

## SPRING CLEANING

The Works Division Crews will be heading out soon to sweep Summerland's 315 lane kilometres of roads, which is equivalent to driving to Salmon Arm and back! Crews start in the lower town area and work their way up to the higher elevations. This is a two-step process, with the Crews first removing the heavier sand with the front broom articulating sweeper, loader and dump truck. The second step is to pick up the remaining finer particles with the vacuum sweeper which takes several passes until each road is clean. This is a slower process as the vacuum sweeper requires more time to cover the same area. If you see or hear the sweeper in your area, please give us a helping hand by moving your vehicle if it is parked on the street. Thanks for your co-operation!



## COMPOST BINS FOR SALE March 1st—23rd

In conjunction with the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), the District will be selling Compost Bins (\$44.00 plus taxes) and Green Cone Composters (\$105.15 plus taxes). Residents can purchase these units at Municipal Hall until **March 23rd**. Bins will be available for pickup at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue on Earth Day, April 22nd.

### EASY BACKYARDS—LEARN HOW

There are many free, informative workshops on composting, rain harvesting and reducing wildlife conflict available in Penticton until April. For more information on the compost bins or workshops contact the RDOS at 250-490-4129 or visit their website [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca).



## KUDOS TO ALL OUR SNOW ANGELS



A big thank you goes out to all of our wonderful Snow Angels that ranged from children to seniors. Although we didn't have many snowfalls this year, the one record breaking snowfall really showed everyone what a great community Summerland is and how people help others when the going gets tough. We received over 75 names from thankful neighbours. There were too many names to list them all, but every Snow Angel was very much appreciated for the assistance they provided. Sharon Cizmar won the draw for a nice dinner out at a local restaurant.

## SPRING IS COMING!

### CURBSIDE COLLECTION – YARD WASTE PICKUP

The first Yard Waste pickup of the year is on your regular garbage day the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Place yard waste in containers with *Yard Waste* decals on them or in Kraft paper yard bags. Free decals are available at City Hall.



### SANI-DUMP REOPENING IN MARCH

The Sani-Dump located at the Trout Creek pullout will reopen Friday, March 6th. Payments are only accepted by credit card.



### SPRING RECREATION BROCHURE

Watch for the Spring Recreation Brochure which will be available Tuesday, March 3rd. Don't be disappointed and miss out on the activity you want to join - register right away.



### COMPOST FOR SALE

Do your gardens need some tender loving care? Head up to the Summerland Landfill with your containers/bags and shovel, and pay 2 cents per kilogram (minimum charge \$2.00) for premium compost! We'll even load your pickup truck for you for approximately \$10.00 per pickup load.

### TREE TRIMMING

As per District Bylaw 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. Many of the power disruptions on November 26, 2014 were due to fallen trees on private property. Removal of vegetation within 3 metres of a power line must be done by a utility arborist.

### CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time - Sunday, March 8th at 2:00am move your clocks ahead one hour.



## A Few Council Hi-Lites...

Check our website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

- Third Period Departmental Reports were presented by Directors describing the work, projects, and accomplishments completed from October - December 2014. The report can be viewed on our website.
- Council gave approval to the core budget and discretionary spending lists. Approval was also given to a 3% property tax increase for infrastructure replacement, a 5% water rate increase for all non-irrigator water, a 5% sewer rate increase and a 2.625% electric rate increase in each year of the 5 yr financial plan.
- A select committee, consisting of Mayor Waterman, and Councillors Boot and Trainer, was developed to research the Official Community Plan bylaw amendments and proposed bylaw amendments since 2008 and report their findings back to Council in April.
- Council gave approval to a request from Barbara Thorburn, Chair of the Community Cultural Advocacy Committee, for Council to form a community-led Task Force to develop a Community Cultural Plan for Summerland and to complete this mandate within 12 months.
- A Public Hearing will be held March 9th at 7pm regarding a zoning amendment application for 5815 Highway 97 (at the intersection of Johnson St). A request has been made to rezone the property so that an additional four lots can be created and increase the subdivision from 15 lots to 19 lots.
- A boundary re-alignment subdivision within the Agricultural Land Reserve for 8900 and 9610 Gilman Road was denied.
- Councillor Trainer volunteered to work with a group from Interior Health after hearing their presentation regarding plans to enhance health and wellness in Summerland.
- \$115,000 Grant-in-Aid was approved for the Okanagan Regional Library to cover future underground wiring costs required in the construction of the new library.

### Advertising at our Bus Shelters

Advertising space is available at our bus shelters. The cost is \$125 per 3 months for an inside panel and \$250 per 3 months for an outside panel. They hold a sign up to 45.5" x 67". If you are interested in advertising, please contact Works and Utilities at 250-494-0431 or email [worksandutilities@summerland.ca](mailto:worksandutilities@summerland.ca).

### MORE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS COUNCIL



A new bylaw is now in place that gives residents the opportunity to ask questions or give comments at the beginning of the Regular evening Council meetings, prior to voting taking place. As well, the new procedural changes allow for public comment at the close of our meetings prior to adjournment (previously comments were after adjournment and were not recorded in the minutes). These opportunities for public participation are in addition to regular public comment that is already a matter of regular procedure.

### Residential/Commercial Water Meters

Utility Bills now include the new Water Meter rates:

- Base rate of \$26.67 (\$24 with the discount) - this cost assists in covering infrastructure to have water available.
- Consumption Rate of 0.29 per cubic metre (0.26 with the discount). A very generous amount of water is allotted to each parcel depending on the lot size.
- Additional Rate of \$1.11 per cubic metre (\$1.00 with the discount) for amounts used OVER the allotment.

### IRRIGATION ASSESSMENT ROLL REVIEW

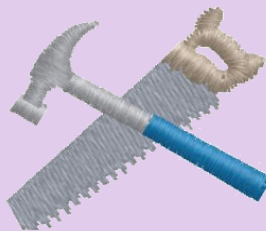
The Irrigation Assessment Roll is now available for review. Owners may request the Roll be amended if there is an error or omission in regards to the name, address, inclusion of a parcel or the arable land acreage assessment. Request for amendments should be made in writing and received at Municipal Hall by Wednesday, March 18th, 2015.



### Summerland's Water is Excellent! Why Use Bottled Water When you can Drink Water Right from your Tap?

Did you know...through Canada's Drinking Water Guidelines, municipalities are required to test drinking water multiple times daily while bottled water is regulated under the Food and Drug Act as a low-risk product and bottled water plants are inspected on average every one to three years.

### ATTENTION BUILDERS



Summerland Builders Mart and the District will be hosting a joint information session for local builders on the recent changes to the Building Code. Presentations will be given by the District along with other suppliers and building officials.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015 at 4:00pm  
SUMMERLAND BUILDERS MART

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WEBSITE  
[WWW.SUMMERLAND.CA](http://WWW.SUMMERLAND.CA)



Tropical  
Paradise  
Swim  
March 7th  
6:30pm  
Tickets \$5.00



Climate Action Pilot  
Project  
Submission deadline  
is March 31st.