



THE DISTRICT IS HELPING OSPREY AND PREVENTING DAMAGE TO POWER LINES

A number of years ago, Osprey were building nests on District of Summerland power poles. While a great nesting site, there is always a possibility of harm to the birds and damage to the electrical system, including power disruptions. District Staff took it upon themselves to install power poles with platforms specifically built for the Ospreys. One was installed on Hespeler Road approximately four years ago, the nesting materials were transferred, and the Ospreys have since then made it their home. Recently two more platforms were installed in Trout Creek to protect the District's electrical system and help the birds in that area. You can watch an Osprey nest LIVE on the FortisBC website (or search Fortis Osprey). They are just getting ready to lay eggs!

Property Taxes and Home Owner Grants (HOG) are due by 4pm on Friday, July 3rd, 2015

Please contact us if you have not received your tax notice.

Payment Tips - Reduce Line Ups

- Drop off a post-dated cheque with your signed HOG claim anytime
- Don't wait until the last day to pay
- The utility bill due date is June 26th - you may want to avoid paying on this day
- Use the Drop Box located out front
- Have your HOG claim (if applicable) and cheque complete and ready to go
- Note your daily limit if paying by Interac
- Be advised we do not accept credit cards
- Pay online or through telephone banking
- Claim the HOG online on our website
- Mail a cheque in - postmarks are not proof of payment - give it time to reach us

Full details explaining the tax notice, making payments and claiming the Home Owner Grant are on the information sheet included with your notice and on our website.

Please call us if you need any assistance or have questions about deferring your taxes.

Yard Waste for June will be picked up on your regular garbage day the week of June 16th - 18th. Use a container labelled 'Yard Waste' (pick up free stickers at Municipal Hall) or use kraft paper bags.



WATERING DAYS

Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions unless otherwise notified. If your address is **odd** (the last digit ends in 1,3,5,7,9) you may water on Saturday, Monday and Thursday.

If your address is **even** (ends in 0,2,4,6,8) you may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

If you have an underground sprinkler system, you may water from midnight to 6am on your permitted days (either odd or even).

Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle can be used anytime to water trees, shrubs or veggies.

If you are planting new sod or seed and need to water more, please see us about a Special Watering Permit.

PLEASE USE WATER WISELY

Forecasting how much water will be available throughout the year is difficult. Our reservoirs are currently full and spilling but extremely low snow packs, snow melt happening four weeks earlier than normal, and the prediction of a hot dry summer are cause for some concern.

By being proactive and using water wisely, following the watering schedule and minimizing use wherever possible, we hope to avoid further restrictions as the summer progresses.

With the implementation of meters, conserving water will help to keep your costs down. During the summer months, bills will be at their highest - fall/winter water use should be much lower.

Visit our website for more information on water meters including a chart on allotment per size.

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 is taking steps to revitalize the downtown core and attract people to Summerland. Council approved the **Sunday Market** proposal presented by Rotary which will be underway on Main Street June 21st from 10am - 2pm.
- A Development Variance Permit was issued to **8th Generation Winery** to allow a wine shop to be relocated to an existing farmhouse on the property as they have outgrown the current wine shop.
- Staff were asked to review current signage and road markings and make necessary changes to the **Victoria Road crossing** to allow buses to stop on Simpson Road without obstructing the CN railway tracks. The distance from the stop sign to the tracks does not leave enough room for longer buses.
- **Signage will be erected on Cartwright Mountain** at the access point to the College Grounds off Prairie Valley Road east of Morrow indicating that the trails ahead are closed to motorized vehicles.
- Two **Climate Action Committee Pilot Projects** were approved. The Reduce, Reuse, ReWine project at a cost of \$4,974.74 and Worm Composting at Summerland Middle School at a cost of \$152.97 for three classes to a maximum of \$611.88.
- A bylaw to add sanitary sewer service to **Juniper, Miltimore, Willow and Tait** was adopted. A 50% approval from residents involved was needed to move forward. The construction tender will be issued in a few weeks.
- A **Water Leak Billing Adjustment Policy** has been adopted to allow an adjustment where a leak has been identified on the customer side of the water meter and that leak has been repaired.
- Council authorized the construction of a short **bike trail** from the NW corner of Dale Meadows parking lot to Sinclair Road subject to a grant application being approved by the BikeBC cycling infrastructure grant program for 50% cost sharing.
- A Temporary Use Permit for **9114 Hoofbeat Street** to allow a 10 unit agri-tourism accommodation campground was deferred to staff and will go back to Council June 8, 2015.



HOT DIGGITY DOG

Please do not leave dogs (or any animals) in your vehicle on hot days. Temperatures in a vehicle can more than double what they are outside within minutes. If it is thought a dog is in distress, police will break the car window if necessary to rescue the dog. The owner may face criminal charges for animal neglect. Take care of your best friend this summer and take him for a nice dip at the Peach Orchard Doggie Beach!

Say Goodbye to the Concrete Barriers on Prairie Valley Road

After much consultation with residents and the schools, a decision was made to remove the concrete barriers that were installed last year along the north side of Prairie Valley Road. Safety is a priority but issues with their appearance, driveway access, and parking were factors for the change.

They will be replaced with a 4" painted asphalt curb and no-parking signage. Two solar speed monitoring devices will be purchased at a cost of \$10,000 so information can be gathered to assist in reducing speeds. Additional speed limit signs will also be installed. The cost for the asphalt will be \$15,000. The barriers will be re-used for other projects.



WHO YA GONNA CALL... AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES



An after hours emergency means an emergency that occurs between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday, or any time on the weekends or Statutory holidays relating to water, sewer, roads, parks or electrical utility. If you have an after hours emergency, contact our **Answering Service** at **250-493-0005**. Please note that overtime charges will apply if the emergency is deemed to be on your property.

BBQ Safety Tips from the Summerland Fire Department

Use BBQ grills outdoors. Using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is not only a fire hazard, but it exposes occupants to toxic gasses and potential asphyxiation. Never leave a lit grill unattended.

Always position the grill well away from combustible objects that can quickly ignite such as buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping. Clean and service your grill periodically and remove grease build-up in catch trays. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage. Always use long handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.

Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire. Enjoy the weather and BBQ safely!



WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO? Summerland will collect approximately \$16,820,000 in property taxes this year. From that amount about 40% will go to other agencies such as School District #67, the Regional Hospital, the Regional District, the Library and BC Assessment/Municipal Finance Authority. Summerland's portion will be about \$9,618,000. Included in this is the water parcel tax of \$1,507,935 and the sewer parcel tax of \$686,734. The remaining \$7,423,000 provides funds for roads, sidewalks, drainage, landscaping, recreation, development services, policing, fire protection, regulatory and general government operating costs. Check the Budget on our website to see details on how Summerland's portion is spent.