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Media Release

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Trails, Cycling Network and Sidewalks Master Plans for Summerland

The District of Summerland supports a vibrant and livable community through providing access to recreational amenities and strategic planning for infrastructure development.

The District is planning for the future by developing three new plans:

- Trails Master Plan
- Cycling Network Plan
- Sidewalks Master Plan

These Master Plans will guide the development of future trail, bicycle and sidewalk routes, infrastructure, amenities and policy direction in Summerland.

The key objective for all three plans is the promotion of active transportation for both recreation and commuting purposes. Active Transportation includes any form of human-powered transportation. Walking and cycling are the most popular and well-known forms of active transportation. However, the definition extends much further to include the use of a wheelchair, stroller, or mobility aid, among others.

Transportation decisions affect our community's health, environment, and economy. The Cycling, Trails and Sidewalk Master Plans will identify opportunities for the District to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and work towards a more sustainable transportation system that reduces traffic congestion and encourages residents and visitors to choose active modes of transportation.

The Trails, Cycling and Sidewalk Master Plans will be developed over the next three months and involve a variety of opportunities for residents and visitors to participate and provide input.

To launch the public engagement process, residents are invited to participate in an **online survey**. This survey is available at www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation until October 26, 2018.

The District is hosting an **Open House** on **October 25** at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A ten-minute presentation will be facilitated at 5:15 p.m. and repeated again at 6:15 p.m. The entire community is invited to drop-in to learn more about the Master Plans and to provide input.

For more information, contact Summerland Recreation at 250.494.0447.

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