



November is the month when Council begins its annual budget deliberations, first for the three utilities (water, wastewater, electrical) and then for general operations and capital.

Council will discuss the utility budgets during the week of November 20 with a virtual public open house scheduled for December 6. Input from the open house will be considered at the December 19 Council meeting and any rate increases would then come up for adoption at a special Council meeting on December 21.

The general budget will be deliberated the week of December 18 with an in-person open house scheduled for January 17. Input from the open house will be considered at the February 6 Council meeting and the budget would then come up for adoption at the February 27 Council meeting.

Budgets serve as a blueprint for how the District collects and allocates the financial resources needed to achieve Council's goals and policies, with utilities supported by monthly utility rates and the general budget supported primarily by property taxes and user fees.

While Council's strategic priorities establish the vision for our full four-year term, the budgeting process breaks down those priorities and helps us to consider how they'll be paid for and implemented on an annual basis.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Unlimited yard & garden waste curbside collection – week of November 14 to 17

1. Fill your Green Yard & Garden Waste Cart and put it out for collection.
2. Place additional Yard & Garden Waste out beside your cart for collection as follows:



- In "kraft" style yard waste paper bags, or
- In any container that is clearly marked as "Yard Waste Only", has a volume capacity of 95 Litres or less and a maximum weight of 25 kgs. "Yard Waste Only" labels are available for free from the Cashier's counter at Municipal Hall
- Bundle branches, 5 centimetres in diameter and under, with string or twine. Bundles must be less than 1 metre long and weigh less than 25 kgs

Please note that paper bags that are ripped or heavily saturated will not be collected. Materials must be placed out for collection by 7:00 AM on your regular collection day. An additional truck will collect the extra yard & garden waste after the garbage is collected.

Sani-station seasonal closure

The Trout Creek Sani-Station will be closed for the season as of Tuesday, November 14, 2023.



Remembrance Day—November 11

Please take time on Saturday, November 11 to honour and remember those who proudly served our country.

The Legion will hold its annual service:

- 10:30 AM—parade form up in front of library
- 10:45 AM—march to Cenotaph
- 11:00 AM—Ceremony begins (chairs available for those in need)
- 2:00 PM—5:00 PM—Entertainment at the Legion
- 5:00 PM—dinner; no charge for Veterans & caregivers, but must pick up ticket; all others \$25.00



Over 50 banners of WWI and WWII Summerland soldiers are displayed on our street light standards. Have a look at the banners throughout Summerland!

District Offices Closed November 11

The Landfill, Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be closed on Saturday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.



"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless."

~Mother Teresa

Project updates

Dale Meadows watermain and road improvements from Gould Avenue to Dale Meadows Sports Complex entrance – Watermain installation is nearly complete on Dale Meadows Road from Gould Avenue to the entrance of the Dale Meadows Sports Complex. Crews will begin testing the watermain in preparation for connecting to our water system. Roadwork and the installation of a path to connect to Dale Meadows Park on the western portion of the project will begin after water testing is completed.



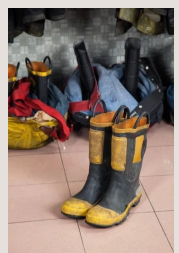
Victoria Road South stormwater replacement and multi-use pathway installation project - Concrete curbing and drainage infrastructure have been installed on Victoria Road South. The section of road and path work currently under construction will be completed this fall with the final section south to Agur Street being completed in the Spring.

Rotary Beach Park Pier - The pier at Rotary Beach Park was removed in September due to public safety concerns. As much as was practical, wood waste produced in the demolition was collected and will be reused by the Rotary Club for future fundraising projects. Environmental permits for the pier replacement have been submitted to the Province for review prior to construction occurring.



Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens Breakfast

Join the Summerland Fire Department Saturday, November 25 from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM at Second Home Café & Grill, located at 13229 Henry Avenue, for the annual Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens breakfast. Let them serve you pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs, along with pastries from True Grain Bakery. Breakfast is by donation of cash, brand new unwrapped gifts or Canadian Tire money. All funds received go towards purchasing gifts for children and teens in need that live in Summerland. Firefighters will also be 'shaking the boot' for donations at the Festival of Lights on November 24.



Summerland Organics Facility Grand Opening

The District of Summerland officially opened the new organics (compost) facility at the Summerland Landfill on September 29. The site will compost Summerland's wastewater treatment sludge with wood chips separately from the composting of residential food waste and yard waste, resulting in two different, high quality, compost products which will be available to purchase at the landfill in the future. Stay tuned in early 2024 for information on the curbside collection of residential food waste program startup.

The District of Summerland has begun the application process to register the compost site with the Province. For more information on this application process please visit the District of Summerland webpage, call Works & Infrastructure at 250-494-0431 or email works&infrastructure@summerland.ca.



Be prepared to drive in winter conditions

- Ensure your vehicle is equipped for the weather – use winter tires.
- Maintain a safe following distance – look ahead, keep at least 4 seconds distance.
- Reduce your speed to match road conditions – the posted speed is the maximum speed under ideal conditions.
- Watch for black ice – especially common in shaded areas, under an overpass and in areas where vehicles frequently stop.
- Accelerate and brake slowly – to maintain traction.
- Avoid sudden moves – look ahead to anticipate stops and turns well before they occur.
- Know how to handle a skid – do not brake, ease off accelerator, and look and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go.
- See and be seen – turn your vehicle lights all the way on, so your tail lights come on as well.
- Be cautious when approaching District maintenance vehicles and staff – they are trying to get you safely to your destination.

Recreation programs for fall

Fall swim lessons running November 20–December 14 will open for registration on November 8 at midnight. These Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs lesson sets include all levels from Parent & Tot up to Swimmer 6. The Winter Recreation Guide, spanning from Jan 2–March 29, 2024, will be available to view online Dec 1 and registration opens at midnight on Dec 5. Visit us at summerland.perfectmind.com to register for programs such as pilates, swim lessons, ninja and much more. Follow Summerland Recreation on Facebook facebook.com/SummerlandRec/ for up to date information on all program releases.



What to do if you see a fallen power line

It's impossible to tell just by sight or sound if a power line that has fallen on the ground or become damaged is still live – it doesn't always spark, smoke or make a buzzing sound. If you come across a downed or damaged power line, it's important to treat it as an emergency situation. Stay back at least 10 metres (the length of a city bus) and report it to 911.



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 www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe

Winter curbside cart collection

With winter on its way, follow these guidelines for successful curbside collection:



- Ensure the areas around and under your carts are clear of snow.
- Place carts as close as possible to the road, without obstructing the snow removal operations, street, sidewalk or bike lane.
- Do not place carts behind or on top of a snow bank.
- Ensure there is proper spacing around the carts:
 - 1m (3ft) of space on all sides;
 - 3m (10ft) of clearance above; and
 - 0.5m (5ft) of space from a vehicle.

The District of Summerland curbside collection contractor will make every attempt to pick up waste material during winter conditions. However, their top priority is resident and employee safety.

In the event of a collection delay:

- Please place your cart(s) out **each day** following the delay until collection can be completed safely.
- When service is resumed, the contractor will collect any extra accumulated material, at no extra charge, equivalent to the amount that would have been collected if service had not been temporarily interrupted.

To sign up for curbside notifications/alerts and for more information on winter curbside cart collection please visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste

Ensure your family is prepared for an unplanned power outage

Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer – up to days or even weeks. Power outages are often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. You may also be left without phone or internet service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges.



You can greatly lessen the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. You and your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours. Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca



The Summerland Chamber of Commerce and the District of Summerland are thrilled to announce the 36th Annual Summerland Festival of Lights on Friday, November 24th from 5:00 PM—9:00 PM.

This year's festivities will feature the Re/Max Orchard Country Main Stage, Family Stage, and Family Fun Zone. All of your favourite food & artisan vendors will be lining both Main Street & Victoria Road N. and, of course, finishing the evening off with an amazing fireworks display!