

Mayor & Council

The District of Summerland is governed by an elected Council comprised of one Mayor and six Councillors. The Local Government Act and Community Charter give Council the authority to establish policies to guide growth, development and operations of the District and to levy taxes to provide services.

Meet your new Mayor & Council who will serve for the next four years from 2022-2026.

From left to right: Councillors Richard Barkwill, Martin (Marty) Van Alphen, Adrienne Betts, Mayor Doug Holmes, Councillors Erin Trainer, Janet Peake, and Doug Patan.



Summerland Rodeo Grounds Master Plan

The District of Summerland is undertaking a master planning process for the Rodeo Grounds property which is 74 acres of parkland located at 18707 Bathville Road. The project consultants are in the initial stages of completing a site assessment and gathering input from the public. The community is invited to submit feedback through an online survey (up to December 15). Please visit www.summerland.ca/rodeo-grounds-master-plan for project updates, to complete the survey, and to learn more about future opportunities for public input.

Invest in you and get active in 2023!



Check out our 2023 Winter Recreation Guide online at <https://summerland.ca/recreation> to see all the programs and services we have to offer.

NEW for 2023! The Summerland Aquatic Centre will transition to the Lifesaving Society "Swim for Life" program starting in January. The "Swim for Life" swim level transition chart can be found on page 17 of the 2023 Winter Recreation Guide.

Looking for activities over the Holiday Break? Check pages 4 & 5 of the 2023 Winter Recreation Guide for Holiday Swim and Skate schedules.

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for Winter 2023. 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 by phone at 250-494-0447.

35th Annual Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens

The Summerland Fire Department, CIBC, Second Home Café & Grill, along with its many helpers, are once again sponsoring the annual drive for Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens.

We are now accepting **new** unwrapped gifts and toonies to purchase new gifts for tots and teens in Summerland.

Donations are accepted at:
Summerland Fire Hall & the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC)
 Closing date: **December 16, 2022**

All gifts are distributed under the direction of the Summerland Food Bank.



One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

Council highlights

For residents that do not have time to review the Council meeting package or meeting recordings, the District of Summerland is introducing "Council highlights". This document will provide a high-level summary of Council's discussion and associated decisions for the meetings that day.

You can find it on the District's website <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/council-meetings/council-highlights?pname=Council%20Highlights> or sign up to the email group corporateofficer@summerland.ca to have the highlights sent directly to your inbox.

Winter holiday safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to gather together. Risk for fire is higher during the festive season. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Facts:

- More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.
- A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes more than one in every five fires.
- Almost one third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.



Holiday decorating tips

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only manufactured for indoor or outdoor use, not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Christmas tree safety

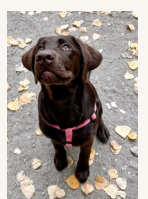
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" off from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

Before heading out or going to bed

- Blow out lit candles.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations.

Dog and business licence renewals

Dog and business licence renewals will be mailed out mid-December and are due January 31, 2023. If you do not receive your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require it, please call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca.



Lakeshore Drive North

The District received funding to properly repair and improve the rock "rip-rap" shielding along a section of Lakeshore Drive North. When higher lake levels exceeded full pool in recent years, it caused erosion of the banks and existing material to start failing.



A temporary correction was made to stop further erosion until a permanent solution with little environmental impact was planned. The repair and installation of rock armouring to the damaged section is complete and the project will continue in spring 2023 to finish the road shouldering, base repair and paving of the east side travel lane.

Bird seed alert

Did you know birdseed can be a source of invasive plants? Seed houses and retailers mix their own and are not required to declare the contents. Bindweed, bull thistle, Canada thistle and puncturevine are some of the invasive plants found in seed mixes. When the seeds of these invasive species fall to the ground, they can germinate and become problematic on your property and neighbouring lands.

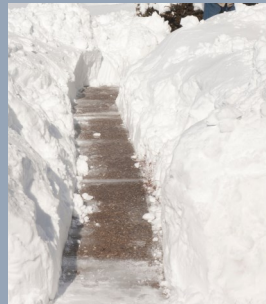


If you choose to feed the birds this winter, create the mix yourself. Or consider baking the seeds on cookie sheets at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. The seed still tastes good to the birds, but the heat prevents germination. In the spring, remove any unusual plants growing near your bird feeder, before the plant goes to seed. Alternatively, consider growing a garden of native perennials and grasses upon which birds can feast.

Learn more at www.oasiss.ca or www.oiso.ca.

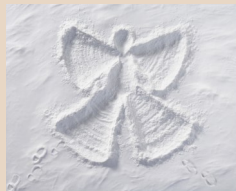
Sidewalk clearing

Municipal bylaws require that you remove the snow and ice from public footpaths and sidewalks bordering your property (business or residential). Any snow or ice that accumulates before noon must be removed by noon that day. If it snows in the afternoon, you have until noon of the next day to remove it. Failure to do so could result in the District having the sidewalk cleaned at your expense. We ask that you use a de-icing agent with "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it causes damage to concrete. Please help to keep Summerland's sidewalks safe for all pedestrians that use them.



Be a "Snow Angel" this winter

When there is snow and ice, getting around can be difficult and dangerous, especially for seniors and those with limited mobility. The Snow Angel program is all about neighbours helping neighbours. Simply shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows.



The key to building a strong community starts on your street and with people that live around you. Residents are encouraged to complete the nomination form found on the District's website or at Municipal Hall and let us know if a Snow Angel came to your rescue. The Mayor will acknowledge them with a certificate and their name will be entered into a draw. One lucky Snow Angel will win a prize.

Call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca if you require more information. Spread kindness like confetti and make a difference in your community!

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>

website: 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>

Giants Head Road

The newly installed water mains on Giants Head Road between Harris Road and Gartrell Road have been tied into the Summerland water system. Road work and paving will commence in the spring when temperatures increase enough to meet required specifications. The road will be ploughed and open for local traffic during the winter months. Water mains are being installed on Giants Head Road between Gartrell Road and Hillborn Street, work will continue as weather permits.



Christmas tree pick-up

With a donation to the 2023 Dry Grad Class, you can have your Christmas tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department. Carry on the Christmas Spirit and do a good deed for Dry Grad 2023 and the environment. Trees will be chipped and composted by the Summerland Fire Department and the District of Summerland.



Pick-Up Dates will be:

Sunday, January 8 and Sunday, January 15, 2023

Starting December 15, you may call the Fire Department to schedule a pick-up. Phone 250-404-4087 or email sfd@summerland.ca.

Snow removal

District staff are on standby seven days a week to provide essential services to our residents. Please help our snow removal crew by parking your vehicle(s) off the road when possible. When clearing your driveway, stockpile snow on the right side when facing the road and not onto roadways. This prevents the snow you removed from being ploughed back in front of your driveway. Heavy snow days and equipment failures can affect the delivery of snow removal services, priority routes are focused on first (e.g. school bus routes), then other streets. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work diligently to clear our roads throughout the winter. Your cooperation and patience are appreciated!



* District of Summerland Holiday Closures

Municipal and Works & Infrastructure Offices
Closed Dec 24-Jan 2

Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Closed Dec 24 at 2pm
Closed Dec 25 & 26
Closed on Dec 31 at 2pm
Closed Jan 1

Summerland Arena
Closed Dec 24 & 31 at 3pm
Closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1

Fire Hall Office
Closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1
Please always call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Landfill
Closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1

If you have an emergency related to water, sewer, roads, parks or electrical utility, please contact the District's Answering Service at 250-493-0005

Important utility billing information

Due to the office being closed for the holidays, the **due date** for this month's utility bills will be **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**.

If you are moving, please visit <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/utility-billing> to update your account.