



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – September 24, 2024

Delegation – Roaming cat population – A representative from the Stewardship Centre for British Columbia and a representative from Critteraid Animal Sanctuary presented to Council information on the roaming cat population in Summerland through the Cats and Birds Project. Council heard how the Centre provides free science-based tools and resources to communities to improve cat welfare and protect people and wildlife from the impacts of roaming cats to make BC a safer place for cats, birds and other wildlife through collaborative outreach, resource development and research. Council resolved to provide a letter of support for the Cats and Birds Project.

Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2024-033 – Council adopted the Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2024-033. Amendment Bylaw No. 2024-033 amends Parks Regulations Bylaw No. 2022-012 by updating Section 6.b) to add “Horse Beach” to the list of park locations where dogs are permitted on-leash year-round and updating Section 6.c) to remove Peach Orchard Beach Park from the list of locations where dogs are permitted off-leash during the off-season. Dogs will be required to be on-leash year-round when walking to both the permanent fenced off-leash dog park and dog beach at Peach Orchard Beach Park. As a result, park signage will be updated to reflect this change.

Delegation - Wharton Street Bike Lanes – Council heard from local residents requesting council consideration on implementing active transportation infrastructure (triple A bike lanes) along Wharton Street as noted in the Cycling Master Plan. The presentation included examples of different options to incorporate bike lanes along Wharton Street and explained the demographic of residents who rely on those bike lanes; ie children commuting to and from school or those who cannot drive due to ability or financial constraints. Council received the presentation and noted that there will be ongoing discussions to locate the best possible route for safe bike lanes into the downtown core.

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