



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – June 5, 2023

Committee of the Whole – Council reviewed strategies for the proposed new recreation/aquatic centre, which will inform how borrowing will be repaid. Council directed staff to proceed with an approach where 50% would be recovered through assessed taxation and 50% through a parcel tax. If public assent is received, these tax increases will be implemented over a four-year period with an effort to flow the increases in equal increments over the four years to level the impact to rate payers. Once the borrowing bylaws have received three readings, they will be sent to the province for approval and a referendum date will be selected, targeting November.

2022 Statement of Financial Information – Council heard that compared to 2021, the 2022 employee listing for salaries greater than \$75,000 shows an increase of 8 staff members. These amounts include both remuneration and expenses according to the *Financial Information Act* and are publicly reported each year.

Council Procedure Bylaw Amendments – Council made changes to the bylaw to move their meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays, in support of a compressed work week trial for Municipal Hall. By compressing full-time hours into a four-day period, customers will have the benefit of extended service hours starting July 2, 2023. Counter services will be provided Tuesday through Friday, but will run later, now extending each day to 5pm. Additionally, the opening time will be earlier, beginning at 8:15am each morning. Service will continue over the lunch hour period as is currently the case. The trial will be for 18 months with results reported to Council.

Accessible BC Act – The Act requires local governments to establish an Accessibility Committee by September 1, 2023, to assist with the identification and removal (or prevention) of barriers to individuals interacting with local government services and facilities. Council directed staff to work in collaboration with the regional district given that many of these challenges will be common across the region.

Note: These highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings. The summary is not inclusive of all agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the District of Summerland website at <https://www.summerland.ca> or contact Corporate Services at 250-404-4037.