



It has been another intense wildfire season with thousands of fires in both BC and Alberta burning more than a million hectares of forest. The Jasper wildfire was unprecedented yet 70% of the townsite was saved thanks to the commitment of the firefighters as well as the FireSmart program put in place to help protect the community. Similarly, mitigation work conducted by the Penticton Indian Band helped firefighters prevent the spread of the recent wildfire above West Bench. Sixteen homes were evacuated but ultimately only two sheds were lost.

The District of Summerland has undertaken its own fuel modifications in interface areas such as the Trappers area, Deer Ridge, Sunset Place, Canyon View, Garnet Valley, and Giant’s Head Mountain. Mitigation work is guided by a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and involves thinning, spacing and pruning trees as well as removing needles and rotted wood from the forest floor. Prescribed burns can also help rid the forest of dead leaves, tree limbs and other debris.

The District has received \$875,000 in provincial grants over the past five years to help with wildfire mitigation and recently the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia (FESBC) provided an additional \$495,000 for mitigation work on Crown lands around Summerland.

Combustible materials are also found on private properties and several neighbourhoods (Deer Ridge, Cartwright Road North, Sumac Ridge) have taken action to reduce their vulnerability by becoming national FireSmart Recognized Neighbourhoods. It’s important for all homeowners to protect their properties by clearing brush one metre from around buildings, on roofs and in gutters. By taking proactive steps to protect our properties, we can all play a part in keeping Summerland safe.

For a FireSmart home assessment, Summerland residents can email firesmart@summerland.ca. For a checklist of steps to prepare and protect yourself from wildfire, visit firesmartbc.ca.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Grant in Aid requests

Each year Mayor and Council consider Grant in Aid requests from non-profit organizations that contribute to fulfilling basic needs and improving the quality of life of Summerland residents. If your organization is interested in applying for a 2025 Grant in Aid, please visit the Finance Department section of the District’s website www.summerland.ca for the current application form and related policy. Completed submissions, with all requested supporting documentation are due September 30, 2024.

Please send all related information to finance@summerland.ca.

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.

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 the website and Facebook for updates). The fitness room will re-open on September 9.

Keeping your cart clean

Many residents have tried putting their food scraps directly into their green cart. This is allowed but can make a sticky mess inside the cart.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Always wait until the day of collection to discard food scraps. If you place food scraps all week long, especially in the summer, it will create strong smells. These smells will attract animals and promote the growth of bugs in your cart. Keep food scraps stored indoors and place out only on the day of collection.
- Think about freezing food scraps or keeping them in the fridge in a sealed container. If you don’t have space for all food scraps, just keep the stinky stuff cold. Use a yogurt container with lid or some other recyclable container and empty food scrap contents on your day of collection.
- Use a paper liner when placing in the cart. This can be a piece of newspaper, a normal paper bag or a lined compostable paper bag. Plastic bags, including those marked compostable, are not permitted to be composted in British Columbia.
- If you have yard waste, including grass, prunings or weeds, place the yard waste on the bottom of the cart. You can then layer more yard waste on top of any food scraps to keep odours down.

For any other advice, contact the District at works@summerland.ca.

Ongoing and upcoming projects

- **Victoria Road South Storm Drainage Upgrade** – The first phase of road and storm system upgrades from Agur Street to Dunham Crescent have been completed. The next phase of this project involves resurfacing the road and constructing a multi-use pathway from Dunham Crescent to the oval-a-bout that connects Victoria Road to Prairie Valley Road. This project is currently in the design stage, with construction anticipated in 2025.
- **Giant’s Head Mountain Park Phases 3 and 4** – Road and parking lot upgrades are complete. Finishing touches to the new washroom building located at the entrance gate are in progress. Planting, seeding and restoration work will continue into the fall.
- **Isintok Dam Spillway Upgrade** – The Isintok Lake recreation site will be closed to the public until November during construction of the Isintok Dam Spillway.
- **Prairie Valley Road from Cartwright Avenue to Morrow Avenue** – This project includes repaving Prairie Valley Road from Cartwright Avenue to Morrow Avenue, adding a multi-use path, and replacing the existing watermain originally installed in 1940. Construction is planned to begin in the fall of 2024 or spring of 2025.

Notice to Summerland irrigators – fall irrigation shutoff

Irrigation services will be turned off for the season beginning Tuesday, October 15. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an Extension Irrigation application form and pay \$57.03 plus GST (\$59.88 total) per property. Extension Irrigation application forms are available on our website www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms?pname=W&l%20 or from the Cashier at Municipal Hall. Please submit completed application form and payment by cash, cheque, debit or credit card to the Cashier at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday to Friday, no later than noon Friday, October 11, 2024.



One-Day Recycling Depot

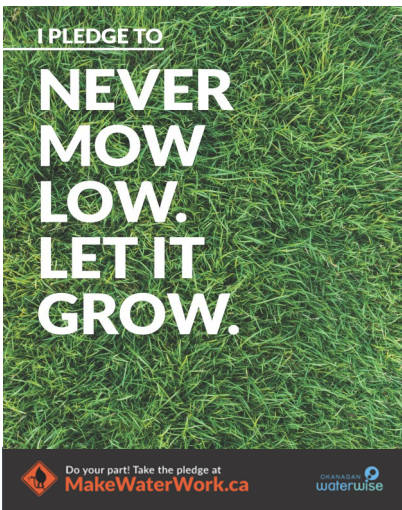
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road

Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, white and coloured foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials. Visit www.summerland.ca/recycling for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.





Prairie Valley roundabout

These annuals were planted in May 2024 and will be growing strong until the first frost. Plants have been fertilized once a week with 20-20-20, watered with drip irrigation, have withstood the heat of the summer, and are available locally.

1. Bidens Campfire Flame
2. Bidens Giant Sun Compact
3. Salvia Rockin' Golden Delicious
4. Purple Fountain grass
5. Rudbeckia Autumn Colors
6. Coleus El Brighto
7. Salvia Vista Red
8. Mystic Illusion Dahlia



Conkle Mountain & Cartwright Mountain Trails Plans

Focused on improving the existing system of trails, the purpose of the trails plans is to ensure the trail systems will be authorized and well managed in a way that is sustainable, meets the highest levels of environmental responsibility, and improves visitor safety and the visitor experience.

Watch for upcoming engagement activities on Facebook or visit the project webpage at www.summerland.ca/trails-plans.

Annual property tax sale

October 7, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Ave, Summerland, BC

Each year municipalities are required to have a tax sale of all properties with three years of outstanding property taxes. In the event that a 2024 tax sale is held, Municipal Hall will be open for those who wish to attend.

The addresses and upset prices (minimum amount required) will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper by the middle of September. Please visit our website, call the property tax department 250-494-6451, or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca if you are interested in bidding on a property.

Invasive trees

Invasive trees are the biggest invaders in the neighbourhood! They can wreak havoc with our sewers and foundations. Some species reach heights of up to 25 metres and are a point of contention between many neighbours. There are FOUR species of concern in Summerland: tree-of-heaven, Siberian elm, Russian olive and Black locust.



All of these species provide shade, habitat and may be considered pleasant-looking trees. But those redeeming qualities are outweighed by their aggressive expansion into natural areas and neighbouring properties. Tree-of-heaven and Siberian elm also support invasive insects that can invade homes or threaten the agriculture and forest industries.

How to control? Seedlings can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist. Mature trees may be controlled using herbicide treatment. Bulldozing, mowing, girdling and brush cutting can also be effective, but require many consecutive years of treatment. Anyone dealing with invasive trees should consult a professional. For more information visit www.oasiss.ca/homeowners.

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

Municipal hall hours of operation: Tuesday - Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays.

Potential asbestos concerns

Any structure such as a home or business built before 1990 could contain asbestos as it was widely used in common building materials including:

- Drywall, plaster board, stucco and cement siding
- Vinyl flooring and leveling compound
- Ceiling tiles
- Insulation including vermiculite and spray foam

It is the responsibility of anyone depositing renovation or demolition material at the Summerland Landfill to prove that the materials they are hauling do not contain asbestos. If material does contain asbestos, it must be properly sealed for asbestos disposal. The District of Summerland has created a webpage to assist residents doing renovation or demolition projects that will be bringing waste to the landfill. Visit the Summerland Sanitary Landfill webpage www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/summerland-sanitary-landfill and click on 'Demolition, Renovation, Construction and Asbestos' for more information. For more information of potential sources of asbestos in the home, please visit www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/information-sheets/potential-sources-asbestos-home

Dogs welcome on-leash in parks

A friendly reminder to ensure dogs are on-leash while visiting our Summerland parks. Please note that dogs are not permitted on sports fields, sport courts, skateparks and beaches, or near playgrounds and spray parks. Dogs are required to be on-leash when walking to the designated fenced off-leash dog parks until fully inside the dog park (Peach Orchard Beach Park, Dog Beach, and Dale Meadows Sports Complex). Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times.



Save the date!

Fall bike week September 23 to October 6, 2024.



Campfire ban in effect

Due to extreme temperatures, dry conditions and the high-extreme fire danger rating, the campfire ban will remain in effect until noon (12:00 PM) on October 15, 2024, or until the orders are rescinded. The Summerland Fire Department thanks the public for their co-operation in complying with the ban. Additional information on the ban can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/kamloops-fire-centre-bans>.

School zone safety reminders

The roads are now busier than ever with school back in session. The District is providing some important reminders for drivers to slow down and take care when they are in school zones. This includes:

- Watch for children – especially near crosswalks and intersections;
- don't make U-turns in a school zone;
- don't stop in a "no stopping" zone, no matter how quick you think you are;
- vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their red lights are flashing;
- always have your children enter or exit vehicle onto sidewalk side of car;
- never allow children to cross mid-block; and
- if a vehicle is stopped in front of you or the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian. Be prepared to stop.

