

Message from Council

Fall is officially here and, once again, we are enjoying cool mornings and smoke-free days. Families with school-aged children are adjusting to the 2021/2022 school routines whether within local schools in the area or farther afield at a post-secondary school.

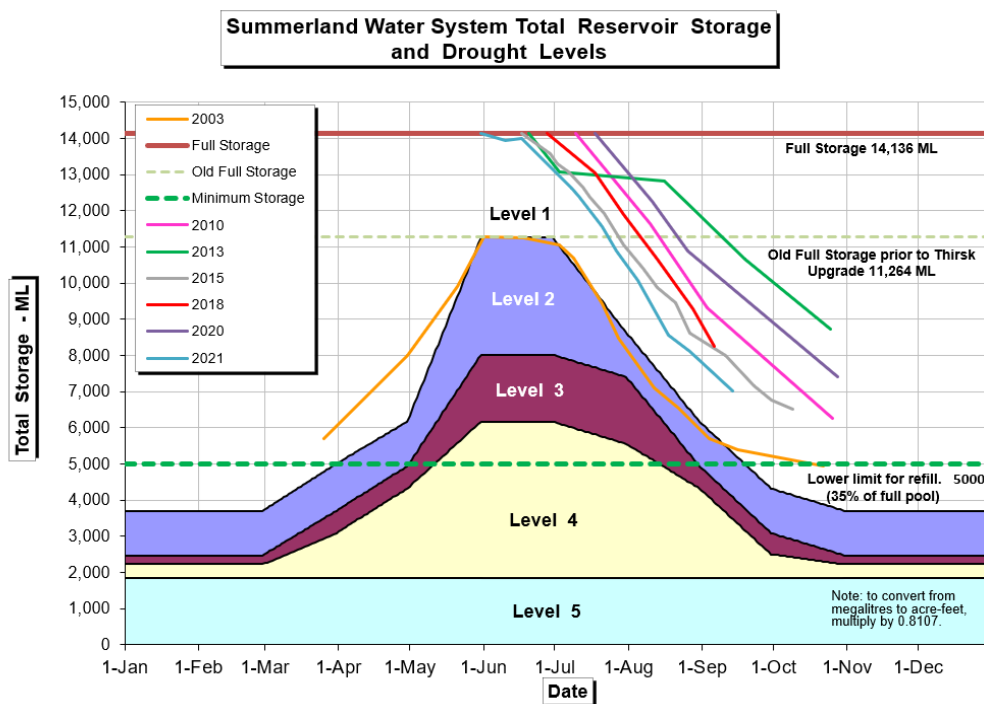
The 118th Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Convention is over for another year. This year's theme was "Obstacles to Opportunities". Panel discussions and resolutions reflected matters that are top-of-mind in local governments across the province: attainable housing, reconciliation, health matters (mental health, COVID-19 and the opioid crisis), climate action, and post-pandemic economic recovery. Summerland Council had meetings with the Ministers and staff of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; Municipal Affairs; and Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.

UBCM was a virtual Convention again this year and, while the improvement in format and use of interactive and responsive technology was amazing, nothing compares to being able to meet in person. So much relationship-building and sharing of ideas and solutions happens outside of the formal sessions; Council is looking forward to a face-to-face Convention in September 2022.

The September newsletter message from Council contemplated that, given the rising COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations in the Province, perhaps Step 4 of the B.C. Restart Plan might be postponed. Sadly, this contemplation was realized and, although we may be 'done' with the pandemic, it is not done with us. Thankfully, those who have potentially put themselves and their families in harms way are not done either. This month, Council would like to especially direct our respect and appreciation to the women and men who work in health care; educate or support the education of children; care for the elderly or vulnerable; provide public safety and emergency services; grow, deliver, and/or sell food; or ensure we have clean water, reliable electrical services and sanitary services. Thank you for your continued service in these challenging times.

Water storage and restrictions

The Summerland (Trout Creek) Water System has approximately 50% of its storage remaining as of September 14. Below is an updated trigger graph from the Summerland Drought Response Plan which plays a part in the decision making for drought levels and water use stages. This graph includes 2021 data and a cross section of other years for comparison. The Trout Creek graph shows that storage levels remain in Drought level 1. The Garnett System remains at approximately 77% storage. Summerland's Water Use is now at Stage 1.



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 2022 Grant in Aid, please visit the

Finance Department section of the District Website at www.summerland.ca for the current application form and related policy. Complete submissions, with all requested supporting documentation, are due October 31, 2021. Please forward all related information to recreation@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.

Bylaw information

The roads are now busier than ever with school back in session. Please be mindful of speed limits, paying special attention to school zones, crosswalks, and bus stops.

For more information about the District of Summerland's bylaws, please visit:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/bylaws-policies/bylaws>

Do you have a question about the District's bylaws?

Please submit your inquiries to: bylaw@summerland.ca



Sani-station closed for the season

The Trout Creek Sani-Station will be closed for the season as of Monday, November 1, 2021.



Pay it forward

When you hear that discouraging voice in your head, tell yourself something positive — you deserve kindness too!

New pickleball courts

The District of Summerland and the Summerland Pickleball Club celebrated the completion of four new pickleball courts at the Peach Orchard Campground - a big step in meeting the needs of local pickleball players. The Summerland Pickleball Club contributed \$5,000 to the project through their membership of over 150 players.



Photo from left to right: Councillor Doug Holmes, Summerland Pickleball President Henry Sielmann, Terri Matinello, Sue Simpson, Lionel Simpson, Carol Johnson, Mayor Toni Boot, Councillor Richard Barkwill

Short term rental survey now available

We are seeking input on short term rentals in Summerland and a short survey is now available online. Paper copies are also available at Municipal Hall.

The survey will be open until October 29, 2021.

To take the survey, visit:

<https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation>



Giant's Head Mountain Park

Giant's Head Mountain Park Road is now open until October 31, 2021. The road and gate will open at 12 noon and close at 9:00PM every day except Sundays.

Be Bear Smart

Bears are preparing for their winter slumber. Garbage, bird feeders, and tree fruits can attract bears to your yard, family, and neighbourhood. Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.



Tips to prevent attracting bears to your property:

Garbage - properly secure your garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00AM on your scheduled collection day. Consider upgrading to a wildlife cart.

Compost - use finished compost, leaves, grass or wood chips to cover up fruit or other food waste in your composter. Properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.

Fruit trees and grapes - make sure to harvest fruit immediately. Remove all windfall fruit. If you own an orchard, electric fencing is encouraged.

Pet food, birdfeeders, and gardens are all attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors. Bring your birdfeeders in for the summer, as an alternative, plant natural flowers as a food source instead.

Barbeques - everyone loves the smell of a good barbeque, bears included! To keep your barbeques safe, make sure that they are properly cleaned, covered and don't leave utensils out overnight.

BC Energy Step Code and Building Bylaw review

A feedback survey, part of District efforts to engage with the building community and the general public on the potential implementation of the BC Energy Step Code, is now available for local input.

This survey can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/building/energy-step-code-building-bylaw>

The survey will be open until November 1, 2021. Opportunities for input and comments on our subsequent draft bylaw will follow.

Energy savings for heating—setting your thermostat

In winter, heating costs can go up by as much as 140% compared to the rest of the year. One of the most effective things you can do to control your heating costs is to manage your thermostat effectively.

A programmable thermostat is a small investment that can help you manage your heating costs by reducing wasted heat. Simply set it to turn on at the times you're home and turn down when you're out during the day and at night when you're sleeping.

Setting your thermostat at the right temperature is important.

- * Heating costs rise about 5% for every degree above 20°C (68°F) that you set your thermostat.
- * 16°C when you're away from home and sleeping.
- * 21°C when you're relaxing or watching TV.
- * 18°C when you're cooking or doing housework.

Set it and forget it. Set your thermostat to adjust at certain times of the day for when you're asleep or at work. Have your thermostat warm up right before you usually get home in the evening.

Manage settings on the go. If you make spontaneous evening plans and have a WiFi-enabled smart thermostat, adjust it right from your smartphone.

Do you have baseboard heating or rely on portable space heaters?

They can be inefficient, especially for large spaces. Make sure you're using yours as efficiently as possible. Visit [BC Hydro power smart](#).

'Smart' thermostat "learn your routine." Thermostats like the [Nest](#) will learn your daily routine and automatically adjust the temperature for you.

Summerland Biosolids Compost - 1.5 - 0.4 - 0.3

Available at Summerland Sanitary Landfill, 17202 Bathville Road, Summerland, B.C. V0H 1Z8
Lot: Biosolids Compost: 2020-05-21 Average net weight 487 kg/m³

Did you know you can purchase high quality, sustainable, and safe Class A biosolid compost at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill? Biosolid compost is valued for its high organic matter content and strong structure that drains easily and promotes healthy root growth. The Class A government designation means that the product can be sold with no restrictions. It can be safely applied to restore lawns, overwinter trees and shrubs, plant fall bulbs and tubers, or re-nourish spent gardens. Applying District of Summerland Compost in the fall will prepare your yard for next year – replenishing the nutrients lost during the growing season!

Saturday, October 9, from 9:00AM to 2:45PM

A loader will be available for filling trucks and trailers (not available between 12:00 noon and 12:30PM)

Visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste, Green/Organic Waste & Compost-Fall for more information on how to apply District of Summerland Compost.

- Residents may also self-load compost products into owner supplied containers during regular landfill hours (bring your own shovel)
- A loader is available Mondays through Fridays, 9:00AM to 2:45PM (not available between 12 noon and 12:30PM)
- Compost: 4 cents/kilogram
- Wood Mulch and Topdressing: 6 cents/kilogram
- \$2.00 minimum charge
- A 25% discount will be applied for loads over 1 metric tonne

College Road seasonal closure

College Road (connecting S. Victoria Road to the Giant's Head Mountain Park parking lot) will be closed to vehicles on October 31, 2021 and will reopen April 15, 2022.

Keep up to date: The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

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