



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – November 26, 2024

Delegation – Ministry of Agriculture and Food – Council received a presentation from Ministry of Agriculture and Food staff on land use planning for agriculture in BC. Due to increasing pressures on provincial farming areas and the importance of land use planning in the province, Ministry staff are providing presentations to local governments to offer information and tools on available land use planning tools that local governments can use to help ensure farmers can continue to farm successfully in the province.

Delegation – Summerland Rotary Club – Council received an update from the Summerland Rotary Club on the fundraising efforts for enhancements for the new Summerland Pier at Rotary Beach. The Rotary Club has fundraised over \$200,000.00 presenting Council with a cheque to support these enhancements. Additionally, the Rotary Club presented the initial concepts for 10 potential donor plaques to be placed along side the railing of the pier and benches.

Summerland Fire Department, RCMP and BC Emergency Health Services Update (BCEHS) – Council received a quarterly update from local emergency services organizations. The Fire Department provided an update on recently completed training sessions for firefighters and provided updates on the incident statistics, with a total of 246 calls of service to date. A review of the Fire Department Inspections was given, showing that 963 inspections have been completed to date. The RCMP reported that there has been a reduction this quarter in violent crimes, breaking and entering's, residential theft, and theft from vehicles overall. It was reported that there has been an increase in property crimes, which is attributed to crimes of opportunity, which the RCMP is educating the public to mitigate the crimes. Additionally, a campaign for education has been launched to inform the demographic who are most affected by fraud. BCEHS noted that there has been a 10 percent increase year after year in the call volume in the community of Summerland, averaging 1600 calls per year for 2024. The majority of calls come in around 10:00am and 6:00pm.

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