

Message from Mayor and Council

Council is very pleased that the number of housing options—market and rental; single-family and a range of multi-family—continue to come to the District’s Development Services department. At the first meeting in July, Council was presented with several proposals totalling 139 proposed units. All the development proposals are within a five minute walk of downtown Summerland. Additionally, Council held a Public Hearing on allowing carriage homes on agricultural properties and approved third reading on July 25. While increased housing does not automatically mean more affordability, a variety of options should help address the demand. The Short-Term Rentals Bylaw that takes effect early September may also free up residential units so those who live in the community can find suitable housing.

Council attended the recommissioning of Isintok Lake Dam last month on site. This water storage infrastructure is a critical piece of the Trout Creek Watershed and, in 2013, regular monitoring revealed the outlet pipe needed to be replaced. The District secured grant funding from the federal and provincial governments through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure fund and, with money from the capital reserve fund, the project saw completion in January of this year. Upcoming budget discussions will include consideration of a new capital project that will see the widening of the spillway, a piece of infrastructure that diverts water when the storage facility is above pool. The spillway is a cautionary measure to ensure that a sudden influx of water does not affect the integrity of the dam.

We’re into August now and it’s hard to believe that September is a few short weeks away and students will be back at school. Summerland has great options for education—including home schooling—and although “Back to School” may not be a welcome phrase just yet, Council wishes all students a wonderful year of learning through curiosity and exploration, and reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

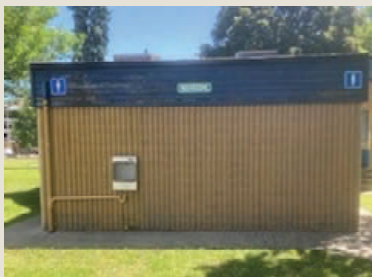
Make Water Work in your Yard!

The District of Summerland and Make Water Work want to inform residents how to be water wise in our community! For tips, tricks and FAQ’s, please visit www.makewaterwork.ca/. While you’re there, take the pledge!



Water Bottle Fill Stations

On June 13 Council approved by a resolution to install two water bottle fill stations to provide accessible water infrastructure to the community in light of previous heat waves in 2021. On July 14, the two fill stations were installed and have been operational since July 18.



One is located in Memorial Park on the outside wall of the washrooms. The second on the wall of the Rotary Park washrooms. The fill stations are open seasonally, from April to October. The Aquatic Centre also has one new bottle fill station inside the Centre available for public use during operating hours.



Curbside Cart Collection Day

The odours from curbside garbage, recycling and yard & garden waste can entice bears to your neighbourhood. Please properly secure your waste until collection day. Curbside carts are to be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.

Once a bear becomes used 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.



Agri-Tourism in Summerland

Farmers in the Summerland area that are zoned in A1 small acreage or A2 large acreage that currently provide an agri-tourism activity (ex. Cherry picking, wine tasting, bee keeping, tours, etc.) can now offer visitors the experience of staying on the land in designated agri-tourism accommodation camp site stays.



For more information, visit <https://visitsummerland.com/agritourism-stay/>. To apply for an Agri-Tourism Accommodation Business Licence, visit www.summerland.ca/business-economy/business-licencing.

Short Term Rental Business Licences

Under the new short term rental bylaw, short term rentals (STR) are allowed in select zones in single detached dwellings, manufactured housing, secondary suites and carriage houses where there is a Primary Residence on-site (subject to regulations). The grace period for enforcement of short term rentals will end after Labour Day. Homeowners wishing to continue to operate a short term rental must obtain a business licence by September 6, 2022 to avoid fines.

To make the application process easier, a new online portal will be available after August 8! Visit www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation for details.

Roundabouts

1. Approach

- Reduce your speed and watch for pedestrians and cyclists and be ready to stop at the crosswalk.

2. Yield

- Always yield to traffic in the roundabout.
- Wait for a safe gap in the traffic, remembering those in the roundabout have the right of way.

3. Enter

- Enter the roundabout and continue counter-clockwise until you reach your exit.

4. Exit

- Use your right turn signal before exiting.
- Watch for pedestrians and cyclists and be ready to stop at the crosswalk.



Voyent Alert!

The District of Summerland has chosen Voyent Alert! notification service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as bring to you day-to-day notifications. Register now at <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.



Pay it Forward

Leave a note on someone’s car telling them how awesome they parked.

Summerland Landfill Recycling Depot

When arriving at the landfill, keep to the right to bypass the scale and access recycling only. The following residential items are accepted **free** of charge year-round:

- smoke detectors & alarms
- cardboard, including corrugated
- batteries, lead-acid—from vehicles & equipment
- lighting—fixtures, bulbs & fluorescent light tubes
- glass - clear or coloured food containers, jars, non-refundable bottles
- simple plastics like bags & overwrap that are used for groceries or dry cleaning, bags for: bread, produce, dry bulk foods and frozen vegetables, outer bags and wrap for diapers, paper towels & soft drink can flats, bags for water softener salt & garden products, overwrap on mattresses, furniture & electronic equipment
- foam packaging (white and coloured) such as foam containers for meat & produce, foam egg cartons, foam clamshells, cups & bowls for take-out food, firm foam cushion packaging to protect electronics, small appliances, etc.
- electronic waste—computers & accessories, TVs, radios, stereos, DVD & VCR players, phones, microwaves & small electrical appliances
- other flexible plastic packaging such as zipper lock pouches, tear-open pouches, stand-up pouches for dried fruit, nuts, quinoa, and grated cheese

For more information please visit <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/landfill-recycling-depot?pname=Landfill%20Recycling%20Depot>



Register to Vote in the upcoming General Local Election!

The District of Summerland will be using the most recent 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**. Advanced registration closes August 23, 2022.



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 or **250-404-4037**.

Candidate Nomination Packages Available

For those interested in seeking election to Council or School board this fall, nomination packages are now available for pick up at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, or by emailing the Chief Election Officer at elections@summerland.ca.

The election, set to take place October 15, will see Summerland residents vote for one mayor, six councillors and two school trustees.

The formal nomination period begins August 30 and ends September 9. Nomination packages will only be received by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer during this period.

For more information please visit the District of Summerland website for more details. Questions can also be directed to elections@summerland.ca or by calling **250-404-4037**.

Giants Head Road upgrades

The Giants Head Road watermain replacement and road reconstruction project is underway from Harris Road to Hillborn Street. The project is estimated to be completed by November 2022. The public is asked to follow all detours and traffic control to allow space for the contractor to safely complete the work. Commercial vehicles are asked to use alternate routes.



Dare to be Great and Celebrate your Health!

Summerland Community Services has a wide range of fitness, wellness and recreation programs for all ages this fall. These affordable programs will help you exercise your mind and body. The Fall Recreation Guide runs from September to December 2022.

New programs for Fall 2022:

Okanagan Freestyle Fencing, Learn to Curl for both youth & adult, Rise & Flow Yoga, Hatha Yoga & Meditation Series and Yoga for all bodies.

Swim Lesson Update for January

2023: Summerland Aquatic Centre will be transiting from Red Cross swim lessons to Swim for Life swim lessons in January 2023. Please see page 18 of the Fall Recreation Guide to review the transition chart for registration.

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**.



Questions about the Upcoming Municipal Election?

In October 2022, Summerland residents will vote for and elect one mayor, six councillors and two school trustees in the 2022 General Local Election. Information for voters, candidates and general information regarding the election can be found on the District of Summerland website at <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections>.

Question about the general local election may be directed to the Chief Election Officer at elections@summerland.ca or **250-404-4037**.

Invasive Plant Alert—

Puncturevine

Puncturevine is a low growing plant that matures from a taproot and branches in all directions up to 3 metres in length. The stems are covered by hairy leaves that are divided into six to eight leaflets. Flowers are small and yellow. The fruit is a roughly circular, hard spiny bud with five sections that split when mature. Each section has two spines that are so sharp and hard they can pop bike tires, puncture shoe soles or embed in dogs' paws. Puncturevine prefers sandy or well-drained soils and readily invades disturbed ground. There is very little puncturevine in Summerland, so please REPORT this plant if you find it. If you have puncturevine on your property, take action. Hand-pulling can provide good control if done prior to seed formation. If done after seed set, pick up any loose seedpods and place in the garbage to prevent re-infestation. For more information go to <https://www.oiso.ca/species/puncturevine/>.



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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