

YOUR FAMILY SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY FOR UP TO 72 HOURS

Emergencies can happen anytime in any city. This Christmas on Vancouver Island, tens of thousands had no electricity for days. If Summerland was without power for a few days - would you be prepared? Residents should be prepared to take care of themselves for a minimum of 72 hours. Without electricity, what would you use for lighting, how would you stay warm in your home, cook your food, charge your electronics, use an elevator and if on a water well, how will you get water? These are things that need to be thought of ahead of time so you are prepared if or when an incident happens.

In addition to power outages, there are natural disasters that can happen and other types of risks, such as floods, wildfires, and industrial or transportation accidents. It is important to be prepared for any situation.

Make a Plan

Every Canadian household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency. Plan a meeting place or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations. Public Safety Canada offers brochures on specific risks, such as earthquakes, power outages, floods and severe storms. Download copies from GetPrepared.ca.

Build an Emergency Kit

Create a home emergency kit and remember to add personal items, such as prescription medications, an extra pair of eyeglasses and copies of important documents like passports, birth certificates and insurance papers. Always make sure emergency kits are in easily accessible locations.



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BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC

- First Aid kit and medications
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Garbage bags, moist towelettes and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Copy of your emergency plan, copies of important documents and cash in small bills
- Water, four litres per person per day, for three days to one week, for drinking and sanitation
- Battery-powered or hand crank flashlight with extra batteries
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
- Whistle to signal for help
- A three-day to one-week supply of non-perishable food and manual can opener
- Seasonal clothing and footwear

For more emergency preparedness information, visit: Emergency Management BC Website - <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

SKATEPARK TO OPEN IN THE SPRING

After deliberations with Council, the Skatepark Committee and staff, it was decided that for safety reasons, the skatepark is to remain closed until fencing, landscaping, signage and other components have been completed. The public is asked to please stay off the site until it is finished and ready to go. The skatepark will be officially opened in the spring for all to enjoy.



Above: Mayor Boot receives a cheque from FortisBC

SAVING BY SWITCHING TO LED

The District of Summerland is achieving impressive savings by making the switch to LED streetlights supported by FortisBC and the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

This month, FortisBC presented a cheque to Mayor Boot for \$89,000 in rebates for our street lighting upgrade project. The project is expected to save the community over \$72,000/year in operating costs.



JOIN US FOR BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Budget discussions are taking place and now is the chance to give Council your input! Please check the posted agendas to see what is being discussed on what date.

Grant in Aid requests will be reviewed on February 11th at 1:30pm. Special Meetings will take place February 19th at 6:00pm, February 20th at 1:00pm and February 28th at 10:00am. An Introduction to the proposed 2019 Financial Plan is scheduled for March 11th at 7:00pm and the Open House will follow April 3rd 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

BYLAW UPDATES FOR ENERGY SELF-GENERATION

Council is committed to providing an affordable and easy-to-navigate program for customers who generate electricity on their property using solar or other renewable energy sources.

As part of the revamping of the District's net metering program, an update to the Fees and Charges Bylaw has been adopted effective March 1st to reduce the fees customers pay for participating in the program and to outline how residential customers can be compensated for excess energy they produce.

Solar customers in Summerland have historically sold excess energy back to the grid – the bylaw update formalizes that process and clarifies how the program works. Existing customers will receive a letter explaining the update in detail.

Anyone with questions about an existing installation or who is interested in solar for their property can contact climate.action@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4068.

Come out & play ...



Sunday, February 17

FAMILY SKATE

Summerland Arena
6:00 - 7:00 pm
during existing public skate

Free entry & free skate rentals



Monday, February 18

FAMILY SWIM

Summerland Aquatic Centre
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Facility opening only for this event

Free entry & free refreshments

This event is supported by the Province of British Columbia.



BE A "SNOW ANGEL" THIS WINTER



Snow Angel is a snow removal awareness and recognition program to encourage residents to help their neighbours in need during the winter months.

To be a Snow Angel, simply help out a neighbour and shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows. Residents are encouraged to complete the nomination form found on front page of the District's website www.summerland.ca or at Municipal Hall and let us know if a Snow Angel came to your rescue so the District can acknowledge them.

SNOW 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 snows falls in the afternoon, it must be cleared by noon the next day. Failure to do so could result in the District having the sidewalk cleaned at your expense. We ask that you use a de-icing "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it can cause damage. Please help to keep Summerland's sidewalks safe.

PARK YOUR VEHICLES OFF THE ROAD

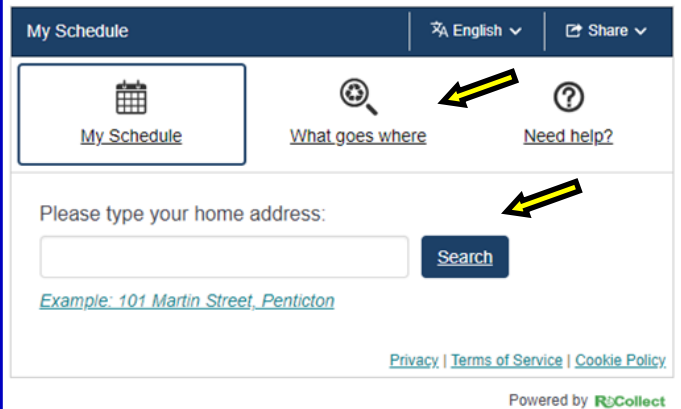
Please help out District snow removal crews by parking your vehicle(s) off the road. When clearing your driveway, stockpile snow on the right side when facing the road. This prevents the snow you removed from being ploughed back in front of your driveway. Thank you for your cooperation.

SNOWPACK

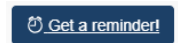
Snowpack readings are taken monthly from January until the snow is melted. Average snow depth and average water equivalent (amount of water contained in the snow) are recorded and are compared to the historical average. Snow Pack readings from January 1st measured about 94% of historical average for the Summerland Reservoir and about 73% for the Isintok Reservoir. For further information, please visit the District's website.

RECEIVED NOTIFICATIONS AND ALERTS REGARDING CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Residents can sign up to receive a reminder for your collection day and any service alerts that may affect your collection. At the bottom of the District of Summerland Garbage, Recycling, and Yard & Garden Waste webpage, found at www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling, you will see this:



Simply type in your address and search. Click and select your preferred reminder method.



What Goes Where?

Residents can also search items to learn how to properly dispose of them by selecting the "What goes where" button (located above the address) and typing in your material.

Please call Works and Utilities at 250-494-0431 if you have any questions.

TROPICAL SWIM Saturday, March 9th 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Family Fun Swim! Games and activities of a tropical nature.

Advance tickets are available at the Aquatic Centre - \$5.00 per person.



VEGETATION AND POWER LINES

As per District of Summerland Bylaw No. 2255, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep trees, shrubs and plants trimmed back a minimum of 3 metres at all times so they do not interfere with power or service lines, or with electric meter accessibility. Removal of vegetation within 3 metres of a power line must be done by a qualified utility arborist.

