



Rotary Donation to Giant's Head Mountain Trails Redevelopment Project
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The Summerland Rotary Club presented the District of Summerland with a cheque for \$25,000 recently. Rotary is partnering with the District and has committed to donating \$100,000 towards development of the Giant's Head Trails.

Phases 1 and 2 of the Giant's Head Mountain Trails Redevelopment Project has a budget of \$725,000 of which \$435,000 is from the BC Rural Dividend Fund, \$100,000 from Rotary and \$190,000 from the District Gas Tax Community Works Fund. Work for these phases include trail improvement, erosion control and environmental protection, a new multi-use trail on the east side, improved guard rails and entrance improvements.

BUSINESS LICENCES

The 2019 Business Licence renewals have been mailed out and are due January 31st.

If you operate a business in Summerland (even if it is from your home) you must have a valid licence. Anyone with a Business Licence automatically becomes a member of the Summerland Chamber of Commerce. InterCommunity Licences, to operate in surrounding areas, are also available to qualified businesses that have a regular licence.

Look for a stamped 2019 Licence displayed in the places where you shop and support our local businesses.

For inquiries regarding Business Licences, or if you no longer require a licence, please call Municipal Hall at 250-494-6451 or email business@summerland.ca.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Regular Meetings are held at 7pm in Council Chambers on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (or Tuesday following a holiday).
- Meetings are open to the public.
- The public has two opportunities to speak - 15 minutes is designated at the beginning of the meeting to speak on an item on the agenda prior to any decisions being made (two minutes per person). This excludes items on that agenda that have an opportunity for public input during the meeting. Also, 15 minutes is designated at the end of a meeting to speak on items relating to local government.
- Agendas for the meetings are available the Friday before the meeting on the website and also at Municipal Hall.
- Once adopted, minutes are posted on the website.
- Shaw TV broadcasts Regular Meetings on Thursday at 11:00am.
- Video recordings of the meetings can be found on our website.
- As required, Committee of the Whole Meetings will typically take place at 1:30pm on Monday, the week before Regular Council meetings.

For more information, please contact Nicole Cressman, Manager of Legislative Services at ncressman@summerland.ca.

AGE-FRIENDLY GRANT APPROVED- NOW SEEKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Summerland was successful in obtaining a \$21,460 grant from Ministry of Health to assist in the development and implementation of policies and plans to best support aging populations in Summerland.

With this grant funding, the District plans to conduct a high-level age-friendly assessment of the community looking at 8 main categories. This assessment will enable both the municipality and senior-serving groups to identify ways in which their work overlaps, and find ways to work together on projects of shared priority. These projects will make the community assessable for all ages and abilities. This assessment and action plan is slated to occur over 9 months in 2019.

If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please complete the Committee Application Form found on our website www.summerland.ca. For questions, call or email Angelique Wood, Community Development Coordinator at 250-404-4066 or awood@summerland.ca.

ALL ABOUT DOGS

All dogs in Summerland must be licensed by the age of six months. Unless you are authorized to run a kennel, no more than three dogs are allowed per household. Licences cost \$40 per year, but if your dog is spayed or neutered the cost is \$20. **Renewals have now been sent for 2019 and are due by January 31st.**

Dogs must be leashed while on a highway or other public place and secured or tethered while in a building, on property or in a vehicle. They can run freely at the Doggy Beach anytime or at Peach Orchard Beach from October to April. Owners are required to pick up after their dogs, so please carry plastic bags with you or find one in a District Doggy Bag stand.

The District contracts out Dog Control services. If you've found or lost a dog, have a complaint about a dog barking or being aggressive, or see a dog at large, call **Dog Control at 250-494-6446**.



HAPPY NEW YEAR SUMMERLAND!

GET MOVING IN 2019

The District of Summerland supports your New Year's resolutions for an active and healthy lifestyle. The **Winter 2019 Recreation Guide** offers something for everyone! A Health Club pass includes access to the fitness centre, pool, hot tub, sauna and all aquafit classes. Try something new for 2019 – like Stretching for Stiff Bodies, Yoga or Pilates, Bootcamps, Free Your Mind Meditation, Zumba, REFIT to name a few. Swim Lessons & Wellness Programs for your whole family – babies, teens and in between! Register online at www.summerland.ca or in person at the Recreation Office.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP



With a donation to the 2019 Dry Grad class you can have your Christmas Tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department and 2019 Grads.

To book a pick up for Sunday, January 6 or Sunday, January 13 please call the Fire Department 250-404-4087 or email

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 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 "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it can cause damage. Please help to keep Summerland's sidewalks safe for all that use them.

Parking your vehicle off the road helps our snow removal crew. When clearing snow from your driveway, stockpile snow on the right side when facing the road. This prevents the snow you removed from being pushed back in front of your driveway by the snow plough.



UTILITY RATE INCREASES

In order to strengthen capital reserve levels and to ensure financial stability is in place for future capital needs, residents will see an electrical rate increase of 2% on the January billings (the bill will be

received in February) and water rates (not including agricultural) and sewer rates will increase by 5% effective January 1, 2019.

An average single-family home will see the following annual utility increase:

Sewer \$18.79
Water \$35.83
Electric \$31.90

WELL LICENCING WORKSHOP

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) will be hosting a Free Producer Well Licencing Workshop on January 31, 12:30pm—4:00pm at their office, 101 Martin Street, Penticton. This workshop is for those who have a well for any non-domestic use (other than single household), or who use ground water for agriculture. This workshop will save you application fees, time and errors. RDOS staff, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Forest Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development reps, Agriculture sector reps and Interior Health will be on hand to supply tech support, digital maps, assist with the application process and answer questions on dugouts, stored or seasonal water, ground or surface water. Call Zoe Kirk at the RDOS 250-490-4110 or email zkirk@rdos.bc.ca for details and to reserve a spot. Seating is limited.



SUMMERLAND'S NEW SKATEPARK

Construction of the Summerland Skatepark is done for the winter. Work will continue in the spring to put the final touches as sealing the expansion joints. Once the weather starts warming, the District of Summerland will complete the park with landscaping and signage.

This project has been funded by the Federal Gas Tax Program with significant contributions from Pennylane Charity Shop Society and School District #67.

We look forward to opening the skatepark to the public this spring!



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.

OTHER FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING

Starting January 1st, 2019 the District will be accepting "Other Flexible Plastic Packaging" for recycling at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill Recycling Depot. Other Flexible Plastic Packaging material must be separate from other recyclable materials accepted at the Recycling Depot and cannot be placed in your blue curbside recycling cart. Flexible Plastic Packaging includes: stand-up & zipper lock pouches, crinkly wrappers, bars & bags, flexible packaging with plastic seals, woven & net plastic bags, non-food protective packaging.

For more information on how to recycle Other Flexible Plastic Packaging please visit www.summerland.ca/ofpp