



## Say Hello to our New Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

The District of Summerland is pleased to welcome our new CAO, Linda Tynan to our municipality. Linda has a strong background in local government

in BC and has held senior management positions at the Village of Nakusp, City of Nelson, Regional District of Central Kootenay and has additional experience in North Vancouver. She has held positions of CAO, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer and she is a Certified General Accountant. Linda has also worked as Executive Director at the Kootenay School of the Arts. We are confident she will be an asset to our organization.



### 2015 SPRING IRRIGATION SERVICES

The Works Division will begin turning on irrigation services Monday, April 13, 2015. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this will be required to pay a \$44.00 fee and submit a completed Advance Irrigation Application to the District. Applications are available at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue, Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 3:30pm.

## Cemetery Spring Maintenance

Spring Maintenance commences at Canyon View Cemetery on May 1, 2015. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016, such as offerings that are not entirely on the concrete base, are unsafe or interfere with maintenance. Details can be found on our website. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the guidelines by April 30, 2015.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Utilities Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. **Although care will be taken removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings. Please contact Works and Utilities if you require more information 250-494-0431.**

## Summerland Earth Week Celebration

**April 19th – 26th, 2015**

**Don't miss out on a week of FREE family fun activities. Learn how you can help the environment, take action and have fun.**

**April 19th** 10am Trout Creek Community Clean-Up

**April 20th** 10am Square Foot Gardening Workshop

**April 22nd** 1pm Earth Day by the Water

**April 22nd** 6:30pm Philosophers' Café

**April 23rd** 6pm Baking with Regional Heritage Recipes

**April 24th** 6:30pm Film "Elemental"

**April 25th** 10:30am Taking out the Olives

### April 25th Kids Earth Day Downtown

Imagination Stations 1pm - 4pm "The Earth is Worth Protecting Because it is my Home"

True Grain Bakery 1pm - 4pm - It's all about that Red Fife Wheat

Summerland Library 1pm - 2pm Blue, Green, and Clean



### April 26th 10am—1pm Earth Day Celebration, Dale Meadows Sports Field

To learn more details about these events please visit our website at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca), or contact Lisa Scott at 250-404-0115 or email [ecomatters@shaw.ca](mailto:ecomatters@shaw.ca).

## Council's Strategic Plan

The new Summerland Council supports the "four pillars" model of community sustainability, which emphasizes the need to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community. A "balanced scorecard" approach to strategic planning was used to establish vision, mission, values, community themes and goal, corporate objectives, targets, and key performance indicators.

Input for the 2015-2019 plan mainly came from previous community surveys, an environmental scan of the 2014 Municipal Election, Council/staff brainstorming sessions, 2015 Financial Plan, previous Strategic Plans, and the Official Community Plan. View the full Strategic Plan on our website or at Municipal Hall.

## 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.*

- Council approved an amendment of the Zoning Bylaw to rezone 5815 Hwy 97 from RSD2 to RSD1. This will allow an additional four lots to be created in the subdivision.
- A delegate from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure gave an update on the **Summerland Lakeshore Hwy 97 Trail**. Construction could start May 2015 and a completion date is scheduled for July 2015. The pathway for walking, running and biking will start at the Lakeshore Rd / Hwy 97 intersection and continue to Thornber St.
- **Fees for the Sani-Dump have been increased** from \$8.00 per use to \$10.00 to cover operating expenses.
- A Development Variance Permit to road right-of-way width located at **6003 Dale Avenue was denied**. It was decided that narrowing the roadway could cause some concerns about parking and safety for pedestrians.
- A **Land Disposal Policy** was adopted. This gives the municipality flexibility in dealing with properties such as leasing or selling.
- Zoe Kirk from WildsafeBC spoke on a number of issues including the **roaming horses and bears**. The horse issue is a complex, ongoing problem that can only be resolved between Summerland, the Regional District and the Penticton Indian Band and is being worked on. Residents were reminded to be "bear aware" and not leave your garbage out until the morning of pickup.
- Staff were directed to bring a **water rate bylaw amendment** forward to the April 27th meeting providing a flat rate for those properties under two acres with an unmetered irrigation service for the 2015 irrigation season.



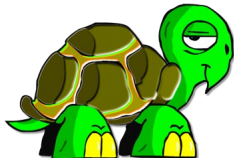
### OPEN BURNING SEASON ENDS APRIL 15, 2015

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres, that hold a valid Open Burning Permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department. The season will end April 15, 2015 and will re-open on October 15, 2015. For more information please call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.

### A Great Community is Made of Great Volunteers...

The District has openings on many of their Council Committees and are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested in sitting on a Council Committee and making a difference in your community, we would love to hear from you. Please visit our website for details (available by April 15th). **Join us at a Committee Fair being held on Thursday, April 23rd from 4:30pm - 6:00pm in Council Chambers** for a chance to ask questions and receive more information from staff and members of committees.

*Please note, utility bills take a little bit longer to process now that we have started the water meter billing. Please be patient! The due date is always the third to last business day of the month (as indicated on your bill).*



**DID YOU KNOW ....Bottled water is between 240-10,000 times more expensive than tap water, depending on the type of bottled water purchased. We are very fortunate that Summerland's water is safe to drink from the tap!**

## SUMMERLAND LANDFILL INFO



The Landfill is located at 17202 Bathville Road and is open from **8:30am - 4:15pm Monday - Saturday.**

The public is reminded that all **loads being taken to the Landfill must be secured and**

**covered.** Loads that are not secured and covered will be charged double the regular tipping fee. Please keep our roads free from debris. Your assistance is appreciated!

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!** If you need a pickup truck load...no problem, we'll load your truck, approximately \$10.00 per pickup load.

By **recycling**, we are reducing the volume of materials being placed in the Landfill. There are many recyclable materials that are accepted at the Landfill at no charge when separated and placed in the correct location including:

- Glass
- Large appliances, including those with Freon
- Small electrical appliances and T.V.s
- Electronic Waste (computers and accessories)
- Propane Tanks and Batteries
- Clean Scrap Metal
- Separated yard and Wood Waste (first 500 kg is free)
- Oil, oil containers and oil filters

Blue bags are not accepted at the Landfill (the items inside would have to be sorted into the proper locations).

The Landfill also accepts household garbage, tires, demolition material, gypsum board, concrete and masonry subject to tipping fees.