

## Finlay Creek Fire

The Finlay Creek fire was discovered on Saturday, September 2nd, 2017. It is burning between Peachland and Summerland and is approximately 1,000 hectares in size. The fire has been difficult to map because of the heavy smoke and steep terrain.

BC Wildfire Service reports that as of Wednesday, September 6th, 47 firefighters, 10 helicopters and 23 pieces of heavy equipment are working on the fire. Additional resources are also arriving to assist efforts. Over the next few days, a fire camp is being moved into Summerland Living Memorial Park (Snow Ave.) and these crews will be added to the firefighting efforts. They have stated that the fire remains active and is considered Rank 3 which refers to a vigorous surface fire. The firefighters continue to build guards around the perimeter with air support assistance.

Information and updates on how the Finlay Creek Fire is impacting residents of Summerland can be found on the District of Summerland Facebook page (@SummerlandBC), on the website ([www.summerland.ca/wildfire](http://www.summerland.ca/wildfire)) or on Twitter. Updates are made as new information is received. Telephone inquiries may also be made to the Summerland Wildfire Information Line at 250-486-3765.

Information is also posted by the BC Wildfire Service at [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca). Updates on this fire can be found under "Wildfires of Note" – Finlay Creek. The BC Wildfire Service has assigned two information officers available to provide information to the public regarding the wildfire activity: Heather Rice 250-306-9163 or Rachel Witt 250-255-5738.

Effective September 6th, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (BC Wildfire Service) has implemented an area restriction for all Crown land in the vicinity of the Finlay Creek wildfire. The area includes Darke Lake Provincial Park, Garnet Lake and Munro Lake Service Road. Restriction details can be found on the BC Wildfire site.

Within the Summerland municipal boundaries, twenty nine (29) properties along Garnet Valley Road (from Wildhorse Road and north) were put on an Evacuation Alert on Monday, September 4th. RCMP hand delivered notices door to door. The Evacuation Alert was issued as a precautionary measure and residents should be taking appropriate measures in the case that fire activity escalates. The Evacuation Alert remains in effect. One property on Meadow Valley Road and another at the very end of Garnet Valley Road were evacuated as the fire grew.

Construction on the Garnet Valley Water System Separation Project will be limited to ensure full access in the case of an Evacuation Order and for firefighting efforts. It is requested that access to Garnet Valley Road be limited to personnel and equipment involved in firefighting activity and local traffic. Please be respectful and stay away from areas nearest the fire.

### What Happens if you are Evacuated



If it is necessary to evacuate residents from their homes, an Evacuation Order will be delivered and each property will be advised.

**Information is posted and updated on the District of Summerland Twitter, Facebook, and website as any situation occurs in Summerland that affects our residents.** The media (radio, TV, paper, etc) is also notified and is provided updates.

If ordered to evacuate, you must leave the area immediately and register at an Emergency Social Service (ESS) Reception Centre. The location will be posted on the Evacuation Order and advertised at the time of an event. ESS will help with food, lodging, pet care and other support.

Close all windows and doors when leaving your home, shut off all gas and electrical appliances (not fridges or freezers), leave a note on the door or gate to advise you have evacuated, take critical items such as medicine, wallets, identification and documentation, keys, cell phone, computers and cords. Transport pets in a pet kennel or have them on a leash.

In many cases an "Evacuation Alert" is issued to residents as a precaution if an emergency situation is nearby. Owners should have a plan in place and be ready to leave quickly if they receive an Evacuation Order.

For more information please call the Summerland Wildfire Information Line at 250-486-3765.

### Planned Power Disruption in October

The District of Summerland will be upgrading electrical switches at the Prairie Valley Substation. These porcelain switches break down over time and become brittle and will be replaced with more durable epoxy switches.

**To perform this work, two 6 hour power outages will occur in Summerland (excluding Trout Creek, Front Bench and Canyon View areas) as follows:**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 12:00 am (midnight) - 6:00am**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 12:00 am (midnight) - 6:00am**

The District has chosen times that are expected to cause the least disruption and are providing notice so residents can be prepared.

- Make sure you have working flashlights available, back up alarm clocks and anything else you may need.
- A full freezer should stay cold up to 1-2 days providing the door remains closed.
- Avoid having meat, poultry or fish or other perishable items in your refrigerator during these scheduled times.
- Keep the doors closed as much as possible to keep food cold longer.

More information will be provided in the October's newsletter, on Facebook and our website. Questions can be directed to Works and Utilities 250-494-0431.



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## Proposed Regional Compost Facility

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) has an interest in developing and operating a Regional Compost Facility. Over the past number of years, the RDOS has engaged consultants to study the feasibility of a facility and to identify possible locations. Once it was narrowed down to two potential sites, the RDOS held their own public engagement process and in August 2017, the RDOS selected a location adjacent to the Summerland Landfill as their preferred site for a Regional Compost Facility.

The proposal was formally introduced to Summerland's Mayor and Council at the August 28th Regular Meeting with a request from the RDOS to gain access to the proposed site to conduct further testing. After discussion, council tabled the request until after October 21st, 2017 when all seven members of Council will be present to discuss this important topic.

When the matter comes back to council for further discussion, council will consider whether to allow RDOS access to the site to conduct further testing, and whether to initiate a public engagement process. Council will not be debating whether to enter into a lease in principle at this time as it is too early in the process to make such a consideration. Should council decide to move forward with a public engagement process, the purpose will be to provide additional information to the public on the proposal as well as to hear opinions, concerns and thoughts from Summerland residents and businesses.

## Doors Open Summerland - Saturday September 23rd

### Summerland is Opening their Doors to you—Explore your Community Inside Out

Doors Open Summerland is a free public event organized by Summerland residents, offering a behind-the-scenes look at some of the community's most intriguing places. Come have an inside look at local buildings, businesses and public infrastructure covering all interests including sports, arts and culture, heritage, agriculture and much more. The District of Summerland will be participating in Doors Open Summerland and invites you to visit the following facilities:

Municipal Hall	13211 Henry Avenue	Guided tours at noon and 2:00 pm
Aquatic & Fitness Centre	13205 Kelly Avenue	Drop in anytime - tour at 4:30pm
Arena	8820 Jubilee Road E	Drop in anytime - tour at 4:00pm
Fire Department Training Ctr	9111 Bland Street	Guided tours at 11:00am and 1:00pm
Water Treatment Plant	16700 Prairie Valley Road	Guided tours at 10:00am and 2:00pm
Wastewater Treatment Plant	7630 Dunn Street	Guided tours at 10:00am and 2:00pm.

There are over 20 other places to drop by and visit. Please check the [doorsopensummerland.ca](http://doorsopensummerland.ca) website and Facebook page for an updated list and tour times if applicable. For more information call Doug Holmes 250-809-0437.

### Grant in Aid

Council is committed to working with organizations and agencies that provide beneficial programs, services, events or projects for our community. Each year, as part of the annual budget process, Council will determine the amount of funding to be provided to 'not for profit' organizations who apply for Grant in Aid.

Applications to apply for 2018 Grant in Aid are available on our website or at Municipal Hall. These forms should also be used for in kind Grant in Aid such as requests to waive rental fees for events.

The deadline to submit your completed Grant in Aid application form to Municipal Hall, Finance Department will be October 31, 2017.



Children went back to school on September 5th and School Zone speed limits are in effect. The maximum speed limit on school days in a School Zone is 30km/hr from 8am—5pm.

### Watch Your Weight at the Curb!

Did you know that there are limits on the weight of your garbage, recycling, and yard waste for curbside pickup? **Each bag/container must be no more than 25 kg (55 lb).**

Overweight bags will be tagged and left behind as they can cause injuries to our workers. If you can easily lift the bag with one hand, it should be okay.

Garbage is also limited to 2 bags per week (there is no limit on the number of recycling or yard waste bags/containers). If you have more than 2 bags of garbage in a week, you can purchase extra bag tags at \$2.50 each, available from Municipal Hall, the Works and Utilities Department, or the Summerland Landfill.

**ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX SALE**  
**10am Monday, September 25, 2017**  
**Council Chambers**  
**13211 Henry Avenue**



Each year, on the last Monday of September, municipalities are required to have a tax sale of all properties with three years of outstanding property taxes.

The addresses and upset prices (minimum amount required) will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper by the middle of September.

Please visit our website or call the Property Tax Department at 250-494-6451 for details if you are interested in bidding on a property.



**The Terry Fox Run** will take place on Sunday, September 17th, 2017. Registration begins at 10:15am and the race will

start at 11:00am at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre on Kelly Avenue. Run or walk a 5km, 3km or 1km route. Pledge forms are available at the Aquatic & Fitness Centre. For information contact the organizers Heather or Mike 250-488-3415 or email: [terryfoxrunsummerland@gmail.com](mailto:terryfoxrunsummerland@gmail.com).