

With the warmer weather, summer roadworks are now getting underway. Dale Meadows Road between Haddrell and Gould is already under construction while work on Victoria Road between Agur and Dunham that started last year is set to resume. Later in the summer, there will be work on Prairie Valley Road from Morrow to Cartwright, and multiple roads in the Deer Ridge area and Taylor Place will be under construction should the Deer Ridge sewer project go ahead.

There will also be operational paving projects, including upgrades to the Peach Orchard Beach parking lot, Canyon View between Hillborn and the train tracks, and other repaving depending on remaining budget.

When a road is closed for construction, it isn't usually only to fix the road. It's also to repair, replace or install other infrastructure such as water mains. Council has started thinking of infrastructure in a more unified way, to avoid inefficiencies like repaving a road only to dig it up later to fix a burst water pipe. Last year we adopted an Integrated Roads and Water Master Plan that prioritizes capital investments by scoring every road in town based on risk of failure, opportunity to reduce maintenance, availability of external funding such as government grants or development contributions, alignment with Council priorities, and opportunities to phase or bundle several projects.

We understand road construction is sometimes an inconvenience and can affect people's day-to-day life, but upgrading our infrastructure is important work that needs to get done.

When driving through a construction zone, we ask motorists and cyclists to keep safety in mind and slow down, follow the signs, and watch for trucks and machinery turning and backing up.

We appreciate your patience.

~Mayor Doug Holmes

## Transportation Master Plan

Get ready to shape the future of transportation in Summerland! The District of Summerland is embarking on a journey to update its Transportation Plan. The updated plan will encompass all modes of transportation, from walking, biking, rolling, transit, driving, parking and even the movement of goods. We want to make sure everyone can get around safely and easily, no matter how they travel.



Input from the community is a crucial part of updating the Transportation Plan to ensure it reflects how we move today and how we want to move in the future. There will be several opportunities for community members to learn more and get involved this summer. Stay tuned to [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) for more details and exciting engagement opportunities coming soon!

## Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed May 24. If you have not received your property tax notice please call the Finance department at 250-494-6451 or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca).

The due date for property taxes, including eligible homeowner grants (HOG), is **Friday, July 5, 2024 by 5:00 PM**. Any payments for outstanding current taxes or homeowner grants received after the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty.

### Homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall.

Residents must apply for the HOG directly to the Province of BC by phone 1-888-355-2700 or online [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant).

Payments for property taxes may be made in person by cheque, cash, debit, credit card or post-dated cheque. You may also pay your property taxes at your financial institution or through online or telephone banking. **Please note that third party fees apply for credit card payments.** Postmarks are not considered as date of payment so do not wait until the last day to post your payment.

## Voyent Alert!

The District of Summerland has chosen Voyent Alert! notification service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications.



Register now at <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.

## FireSmart your property

Please visit FireSmart BC at <https://firesmartbc.ca> for more information on how to protect your home from a potential wildfire.

## Ongoing and upcoming project

- **Rotary Beach Park Pier Construction** – Construction is nearing completion on the pier with a grand opening scheduled for end of June! The District of Summerland would like to thank the public for their continued patience and support over the course of this project.
- **Victoria Road South Storm Drainage Upgrade** – Permits for continued work on Victoria Road South have been received from Fortis BC and construction is expected to resume as soon as the contractor can coordinate with and mobilize their subcontractors.
- **Dale Meadows Watermain Replacement Phase 2** – Construction has started on Phase 2 of the Dale Meadows watermain replacement and road reconstruction project. This phase will replace a 70+ year old watermain and will rebuild the road structure to standards suitable to the surrounding ground conditions. Project completion is expected to be this July.
- **Giant's Head Mountain Park Phases 3 and 4** – The entrance to the park has received a large upgrade with a new paved parking area and path. The washroom site area has been prepped with services installed and construction has started on the new washroom facility. Please follow the directions of construction workers and traffic controllers as work is taking place to improve road safety on the park road to the upper area.
- **Isintok Dam Spillway Upgrade** – the existing spillway will be widened to meet Dam Safety regulations. This will include an access road bridge over the spillway channel. Design is complete and construction has been awarded.
- **Source Water Protection Plan** – A plan is being developed to help determine actions to be taken to protect our source water quality and quantity. An Engagement Plan has been developed and a Technical Advisory Committee will be established.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade** – A second primary clarifier will be constructed to meet Municipal Wastewater Regulations, which will allow for maintenance and repairs to the existing clarifier and to create additional capacity for future growth. The mechanical mechanism component was pre-purchased due to the long lead time, 50% project design has been completed and reviewed.

## Annual Report

The Annual Report includes a progress report in relation to the District's listed objectives and measures how they integrate with Council's Strategic Priorities and summarizes for the current and future years. The Annual Report is available for public inspection at Municipal Hall during the hours of 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday to Friday and on the District's website <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/reports-studies>.

## Snow pack

Snow course survey data is retrieved from the District's two watersheds every month from the beginning of the year until no snow remains. As of May 15, 2024, surveys showed no measurable snow at either location.



Each year following the irrigation season, staff lower the reservoir level to predetermined levels to provide available storage volume to accommodate the coming freshet. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed at which the snow melts which can increase with significant rainfall. Unfortunately, this is very difficult to predict. To manage the risk associated with this, staff complete regular monitoring and maintenance activities of the dams and meet routinely to decide if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for the expected volume of incoming water. As of May 15, most of the District's reservoirs are spilling or very close to spilling.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.

## Summertime at the Summerland Aquatic Centre



Summer swim lessons are now available for viewing online <https://summerland.perfectmind.com/>. Registration begins June 11 at 6:00 AM. The summer aquatic schedule is available to view online in our Recreation Guide and copies are available for pick up at the Summerland Aquatic Centre.

## Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland](http://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland)

website: [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca)

Facebook: [facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

[www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe)

Check out the Mayor's podcast on all major streaming platforms or on the District's website: [www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor-s-podcast](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor-s-podcast)

## Watering restrictions

The District of Summerland is **always** in Stage 1 watering restrictions unless otherwise posted.

### Even Numbered Addresses

If your house number ends in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, you may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

### Odd Numbered Addresses

If your house number ends in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9, you may water on Saturdays, Mondays, and Thursdays.

You may use micro-irrigation, drip irrigation, or a hose with a shut-off nozzle to water trees, shrubs or vegetables on any day, at any time. Residential underground water systems may only water between 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM on their designated watering days. For more information, visit [www.summerland.ca/city-services/utilities/water/water-restrictions](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/utilities/water/water-restrictions).

## Spring GoByBike Week - June 3 - 9, 2024

Register at <https://gobybikebc.ca/summerland/> and log a ride to be entered to win 1 of 4 community prizes!

## Food scraps collection

Residents are asked to be careful placing materials in the Green Cart for Food Scraps and Yard Waste. Food scraps make compost. Compost makes food.

Common contaminants that should never be placed in your Green Cart include:

- Plastics including those labelled 'compostable'
- Cardboard including pizza boxes—wipe out and place in recycling
- Lumber and wood off-cuts
- Dog poo—this is really gross!

If you have any questions, contact [works@summerland.ca](mailto:works@summerland.ca) or 250-494-0431.

## Energy saving tips—wash in cold water

Around 80% of a clothes washer's energy use goes towards heating the water. Select your machine's cold wash option and be sure to use a detergent that's formulated for washing in cold. In addition to saving energy, washing in cold water is also easier on fabrics and can help your clothes last longer.

### Run full loads of laundry

To maximize efficiency, fill your washer to its full capacity, which is about three-quarters full. Underfilling can lead to wasted energy. If you must run a smaller load, select the "light" or "express" wash setting. You'll save time, water, energy – and money. If you have items that are very soiled, pre-soak them to avoid having to wash them twice in the washer, which uses more energy. Don't overfill the machine; it can cause your washer to work harder and prevent your clothes from getting properly cleaned.

### Use less detergent

Adding too much detergent to a wash load is wasteful, can cause skin irritation, and can leave behind residue in your clothes and a build-up in your washer.

If you have a high-efficiency machine, make sure you're using a detergent formulated for it, and stick to the recommended amounts (which can be much lower than you expect). Your clothes will come out cleaner and you'll spend less money at the store. Laundry detergent strips are a more eco-friendly and come in recyclable cardboard sleeves using much less plastic and just as effective as liquid laundry soaps.

### Choose the "high-speed" or "extended spin"

The high speed or extended spin option at the end of the wash cycle helps to remove moisture from your wash load, which will help cut back on drying time.

### Clean your washer regularly

About once a month, clean your washer's drum by running a hot cycle once with the cleaning solution and then again to rinse. This can help prevent mildew from growing and keeps your clothes fresh.

### What to look for when purchasing a new clothes washer

When shopping for a new clothes washer, look for ENERGY STAR®-certified models. These have been tested to meet the highest standards for energy efficiency and reliability. They use about 25% less energy and 33% less water than regular washers. Plus, an ENERGY STAR front-loading machine can cut water use by nearly 40% and electricity use up to 65% compared to a conventional top-loader.

