

Message from Council

Although the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Convention meetings with Provincial Ministers, Council, and staff are over, the work continues through staff-to-staff collaborations. Council discussed the importance of the agricultural sector to the social and economic health of the community and our priority to establish a Food Hub in Summerland. This type of agri-centre would foster innovation in value-added food processing, provide educational resources for the agricultural sector, and create employment.

We also had discussions on two other Council priorities: The progress on the proposed Recreation and Health Centre (community engagement on-site selection soon to be underway); and potential funding to support Council's reconciliation work, specifically sylix (Okanagan Peoples) interpretive and place name signage.

The Message from Council in the December newsletter will provide updates on 2021 priorities the District has completed or are well underway. January's Message will look at the year ahead—the final year of our four-year term.

Although we have been enjoying beautiful fall weather, District staff are preparing for the coming cold weather. Irrigation water is turned off, seasonal decorations will be going up after Remembrance Day, parks, beds and planters are undergoing fall clean-up, and the Fortis transmission upgrade is complete. We encourage you to prepare for winter as well. Change the battery in your fire/smoke detector; winterize your irrigation system; have your chimney swept and—especially, if you plan to gather in groups or travel for seasonal festivities—get fully vaccinated.

George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre

The District of Summerland and Summerland Community Arts Council hosted a celebration on October 21 to announce the completion of the building renovations at 9525 Wharton Street.

The full-scale interior renovations included HVAC upgrades, lighting, flooring, new partition walls and floor plan, accessible washrooms as well as fire and life safety improvements.

In addition to the District's Capital Reserve Fund contribution, funding support was provided by the Summerland Community Arts Council's BC Gaming Grant, Rick Hansen Foundation, and the District of Summerland Sustainability Reserve.

The Summerland Community Arts Council and Art Gallery will reside on the main floor of the renovated building. The second floor is shared space which will offer arts and cultural programs and events, recreation programs, and rental space administered through the Arts Council.



Council recently renamed the building the George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre. The nationally acclaimed playwright George Ryga wrote most of his major works at his Summerland home.

2021 Light Up Summerland



Stay tuned! More information to come on the revised COVID-friendly approach for 2021 Light Up Summerland on the Chamber of Commerce www.summerlandchamber.com and District of Summerland www.summerland.ca websites and Facebook pages.

District employees are recognized

Saving the life of a resident is hardly a daily operational duty, but the District's bylaw officers Dan Maja (pictured R) and Darren Krell (pictured L) took it in stride, using their first aid training to save the life of a resident. Summerland Ambulance Unit Chief Tom Ratcliffe honoured the two men September 17 for their efforts. Thank you Dan and Darren for going above and beyond the call of duty.



Curbside Collection—unlimited Yard & Garden Waste pickup

The UNLIMITED yard and garden waste curbside collection event will be the collection week of **November 16 to 19**.

1) Fill your Green Yard & Garden Waste Cart and put it out for collection.

2) Place additional Yard & Garden Waste out beside your cart for collection as follows:

- In "kraft" style yard waste paper bags
- In any container that is clearly marked as "yard waste only", has a volume capacity of 95L or less and a maximum weight of 25kgs
- Bundle branches, 5cm in diameter and under, with string or twine. Bundles must be less than 1.0m long and weigh less than 25kgs
- **Note:** Paper bags that are ripped or heavily saturated will not be collected





Materials must be placed out for collection by 7AM on your regular collection day. An additional truck will collect the extra yard waste after the garbage is collected.

The final Yard & Garden Waste Curbside Collection for 2021 is the collection week of November 30 to December 3.

Summerland telephone directory changes

For any changes to your phone book directory listing, please fill out the form located in your current phonebook or online at www.summerlandchamber.com. Corrections/updates can be mailed to Summerland Chamber at Box 130, Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0 or email directory@summerlandchamber.com. Deadline is December 31, 2021.

2022 SUMMERLAND TELEPHONE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY	
 SUMMERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	A Joint Community Project from the Summerland Rotary Club and the Summerland Chamber of Commerce 
<small>The telephone industry is reinventing itself and it means that we can no longer rely on other sources for the accuracy of the telephone directory information. Please complete the form below exactly as you want to see your listing in the directory. Corrections and updates can be mailed to the Summerland Chamber at Box 130, Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0, email to: directory@summerlandchamber.com</small>	
DEADLINE Dec.31,2021.	
<small>This is the process for creating the 2022 Summerland Telephone and Business Directory and will rely on input from you, the user, to ensure accuracy and current information. Thank you.</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Listing Information <input type="checkbox"/> Change to Listing <input type="checkbox"/> Delete Listing	
Name: _____	_____
Last	First
Address: _____	
Postal Code: _____	Phone Number: _____



Pay it forward

Write a kind message on your mirror with a dry erase marker for yourself, your significant other or a family member.

Recreation Centre feasibility & site fit study

The District of Summerland is planning for the replacement of the Aquatic and Fitness Centre and is exploring facility design options at two locations. The first option is rebuilding where the existing facility is adjacent to Summerland Secondary School. The second option is to build a new facility adjacent to the existing Summerland Arena on Jubilee Road.

We want to hear from you!

Building a recreation centre only happens once every 40-50 years, so your input now is critical.

Public open house

November 16 at the Arena Banquet Room

- **Session 1:**
4:30 - 6:00PM, presentation at 5:00PM
- **Session 2:**
6:30 - 8:00PM, presentation at 6:45PM



Due to COVID-19 protocols, limited space is available. Please email recreation@summerland.ca to pre-register indicating which session you would like to attend.

Display & survey

Display boards and hard copy surveys will be available at the Aquatic Centre, Arena, and District Hall from November 15 to 29.

Online survey

An online survey will be open from November 15 to 29, available at www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre

Open Burning Permits

Written open burning permits are issued by the Fire Department from October 15 to April 15 to properties in excess of two acres in size for the purpose of burning woody debris such as prunings.

Property owners with a written open burning permit are then required to obtain a verbal open burning permit on the day they wish to burn by calling the Fire Department at (250) 494-7211. Open burning days are regulated by regional ventilation index, issued by Environment Canada.

Burning of yard waste in residential areas, on properties less than two acres in size is strictly prohibited.



Winter Curbside Cart Collection

With winter on its way, follow these guidelines for successful curbside collection. Please:

- Ensure the areas around and under your carts are clear of snow.
- Place carts as close as possible to the road, without obstructing the snow removal operations, street, sidewalk or bike lane.
- Do not place carts behind or on top of a snow bank.
- Ensure there is proper spacing around the carts:
 - 1m (3ft) of space on all sides;
 - 3m (10ft) of clearance above; and
 - 0.5m (5ft) of space from a vehicle.



The District of Summerland curbside collection contractor will make every attempt to pick up waste material during winter conditions. However, their top priority is resident and employee safety.

In the Event of a Collection Delay:

- Please place your cart(s) out **each day** following the delay until collection can be completed safely. Do not leave your carts at roadside as they may interfere with snow removal or emergency vehicles.
- When service is resumed, the contractor will collect any extra accumulated material, at no extra charge, equivalent to the amount that would have been collected if service had not been temporarily interrupted.

To sign up for curbside notifications/alerts and for more information on winter curbside cart collection please visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste

What to do if you see a fallen power line

It's impossible to tell just by sight or sound if a power line that has fallen on the ground or become damaged is still live—it doesn't always spark, smoke, or make a buzzing sound. If you come across a downed or damaged power line, it's important to treat it as an emergency situation. Stay back at least 10m (the length of a city bus) and report it to 911.

Earth Day Canada tree planting relay

On September 22, the District of Summerland was proud to join Earth Day Canada for their 2021 Tree Planting Relay! The District confirmed their pledge to plant 50 trees in honour of Earth Day this year. In total, 91 trees were planted; 90 at Powell Beach and one at Memorial Park. Find out more about the Earth Day tree planting relay at <https://earthday.ca/april-22/programs/tree-planting-relay/>



Be prepared to drive in winter conditions

- Ensure your vehicle is equipped for the weather – use winter tires.
- Maintain a safe following distance by looking ahead, and keep at least 4 seconds distance.
- Reduce your speed to match road conditions – the posted speed is the maximum speed under ideal conditions.
- Watch for black ice which is especially common in shaded areas, under an overpass, and in areas where vehicles frequently stop.
- Accelerate and brake slowly to maintain traction.
- Avoid sudden moves by looking ahead to anticipate stops and turns well before they occur.
- Know how to handle a skid – do not brake, ease off accelerator, and look and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go.
- See and be seen – turn your vehicle lights all the way on, so your tail lights come on as well.
- Be cautious when approaching District maintenance vehicles and staff as they are trying to get you safely to your destination.



2022 budget timeline

The District will be starting 2022 budget deliberations in November 2021. Please check out Facebook page facebook.com/SummerlandBC and website summerland.ca for upcoming dates.

Prepare your family for an outage

Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer – up to days or even weeks. Power outages are often caused by freezing

rain, sleet storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. You may also be left without phone or internet service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges. You can greatly lessen the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. You and your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for at least 72 hours.

Visit www.getprepared.gc.ca



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.

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

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