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## Media Release

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### SUMMERLAND – Official results: Summerland Recreation Centre Referendum

A final determination of Summerland’s Recreation Centre Referendum was conducted by the Chief Election Officer on November 8, 2023, which confirmed the preliminary results reported on General Voting Day. The Chief Election Officer has confirmed that **4625 votes were cast** in the referendum, with **2682 votes (58%) against** the referendum question, meaning the District will not proceed with borrowing of \$50 million to construct a new Summerland Recreation Centre.

The facility will remain in its current size and configuration and the same type and number of aquatic programs that are offered today will continue, with any potential future capital investments being decided by Council.

“It was encouraging to see so many people engaged in the referendum process and exercise their democratic right to vote, either for or against, based on their vision for the future of the community,” said Mayor Doug Holmes. “In the coming months, Council will have discussions on next steps and how we can keep the community involved as we work together to determine what the future of recreation looks like in Summerland.”

The Declaration of Official Results can be found here: <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/2023-recreation-centre-referendum/2023-recreation-centre-referendum-results>

The District of Summerland thanks everyone for participating in the Summerland Recreation Centre Referendum process.

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