



## KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER

Summerland has four beautiful beaches (Peach Orchard, Rotary, Powell and Crescent Beach), as well as many public access areas along the water which are great for taking a dip. We also have a beach designated for dogs and a water park for the children to enjoy. There are 25 parks and numerous trails to bike and hike. Take time this summer to enjoy Summerland.

**YARD WASTE PICK UP TAKES PLACE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE DAY THE WEEK OF JULY 28TH - 30TH**

## Busker/Street Performers in the Downtown Core

A draft Busking/Street Performing Policy is available on our website and is being circulated to potential buskers, businesses and residents for input. We would like to hear any thoughts or suggestions you have on this policy by July 15th. Suggestions can be sent to [kjones@summerland.ca](mailto:kjones@summerland.ca) or dropped off to Municipal Hall.



**CAMPFIRE BAN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
 Please check our website or call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 for updates.

Please be extra careful during this hot, dry summer with cigarette butts or anything else that could pose a fire threat.

## PROPERTY TAXES AND ELIGIBLE HOME OWNER GRANTS WERE DUE JULY 3RD

Now is a great time to sign up for the monthly Preauthorized Property Tax Payment Plan to ease the burden for next year.



## WATERING – WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION

With the unusually high temperatures, there has been a heavy demand for water. Although there is still a good supply of water available, the Water Treatment Plant has been operating at maximum capacity. If the high volume continues, we will be required to open a supplemental line and this may cause a boil water notice to be issued. We hope that water users will voluntarily reduce their water consumption and avoid the need for further steps.



Summerland Water Treatment Plant

Please be aware of your watering days, water wisely and reduce use wherever possible.

Summerland is always in Stage One unless otherwise advised.

If the last digit of your house number is **ODD**, you may water **Saturday, Monday and Thursday**.

If the last digit of your house number is **EVEN**, you may water **Sunday, Tuesday and Friday**.

Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle can be used to water trees, shrubs or your garden anytime.

Check our website for further details. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WATERING TIPS:

- Most lawns only need about 2.5 cm (one inch) of water per week—about the depth of a tuna can.
- Water your lawn or garden—NOT PAVEMENT
- Leave grass 5-8cm (2-3 inches) long. Water stays longer when grass is longer.
- Leave grass clippings as mulch. This helps feed the lawn and retain moisture.
- To prevent evaporation, don't water in the heat of the day .

Using water wisely will not only help save water but will also help you save money. For more watering tips visit the Make Water Work website [www.makewaterwork.ca](http://www.makewaterwork.ca).

## A Few Council Hi-Lites...

Check our website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

- **A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, July 27th at the Regular Council Meeting at 7pm for the Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment regarding the Urban Growth Strategy.** The urban growth area (UGA) in the OCP has been revised based on significant input received from the electorate. The community was heard with respect to the preservation of farmland. The new document includes the demographic updates and policy that supports infill development which were part of the original growth strategy amendment. Specific changes that have been made to the UGA as a result of the OCP steering committee and public consultation include mapping changes and revised text that remove ALR areas from the proposed UGA, remove a smaller portion of Victoria Road South from the proposed UGA, and leave the Deer Ridge neighbourhood in the proposed UGA.
- Staff is looking into obtaining **meter base surge protectors** and selling them to residents at cost and installing them. These protectors may protect homes from some electrical surges but not all. We will advise residents through the newsletter and on our website how to purchase them once a price has been determined and the protectors are available.
- Council will provide \$700 in Grant-in-Aid to Summerland Community Arts Council to be used for their **Wednesdays on the Water** program which is in effect now. Residents can take a lawn chair and enjoy music of different genres on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm at Spirit Square, Peach Orchard Park.
- The **Summerland Museum and Heritage Society** received \$3600 in Grant-in-Aid to help with funding for their computer system. \$500 was also given to the **girls Summerland Scorch under 16 team** that qualified for Provincials.
- Council agreed to support the City of Penticton in their bid to host the **2018 or 2019 55+ BC Games** by allowing them to use our facilities.
- A letter was written to the Minister of Health urging cancellation of **Interior Health Authority's** plans to contract out laundry services and lay off up to seventeen (17) workers at the Penticton Regional Hospital.
- Staff was directed to apply for \$200,000 from the **Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Grant program**. If granted, funds would be used for Arena/Curling complex upgrades.
- The **2014 Annual Report and the 2014 Statement of Financial Information** were received and are available on our website.
- **Cantex-Okanagan** has been awarded a four year contract for administrative services at the landfill.

**SUNDAY MARKET**  
**MAIN STREET**  
**9:00AM—1:00PM**



### **WATCH FOR CYCLISTS AND CHEER THEM ON...**

Sunday, July 12th there will be some road closures starting at 7:15am until about 8:30am due to the Prospera Granfondo Axel Merckx cycling event. This will affect Peach Orchard, Lakeshore, Jubilee, Victoria, Rosedale, Wharton and Quinpool. Contact organizers if you have any questions at 250-462-7867 or visit their website for full details.

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### **2016 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications Now Available**

Every property owner in the province must pay property taxes unless specifically exempted by provincial statute. These properties include, but are not limited to:

- schools and universities;
- public libraries;
- places of public worship; and hospitals.

Generally, public parks owned and held by an athletic or service club, not-for-profit corporations, art galleries or museums owned by a charitable or philanthropic organization and property owned by a local authority receive permissive tax exemptions.

**The deadline to have Permissive Tax Exemption Applications and all relevant supporting information submitted to Municipal Hall is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.** Please call us if you have any questions.



### **MAKE YOUR YARD "UNBEARABLE"**

Bears can smell 5 times better than a bloodhound, therefore any household garbage or attractants easily lure bears onto properties. Once bears learn they can find food in yards, they can damage property and pose a safety threat. Habituated (food conditioned) bears usually end up having to be destroyed. Below are a few tips to help keep bears out of your neighbourhood:

- Put garbage out on the morning of garbage pick up
- Keep garbage in the house, garage or animal-proof shed until pick up day
- Keep your pets and pet food inside at night
- Keep your barbecue clean
- Remove birdfeeders as they attract bears
- Remove ripe and fallen fruit from trees and the ground
- Orchards and vineyards with chronic bear problems could use bear-proof fencing
- Rotting food waste in compost bins attracts bears and many other wildlife

For more information visit [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com) or [www.rdos.bc.ca/departments/public-works/wildsafe-bc-bear-aware/](http://www.rdos.bc.ca/departments/public-works/wildsafe-bc-bear-aware/).