

Message from Council

The weather is warming, dormant plants are coming back to life, hibernation season is ending, and migratory birds are returning. . .the joys of spring!

Following the March 1 announcement on the COVID-19 vaccination rollout, we have another reason to anticipate spring 2021. Council is also preparing for the warmer days ahead as well. Following a budget open house on February 10, at the end of February Council adopted the 2021-2025 Financial Plan bylaw.

Doing so provides staff with the assurance to proceed with the 2021 operational and capital priorities from preparing sports fields for action (subject, of course, to the public health orders) to the next phase of renovations at the Summerland Arts and Culture Centre and the Summerland Museum; from repairing pathways damaged by floods to landfill improvements, including the Summerland organics processing facility. Many of these projects are supported by grant funding received by the District.

Onward to spring! Stay well, Summerland.



2021 Home Owner Grant Applications

Effective January 1, 2021, the District of Summerland will no longer be managing the Home Owner Grant (HOG) on behalf of the Province of BC. Program eligibility has not changed, however, **homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall.**

All homeowners will need to apply for their HOG directly to the Province using an online system. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to claim their HOG as soon as the 2021 property tax notices are mailed out (approximately the 3rd week in May). In order to avoid penalties and interest, homeowners need to apply for the HOG prior to the property tax deadline of July 2, 2021.

For those homeowners that do not have a computer or would prefer to apply over the phone, please call the Province's toll free number at: 1-888-355-2700.

For more information, or to learn more about the Home Owner Grant program, please visit the Province's website at: gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant.

Earth Week - Hold the Date

The 15th Annual Earth Week Celebration will be April 19-25.

The 2021 theme is **RESTORE OUR EARTH**. Event details and schedule will be released at www.summerland.ca/earthweek.



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Earth Week
SUMMERLAND

Join in Summerland's
15TH ANNUAL EARTH WEEK
CELEBRATION!
April 19-25
www.summerland.ca/earthweek
Event details and schedule coming soon

Save the Date

Save the date for the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide.



\$2
Skate Rental

SPRING BREAK
Fun at the Arena
March 13-28

PUBLIC SKATING:

Sunday	6:00-7:30pm
Monday	1:15-2:45pm
Tuesday	1:15-2:45pm
Wednesday	1:15-2:45pm
Wednesday	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	1:15-2:45pm
Friday	1:15-2:45pm
Saturday	1:15-2:45pm
Parent & Tot Skate	Mon/Wed/Fri 11:45am-12:45pm

Child.....	\$2.50	Parent & Tot.....	\$1.50/person
Teen (13-18).....	\$3.25		
Senior (65+).....	\$3.75		
Adult (19-64).....	\$4.50	Skate Rental.....	\$2.00

*Pre-registration is required.

Notice to Summerland Irrigators

The Works Division will begin turning on irrigation services the week of April 12, 2021. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this date will be required to complete an Advanced Irrigation application form and pay \$48.50 plus GST per property at Municipal Hall, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm.

District Facilities Update

Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Face masks are mandatory. Call to check what hours facilities may be open to the public. Staff is available during regular business hours at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall - General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373
- Utility Billing: (250) 404-4047
- Property Tax/Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable: (250) 404-4055
- Parks & Recreation: (250) 494-0447
- Fire Department (Non emergency): (250) 494-7211
- Works & Infrastructure: (250) 494-0431
- After Hours Emergency 3:30pm - 7:00am Monday to Friday, weekends or Statutory Holidays for Water/Sewer/Roads/Parks/Electrical Utility: (250) 493-0005

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, 2021 and will re-open on October 15, 2021. For information call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.



Spring Recreation Guide

The Summerland Recreation Spring 2021 Guide is available online at www.summerland.ca.

Please register early. Minimum registration numbers are required one week prior to start date or program will be cancelled.

Registration is now open online at <https://summerland.perfectmind.com>, by phone or in person at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre.



The District of Summerland is Looking for Committee Member Volunteers

Committee members volunteer their time and expertise and are essential to the success of Council Committees. The District of Summerland currently has openings on the following Committees:

Agricultural Advisory Committee

(2yr Term meeting monthly minimum)

- Assists Council in an advisory capacity on issues important to the agri-business community including land use and economic development matters with respect to agriculture.

Community Climate Action Advisory Committee

(1yr Term meeting quarterly minimum)

- Assists Council in an advisory capacity on the District's community-wide green greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets and accompanying objectives related to Climate Action, as identified in the Official Community Plan.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

(2yr Term quarterly minimum)

- Provides a local perspective and advice to Council and staff on the provision of parks and recreation services, programs and facilities in Summerland with consideration of the District of Summerland Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

More information and application forms can be found on our website www.summerland.ca/committees. Forward completed applications to corporateofficer@summerland.ca by March 17, 2021. Council will review all applications received and make appointments at a meeting in April.

Curbside Collection – Yard & Garden Waste Pickup

Yard & Garden Waste collection has restarted. Pickup will be on your regular garbage day. Pickup is bi-weekly, alternating with Recycling collection, on your scheduled collection day. Please have your Yard & Garden Waste along with your Garbage to the curb and properly spaced by 7:00 am.

The District will be holding two **UNLIMITED YARD & GARDEN WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION EVENTS** in 2021. Try timing major yard work around the two unlimited Yard & Garden Waste collection weeks:

- Week of April 20 to 23, 2021
- Fall event to be scheduled in the 2021-2022 curbside collection calendar.

Alternately, residents can:

- Bring it to the Landfill at a cost of \$25.00/metric tonne (\$1.50 min. charge).
- Purchase 'tag-a-bag' stickers from Municipal Hall or Works & Infrastructure for \$2.50, and place them on a container or bag, with the sticker clearly visible. Put the tagged bag/container out beside your Yard & Garden Waste cart.
- Change the size of your Yard & Garden Waste cart. Carts are available in 120L, 240L (base size), and 360L sizes. Changeout form is on the District website.

For more information visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste, call 250-494-0431 or email worksandinfrastructure@summerland.ca.

Curbside Collection Program Rate Changes – March 1

Beginning March 1, 2021, the District of Summerland will be adjusting the curbside collection fees to cover the annual curbside collection contractual increases, the addition of 2 unlimited yard & garden waste curbside collection events and some of the operational costs associated with solid waste. The proposed increase to fees is as follows:

Category	Monthly Charge as of March 1, 2021	Increase of:
Monthly Base Cart Program Fee	\$18.25	\$2.35/ month
Monthly Multi-Family Dwelling Recycling Collection Fee	\$5.28	\$0.28/ month
Curbside Residential Waste Cart (Garbage Cart) - upgrade to a 240 Litre Cart. Fee is in addition to the Monthly Base Cart Program Fee.	\$10.06	\$0.48/ month
Curbside Residential Waste Cart (Garbage Cart) - upgrade to a 360 Litre Cart. Fee is in addition to the Monthly Base Cart Program Fee.	\$20.13	\$0.96/ month

For more information regarding the Curbside Collection Program, visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste or contact the District of Summerland Works and Infrastructure Department at 250-494-0431 or email worksandinfrastructure@summerland.ca.

Landfill Fee Changes – March 1, 2021

Fees will be adjusted at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill as of March 1, 2021 to support recycling and diversion initiatives, reduce contamination, deter unsecured and/or uncovered vehicle loads, and to offset some of the solid waste operational costs. [The major changes have been summarized below:](#)

- Refuse, Recyclable Materials – Unsorted and Fibreglass** will be increasing 5% to \$115.50/metric tonne over 100 kg. Minimum charge is \$6.85 up to 100 kg.
- Mixed Demolition Waste** will be increasing 5% to \$210.00/metric tonne up to 500 kg and \$525.00/metric tonne over 500 kg. Minimum charge is \$10.50.
- Wood Waste** products and **Green Waste** products will no longer have a free component. Historically these materials were free for the first 500 kg and \$45.00/metric tonne for loads over 500 kg. The removal of the free component is due to the cost of handling and grinding these materials:
 - Green Wood Waste** and **Separated Yard and Garden Waste** charged at \$25.00/metric tonne with a \$1.50 minimum charge. A typical pickup truck load of green waste will cost about the same as a cup of coffee, approximately \$2.50 to \$3.75.
 - Wood Waste (Not Preserved)** charged at \$65.00/metric tonne with a \$5.00 minimum charge.
- Large Commercial Volumes of Corrugated Cardboard - ICI** charged at \$25.00/metric tonne with a \$1.50 minimum charge.
- Penalties increased to encourage recycling/diversion, reduce contamination, and deter unsecured and/or uncovered vehicle loads.
- The Landfill will accept waste from Out of Service Area users at double the rate for garbage, or double the highest rate for any material contained in the load, whichever is greater, with a minimum charge of \$20.00.

For more information www.summerland.ca/solidwaste or call 250-494-0431.

Sani-Station Reopening in March

Weather dependent, the Sani-Station located at the Trout Creek pullout will reopen the week of March 12, 2021.

Keep Up To Date: The District will post community updates to our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

Website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Twitter: twitter.com/SummerlandBC

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<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe>