated area at the Landfill Recycling Depot.

## Watering restrictions—Stage 2

Hot and dry conditions are affecting water supplies in many BC regions. Summerland's reservoir storage is currently adequate, but demand has been extremely high and water levels appear to be dropping at a faster rate than typically seen at this time of year. Summerland remains in Stage 2 watering restrictions but we ask that all residents voluntarily reduce their water use by 30% to help avoid further mandatory restrictions.

During Stage 2 watering restrictions, if you have an odd numbered address, you may water on Saturday and Tuesday before 9:00 am or after 6:00 pm only. If you have an even numbered address, you may water on Sunday and Thursday before 9:00 am or after 6:00 pm. Residents with underground water systems may only water between 12:00 am (midnight) and 6:00 am on their designated days. You may use micro or drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle to water trees, shrubs, flowers, or vegetables on any day, at any time.

For more information on conservation and drought conditions in the Okanagan please visit Okanagan Basin Water Board or Okanagan Water Wise.

<https://www.obwb.ca/drought/>

<https://okwaterwise.ca/>

**Keep up to date:** The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

**Website:** [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca)

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

**Sign up for our monthly online newsletter:**

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

## Use of home generators

Home generators are handy for back-up electricity in case of an outage. A back-up generator may only be connected to your home's electrical system through an approved transfer panel and switch that has been installed by a qualified electrician. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet as serious injury can result when the current produced by the home generator is fed back into the Summerland power grid.

**This can endanger the lives of utility employees working to restore the power.**

To operate a generator safely:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure that the generator operates outdoors in well-ventilated conditions, well away from doors or windows, to prevent exhaust gases from entering the house.
- Use properly rated extension cords to connect lights and appliances directly to the generator or have a qualified electrician hard wire it to your home following the Canadian Electrical Code.

## Fall 2021 Recreation Guide

Available online on August 12. Registration for Fall programs will open on August 17. Please note that the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed for our annual shutdown from August 28 to September 12 and re-opening on September 13.



## Good Neighbour Bylaw

Check out the recently adopted District of Summerland's Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 2021-023. As per Section 8, which outlines noise regulations, should a noise bother a neighbour, it could be considered an offence to this bylaw. Each reported incident will be viewed as a whole and all involved parties will be heard before it is decided whether the incident is an offence. With the exception of yard maintenance and construction, which are limited to the hours from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, 7 days a week, the remaining noise regulations apply at any time of day or night.

For more information about the District of Summerland's bylaws, please visit:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/bylaws-policies/bylaws>

**Do you have a question about the District's bylaws?**

Please submit your inquiries to: [bylaw@summerland.ca](mailto:bylaw@summerland.ca)