

Summerland Council is monitoring the very fluid situation of U.S. import tariffs coupled with Canadian counter tariffs, and has expressed concerns about the effects on our local economy and on the District's procurement of goods and services.

While currently there is no quantifiable direct impact to procurement, we are actively sharing knowledge and discussing approaches with other local governments in the BC Interior so that we can coordinate measures and act together when necessary.

The provincial and federal governments have not yet issued any directives regarding changes to their purchasing practices, or to those of local government, and therefore the District continues to conduct its procurement and supply chain management in accordance with its trade agreement obligations and purchasing policy. At the same time, however, we are encouraging support for local and Canadian contractors and suppliers where allowed under British Columbia and Canadian trade agreement protocols.

All orders of government need to work together through a concerted 'Team Canada' approach to seek a resolution to the trade dispute and to ensure our communities continue to thrive. Local government is providing its input through the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Both groups are calling on all orders of government to accelerate and increase investment in public infrastructure as that is seen as the most straightforward way to create local jobs and sustain economic growth and diversification.

As we navigate this time of economic uncertainty, we must take measures to ensure we emerge with stronger local economies. That means prioritizing economic diversification, breaking down interprovincial trade barriers that stifle economic opportunity, prioritizing trade-enabling infrastructure like roads and bridges, and recognizing that real economic growth is built by investing in communities.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Trees and vegetation on your property

Please keep trees and vegetation trimmed back to allow a minimum 3 metre clearance from the electric meter, transformer box (if existing) and overhead electrical service lines on your property. Please note that removal of vegetation within 3m of an overhead electrical service line must be done by a Certified Utility Arborist.

Compost for sale at Summerland landfill

The landfill sells food scraps compost made from Summerland's residential food scraps and yard waste, and also sells compost made from wastewater sludge. All loads are weighted and charged according to the Summerland Fees and Charges bylaw.



Self-serve compost, made from Summerland's residential food scraps and yard waste, is available any time the Landfill is open. Residents can bring their own shovel and fill up bags, containers or their vehicle by hand.

For customers with a truck or trailer, the District of Summerland is available to load either type of compost from 9:00am to 12:00pm (noon), Monday to Friday. Customers must remain in their vehicle while being loaded.

Compost is great for gardens, plants and grass when applied properly. For lawns, evenly spread 1cm (1/3") of compost over a freshly seeded lawn or evenly apply 1cm to an existing lawn (top-dressing) in the spring or fall. In gardens, apply 2cm (3/4") of compost over planting area.

Curbside unlimited yard & garden waste – week of April 29 to May 2

The weather is warming up and spring is on its way. Many residents are busy preparing their yards for the warmer months to come. Plan your major yard work around the curbside unlimited yard & garden waste event the week of April 29 to May 2.

Place your unlimited yard and garden waste in containers labelled "Yard Waste Only" (stickers are available free at Municipal Hall) or in kraft paper bags the week of April 29 to May 2 on your regular curbside collection day.

For more information regarding the Curbside Collection Program, visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste or email works@summerland.ca.

Open burning ends April 15

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres. A valid open burning permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department is required. **All backyard burning is strictly prohibited.** The season will end **April 15, 2025** and will re-open on **October 15, 2025**. For information call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.



Ongoing and upcoming projects

- **Prairie Valley Road Upgrade and Watermain Replacement** – Phase 2 of the Prairie Valley Road project has started. Road work, a multi-use pathway and underground utilities will be installed from Morrow Avenue to Cartwright Avenue. Please follow traffic control direction and detour routes. The project is scheduled to be completed in this summer.
- **Wharton Street Revitalization Project** – Construction will begin this spring to install new electrical, storm drainage, water infrastructure, multi-use pathway, road, and park improvements on Wharton Street. This project will also include parts of Prairie Valley Road, Victoria Road South, Smith Street and Henry Avenue. For a project summary and up-to-date information, please visit www.whartonstreet.ca.

New at Community Services – cancellation, withdrawal & credit card fees

Starting April 1, the Community Services Department will be introducing new Council approved terms and conditions that impact program and membership withdrawals, membership holds and credit card payment.

- Program and membership withdrawals will be subject to a 10% admin. fee.
- For aquatic and health club memberships, for 6-month memberships, one (1) membership hold will be permitted and for 1-year memberships, two (2) holds will be permitted.
- All in-person and online credit card payments made through the Community Services Department will be subject to a 1.5% credit card surcharge.

All new policies will take effect April 1, 2025, and will apply to programs and memberships purchased through Summerland recreation.

For full terms and conditions visit www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/registration.

One-day recycling depot—April 19

The District of Summerland will be holding a One-Day Recycling Depot at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday, April 19, 2025.



Bring your glass jars, foam packaging, plastic bags, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries, lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances. Help us keep recyclables out of the landfill. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials.

Please note: Residential paint, used oil, flammable materials, pressurized tanks, lead acid batteries and metal are not accepted at the one-day recycling depot but may be deposited at the Summerland Landfill for free during regular business hours.

Snow pack

Snow course survey data is gathered from two locations within the District's watershed every month from the beginning of the year until there is no snow left. Results are posted at www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey. As of March 1, 2025, the snow survey showed the Summerland Reservoir (Headwaters) at 101% and Isintok Lake at 65% of their historical averages.

Each year following irrigation season, the reservoirs are lowered to predetermined levels to provide storage for the upcoming spring freshet water. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed of the snow melt which can increase with substantial rain. To manage the risk, staff regularly monitor the dams and meet routinely to discuss if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for anticipated volume of incoming water.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner who live along creek areas 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.

2025 Earth Week

April 22—27, 2025

Planting event on April 27 at Memorial Park located at 9999 Wharton St.

Find event details at www.summerland.ca/earthweek



Alternative means of Public Notice

To increase flexibility and accessibility, the District of Summerland council has changed the method for delivering statutory notifications to satisfy the legislative requirements of section 94 of the *Community Charter*. The methods will include posting statutory notice notifications on the District's website www.summerland.ca and on the District's Facebook page facebook.com/SummerlandBC. As always, the public notices will be posted on the public notice board located in the lobby of Municipal Hall at 13211 Henry Ave.

Spring sweeping

The District of Summerland started spring sweeping in March and accelerates the cleanup process in April as additional street sweeping equipment becomes available. It is anticipated that Summerland's 330 lane kilometres of roads will be swept by the end of April.

We ask the public to be patient and please move vehicles off the road if crews are working in your area.



Giant's Head Mountain Park Road hours

Starting **April 15**, the Giant's Head Mountain Park Road gate will be open for vehicles **12:00 noon – 9:00 PM** Monday to Saturday and closed on Sundays.

Beach vending

The District of Summerland is now accepting applications for beach vending at our local beaches (Peach Orchard, Rotary, and Powell).

For more information, visit www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/parks-recreation-vending-opportunities.



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 the monthly newsletter online:

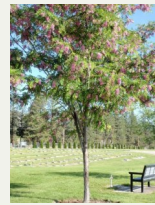
www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter

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.

Canyon View Cemetery spring maintenance

We wish to advise the public that the District of Summerland will commence Spring Maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on May 1, 2025. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016 as outlined below. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the following guidelines by April 30, 2025.



Offerings that we are asking you to remove include:

- any offering that is not entirely on the concrete base and at least 50 mm (2 in.) away from the edge of the concrete base;
- offerings that are unsightly, create a safety hazard, or interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery;
- small offerings, such as necklaces, small stones, or marbles, that may become entangled in the maintenance equipment;
- anything that extends or grows into the landscaped area surrounding an interment site or anything that encroaches into a neighbouring interment site;
- any offering that is made of, or contains, glass or any other easily breakable substance; and
- pointed or sharp offerings that may present a safety hazard if someone falls.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Infrastructure Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings.

New online application portal

The District of Summerland is introducing a new online application portal. This application portal, powered by CityView, enhances convenience and accessibility for residents and customers.

In addition, building permit applicants may select to have their building plans reviewed "electronically" without the need for large-scale hard copy plans submitted to the District's offices at Municipal Hall. The Online Application Portal include:

- online tracking of the status of applications;
- the ability for customers to submit additional documents;
- secure online payment of fees; and
- up-to-date information on all development applications that are in process with the District.

Accessing the Online Application Portal is straightforward. Users can visit the District of Summerland's official website at www.summerland.ca and navigate to one of the following sections:

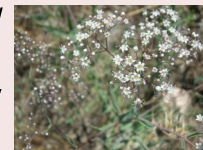
- "Building Permits" or "Planning and Development" under "Planning & Building"
- "W&I Forms" under "City Services"
- scroll down to the "Apply Online Now!" button

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

From there, users can create an account or log in, select the appropriate application type, and follow the step-by-step instructions to complete their submission efficiently.

Adopt best practices to reduce invasive plant spread

People, animals, vehicles and equipment can inadvertently carry seeds and other reproductive parts of invasive plants. Disturbing soil and existing vegetation during landscaping, construction and property maintenance can also create conditions for invasive plants to thrive. Prevention practices can greatly reduce the introduction and spread of invasive plants.



Here are some best practices to follow:

- Minimize soil disturbances and retain natural vegetation as much as possible
- Stay informed – learn about the invasive plants in your community
- Be aware of where you use and store equipment, the cleanliness of tools and where you park your vehicle (seeds can travel on tires)
- Use mulch, gravel and fill that are not contaminated with invasive plants
- Properly dispose of invasive plant material (in the garbage and not the green yard waste cart).

Learn more at www.oasiss.ca/landscapers-horticulturalists.