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EXTENDED WATER OUTAGE – MARCH 2017

Summerland, BC: The District of Summerland is preparing to complete mandatory maintenance of its Water System in March 2017 that will require an extended water shutdown of approximately three days. The outage will affect everyone within Summerland boundaries. The outage is expected to begin at 7pm Friday March 3, 2017 and end by 7am Monday March 6, 2017.

This work on the water system cannot be avoided and must be completed – the impact to the community should a failure be experienced would be catastrophic and there is no opportunity to complete the work without a water shut down.

Mayor Waterman states, *"It is very difficult to find a convenient date for a project of this magnitude that will have so much impact on the businesses and residents of Summerland. Effort was made to choose a date that was in a low season for water use and which did not conflict with any scheduled large community events. The District will do all that we can to provide timely information to residents and businesses regarding this outage in March"*.

Over the next few months, the District of Summerland will host several public information sessions to provide more information about the water outage. At these sessions, suggestions and tips will be offered regarding actions that residents may find helpful in preparation for the outage.

The District understands the significant impact that the outage will have on residents and businesses in Summerland. Efforts will be made to provide timely updates as more information becomes available. This information will be available on the District of Summerland website, Summerland's Facebook page and through the monthly newsletter.

Any questions or inquiries can be directed to Devon van der Meulen, Manager of Utilities at (250) 494-0431.

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