

Skatepark Underway

After several years of planning, the District of Summerland is excited to be breaking ground to build the Summerland Skatepark, expected to be completed the end of November.

The 10,000+ square foot skatepark will include bowl and street features to accommodate all levels of users. The park will act as one of the recreational focal points for the District, in addition to providing much-needed recreational opportunities for youth, family and other community groups.

School District 67 provided the property at the corner of Rosedale Avenue and Jubilee Road West. The Pennylane Charity Shop Society kicked off fundraising efforts with a commitment of \$145,000. In addition to \$10,000 of local contributions, the District of Summerland provided the remaining construction funding through Federal Gas Tax – Community Works Funding. Total construction costs are approximately \$600,000.

For more information and to contribute to fundraising efforts contact Summerland Recreation at 250-494-0447.



Left to right: School Trustees Ginny Manning and Julie Planiden, Councillors Toni Boot and Janet Peake, School Trustee Linda Van Alphen, Councillor Erin Trainer (future skate park user Woods Thompson), Skatepark Committee rep Erick Thompson, Mayor Peter Waterman, Superintendent of Schools Wendy Hyer, and Pennylane Charity Shop Society rep Bruce Hallquist.

Installation of New Wayfinding Signage

The District of Summerland is installing new directional signage in the community and should be completed by the end of September. The motorist and pedestrian focused directional signage will make it easier for residents and visitors to locate the community's various public buildings and key tourism destinations. Informational in nature, these blue signs will replace current outdated signage while also addressing identified wayfinding gaps found throughout the community. Questions regarding the installation of the signs may be directed to Works and Utilities at 250-494-0431.



LED Street Lights Coming in September

The LED Street Light Retrofit Project is moving along full steam ahead and is expected to be complete by mid October. There will be 885 lights replaced (all cobrahead-style lights throughout the District), which will save almost 600,000 kWh of energy per year (80% reduction) and over \$72,000/yr in operating costs (energy + maintenance) – that's a payback period of 4.4 years!

Residents should note that the new lights may appear brighter in some cases, as some areas were found to be underlit according to roadway lighting standards. The design ensures that even 10+ years from now, the lights will be bright enough to properly light our roads.

Please email climate.action@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4068 with any questions or concerns regarding the project.



2018 Local Election

General Voting Day

On October 20th, 2018 from 8am - 8pm, District of Summerland voters will choose one mayor, six councillors and two school trustees for a term of four years. Voting polls will be at Giant's Head School and the Summerland High School.

Running in the Election

For anyone interested in running for any of these positions, candidate packages are available at Municipal Hall and are online at summerland.ca/elections. The Nomination Period ends at 4pm on September 14th, 2018.

Advance Voting

Advance voting opportunities will take place on October 10th and October 16th, 2018 from 8am - 8pm in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue.

Voting at the Election

Summerland does not have a voters list. At the time of voting you must provide two pieces of ID which prove residency (address) and identity (name). At least one piece of ID must have your signature on it.

To qualify to vote in the Local Election you must be:

- A Canadian citizen
- 18 years or older when registering to vote
- A resident of BC for six months before Voting Day
- A resident of Summerland for 30 days before Voting Day
- Own property in Summerland (Non - Resident Elector with restrictions) for 30 days before Voting Day
- Not otherwise disqualified by law from voting

Working at the Election

Those interested in working on Advanced Voting dates or the General Voting Day can complete an application form at Municipal Hall or online at summerland.ca/elections

More information can be found on the District's website, at www.elections.bc.ca/localelections, by emailing elections@summerland.ca or by calling Jeremy Denegar at 250-404-4046.

Fall Recreation Guide

The Fall Recreation Guide is available online at summerland.ca. Register for Fall programs now - in person or online.

Keep Our Bears Wild - Lock Up Your Garbage Until Garbage Day

Garbage is the #1 black bear attractant in Summerland, followed by fruit trees. Bears can smell garbage from as far as 1km away, and once they find it they can become food conditioned. This leads to them associating people with food, becoming habituated and losing their natural fear of people, which is a safety risk to the community. You can help keep the bears in the wild and our community safe by managing attractants. Your garbage should not be placed outside until your collection day. The new carts are NOT wildlife resistant and should be kept secure in a shed or garage until the morning of collection day; if that is not possible, then freeze kitchen/smelly garbage, and wait until the morning of collection to place it in the cart. Please pick ripe fruit, and any that has fallen to the ground immediately. For more attractant management tips visit wildsafebc.com. Please report bear sightings and conflicts to the Conservation Office at 1-877-952-7277.



Be Cart Smart

Make sure you're placing your new carts out correctly:

- ◆ **wait** until your collection day to put your carts out for collection
- ◆ **space** the carts so there is at least 1m (3ft) of space on all sides, and 3m (10ft) of clearance above
- ◆ **close** the lids - the carts cannot be overfilled and the lid must close completely
- ◆ **contain** all materials in the carts or in extra bags/containers with tag-a-bag stickers (purchased at Municipal Hall)

Visit www.summerland.ca/carts or call Works and Utilities at 250-494-0431 for more information on the cart program.



Annual Property Tax Sale 10am September 24th, 2018 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.

Notice to Summerland Irrigators - Fall Irrigation Shut Off

Irrigation shut off is scheduled to commence Monday, October 1.

If you require an extension, please visit the Works and Utilities office at 9215 Cedar Avenue to complete an application form and submit a \$44.00 non-refundable fee (cash or cheque) no later than 3:00pm Friday, September 28. For further information please call 250-494-0431.



Trees are Important and Protected

The District of Summerland is fortunate to have valuable trees in a variety of species which play an important role in the environment by improving air quality and harbouring wildlife. Trees are also planted to provide some areas with much needed shade for pedestrians and to reduce the heat from the pavement and concrete.

Do you know the importance of cottonwood trees? Cottonwood trees are known to play an important role in flood mitigation and therefore beneficial in areas such as Trout Creek where flooding issues have occurred. A recent study showed that 20-51 kg of water per day is used by each cottonwood tree. The removal of even a couple of trees, could put neighbourhoods at increased risk of flooding impacts.

Some trees in Summerland are protected under the Species at Risk Act (federal) and are critical for the protection of birds. The cottonwoods also play a significant role in providing suitable nesting habitat for species at risk such as the Lewis's Woodpecker and Western Screech Owl. The Migratory Birds Convention Act (federal) protects migratory birds, nests and eggs. Tree removal in summer carries a risk of harm to birds, so tree removal (if granted) is typically restricted to fall and early winter.

Over the past year, the District has experienced unauthorized removal of trees from municipal property, right of ways, boulevards and from private property where trees are protected by covenant. **All residents are reminded that such tree removal is unlawful and will have consequences as the District takes this very seriously.** Residents who wish to have trees removed require written permission by the District of Summerland. Permission will not be granted without a thorough assessment by a qualified arborist undertaken by the District of Summerland unless they are deemed to pose an immediate danger to life safety. Please call Works and Utilities at 250-494-0431 for inquiries regarding tree removal.

Sewer Main and Hydrant Flushing

The District of Summerland is performing annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland until the end of October. Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly.

Please use caution when driving by Crews working on the road.

