



Following two open houses and a public hearing, Council has amended its Official Community Plan (OCP) to encourage more residential densification in areas around downtown. The changes will guide downtown land use decisions over the next 20 years, including maximum building heights, parking requirements, and public space enhancements.

Four new land use designations have been created specific to downtown: Downtown High Density Residential (DHDR); Downtown Core (DC); Downtown Core Intensification (DCI); Gateway Commercial (GC). The OCP provides general policy direction regarding the purpose and intent of each designation in an effort to create a more vibrant and welcoming downtown.

The amendments align the OCP with the vision set out in the Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan (2002) and the Community Cultural Plan (2016), both of which were guided by a task force of local residents and developed with widespread public input.

Both plans recognize that a lively downtown consists of a mix of uses including retail, office, residential, arts, culture and recreation. Having more people living downtown will accelerate the path to a more vibrant, resilient, and sustainable Summerland, and creating a diverse housing inventory that is centrally located and affordable across a broad socio-economic spectrum will have great benefit for individuals, families, and the community as a whole.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

2024 Housing Needs Survey

Help us shape the future of housing in Summerland! A 2024 Housing Needs Survey is now open for residents to share their experiences and thoughts related to housing in Summerland.



Find the survey at www.summerland.ca/housing-needs-report

The survey findings will be used in conjunction with the latest housing statistics to expand our understanding of the current and emerging housing challenges and needs of the community and will inform an updated Housing Needs Report 2024.

Please ensure you complete the survey by **August 18, 2024**. Should you prefer a paper copy, you may find them at Municipal Hall, located at 13211 Henry Avenue, Summerland.



Summerland Pier Grand Opening

The District of Summerland held the grand opening of the Peach Orchard Beach Four-Season Washroom Building and the Summerland Pier at Rotary Beach



on July 11, 2024. For more information on the about the Grand Opening please visit <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/press-releases>.

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.

Campfire ban in effect

Effective at noon (12:00 PM) on **Friday, July 12, 2024** Category 1 campfires are prohibited within the District of Summerland.

This campfire ban is in effect to protect public safety and to limit the risk of person-caused fires. Due to extreme temperatures, dry conditions and the high-extreme fire danger rating, the campfire ban will remain in effect until noon Z (12:00 PM) on October 15, 2024, or until the orders are rescinded. This ban does not restrict fires in stoves, barbecues or portable campfire rings utilizing gas, propane, or briquettes.

The Summerland Fire Department thanks the public for their co-operation in complying with the ban. Additional information on the ban can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/kamloops-fire-centre-bans>.

Ongoing and upcoming projects

- **Victoria Road South Storm Drainage Upgrade** – Construction of storm drainage and road upgrades for Victoria Road was completed mid July. This project replaced a portion of storm drain and added a multi-use path and new asphalt on a busy portion of Victoria Road.
- **Dale Meadows Watermain Replacement Phase 2** – Phase 2 of the Dale Meadows project was completed mid July. This project replaced a watermain that was prone to breaking and repaved a large portion of Dale Meadows Road.
- **Giant’s Head Mountain Park Phases 3 and 4** – The majority of work has been completed on Giant’s Head Mountain. Small items are still being completed and planting will take place this fall to give new plants the best chance of survival.
- **Isintok Dam Spillway Upgrade** – The Isintok Lake recreation site will be closed to the public until November during construction of the Isintok Dam Spillway.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade** – This project is currently in design stage with tender documents to be public in August.
- **Prairie Valley Road from Cartwright Avenue to Morrow Avenue** – This project will repave Prairie Valley Road from Cartwright Ave to Morrow Ave, add a multi-use path, and replace an existing watermain originally installed in 1940. Work is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2024 or spring of 2025.

Fall in love with Recreation

The Fall 2024 Rec Guide will be available online on August 9. Mark your calendars as all programming, including swim lessons, will open for registration on **August 13 at 6:00 AM**. The Fall guide will include your favorite fitness programs, swim lessons, holiday schedules, some new and exciting activities and much more. Don’t forget to view the back pages of the Fall guide to see all our amazing community partners and their offerings.

New this year — Aqua Yoga, Mom and Me Yoga, shorter gentle yoga classes and Youth improv.

Register online at summerland.perfectmind.com, in person at the Summerland Aquatic Centre, or via phone at 250-494-0447. Questions? email Summerland Recreation: recreation@summerland.ca.

Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre – Annual Maintenance Shut Down

August 24 – September 8

NOTE: an extended closure for roof repairs is expected to delay the re-opening of the pool and hot tub (check for website and Facebook updates). The fitness room will re-open on September 9.

Voyent Alert!

Receive notifications for critical events, wildfires and flooding.

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



Living in wildlife country

How we manage our living space has a great deal of influence on the amount of human-wildlife conflict we experience. While wildlife may need to pass through our living space, if we provide food, water, shelter and space, they may linger too long near our homes and this can lead to undesirable consequences both for us and the animals. WildSafeBC recommends that residents walk around their property at least once a year and review how they can reduce providing habitat to potential conflict species.



Remove or Secure Attractants

- Do not store garbage or other organic waste outdoors. If you have curbside collection, only put the containers out on the morning of collection day, no earlier than 5:00 AM – never the night before. Make sure recyclables have been cleaned.
- Protect fruit trees with electric fencing or pick fruit early and do not let windfall accumulate.
- Avoid feeding birds when bears are most active (April to November) and ensure birdfeeders are always inaccessible to non-target species such as bears, deer, squirrels and raccoons. Do not let seed accumulate that may attract rats and other rodents.
- Feed pets indoors and keep pets inside at night.
- Keep your barbecue clean by burning off uncooked food and emptying the grease container.



You can report all wildlife encounters to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or visit www.wildsafebc.com to learn more about how to protect the species around you.

Recycle your household batteries

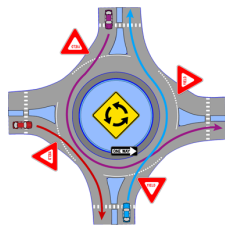
Batteries are dangerous when placed in curbside recycling or garbage. They create fires when damaged. All household batteries under 5kg (11 pounds) in weight can be brought to the locations below for free drop-off during business hours. Larger lead acid batteries can be brought to the Summerland Landfill for free recycling.

Free drop-off of batteries during business hours:
Pharmasave, Home Hardware, Bottle Depot, Landfill

Roundabouts

1. Approach

- Reduce your speed and watch for pedestrians and cyclists and be ready to stop at the crosswalk. Do not use your turn signal until you are ready to exit the roundabout.



2. Yield

- Always yield to traffic in the roundabout.
- Wait for a safe gap in traffic, remembering those in the roundabout have the right of way.

3. Enter

- Enter the roundabout and continue counter-clockwise until you reach your exit.

4. Exit

- Use your right turn signal before exiting.
- Again, watch for pedestrians and cyclists and be ready to stop at the crosswalk.

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

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

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

Seeking reports of Himalayan Balsam

Himalayan balsam was introduced to Canada as an ornamental plant but has unfortunately escaped from gardens into natural ecosystems. This beautiful but invasive plant is on the move in Summerland. So far it has only been discovered in lower town but we suspect there may be more plants in backyard gardens. In the summer, it has attractive pale pink to fuchsia flowers that resemble slippers or orchid flowers. When seedpods ripen they explode, distributing thousands of seeds up to 7 m away!! Himalayan balsam requires moist soils and soil disturbance to establish. It thrives in nutrient rich soils of disturbed riparian habitats or wet meadows. Plants grow from 0.6 to 3 metres tall. It produces dense stands, creating monocultures and reducing biodiversity by limiting nutrient and habitat availability and shading out native plants. Fortunately, it can be effectively hand pulled or clipped before seed set - this control technique needs to be repeated monthly during the growing season as cut plants may continue to grow. Place plants in bags and dispose with your household garbage, not yard waste. Remember to replace it with a more ecologically suitable plant.



Please REPORT any sightings of this plant to oasiss@shaw.ca and take action if it's growing on your property. For more information go to: www.oiso.ca/species/himalayan-balsam.

Make water work smarter in your yard

How can I make my water more productive?

Putting water to work during the coolest part of the day prevents evaporation. A guideline to follow is between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM.

Okay, but how am I supposed to water my lawn while I'm asleep?

Get a timer! Did you know that only 12% of stand-alone sprinklers in Canada are used with a timer? Most hardware stores supply timers for sprinklers.

What landscaping plants work well in the Okanagan?

Choose plants suitable for our dry climate. Okanagan water works best with plants suitable for our dry climate: drought-tolerant turf, native and low-water variety plants. Check out our Make Water Work Plant Collection, including 105 perennials, grasses, trees, and shrubs.

How much water is enough?

One inch a week will do. Most lawns need just 2.5cm (one inch) of water per week—about the depth of a tuna can. Watering deeply and less often promotes deep, healthy root growth. If you're watering deeply but not seeing results, the problem may be inadequate topsoil. Try top dressing with half an inch of compost, then over-seeding for a thick and vigorous lawn.



Tune up your irrigation.

Water works better when paired with a properly running irrigation system. Fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads. Reduce run times when weather is cooler. Don't know how? Go with a certified pro!

Install water-saving irrigation products.

Save money on your water bill by using high efficiency irrigation, like drip or microjet, for shrubs and gardens.

Collect and use rainwater. It's free!

Rain barrels collect fresh, naturally soft and chemical-free water that is great for container plants, flower beds and food gardens.

Is my water working effectively?

Leave grass 2-3 inches tall (5-8cm). Never mow low — let it grow! Water stays longer when grass is longer. Leaving your grass longer slows evaporation from the soil, making it work more effectively!

Leave grass clippings as mulch.

Leaving grass clippings on your lawn helps feed the lawn and keep moisture, requiring less water and reducing evaporation.

Aerate your lawn and top dress with compost.

Aerating the lawn in early spring or fall improves water penetration. Water also works best with organic products like compost, which minimize over-fertilizing and help prevent stormwater pollution.