



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### District of Summerland – October 17, 2023

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**Delegation – RCMP** – The local detachment indicated there is an increase in violent crime, property crime and auto crime in line with the regional trend and the associated files received. The five top areas of focus are traffic enforcement, alarms (including false alarms), wellbeing checks, suspicious persons and disturbance of the peace.

**Delegation – Domestic Second Services** – A presentation was provided recommending against charging a base rate for the additional domestic water service of some residential properties, which currently receive unlimited non-metered water.

**Delegation – Food Cycle Science** – Council heard that there is a type of household appliance that processes organics and produces compost as a result. It was noted that most municipalities that have rolled these out don't have curbside collection.

**Delegation – Summerland Rotary Club** – Rotary held a community meeting September 18 that brought together several community organizations to talk about fundraising for the features on the pier (the District is paying for the basic rebuild at ~\$750k). The first \$100,000 dollars is within reach and final options will go to Council for decision. A special themed gala will take place on May 11 with a dinner, entertainment, and silent auction.

**Pier Update and Survey** – The old pier has now been fully removed, and the District is awaiting approval from the province to install the new piles. Council heard that if we do not receive authorizations this year, it will delay installation further into 2024. In terms of the survey, 597 respondents to the survey with 36% of the respondents preferring the “enhanced” concept, 34% of the respondents preferring the “premium” concept and 24% of the respondents preferring the “basic” concept. The top three identified preferred amenities were additional benches, a shade structure and a rope swing.

**Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) and Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA)**– A comprehensive process was undertaken to evaluate risks and vulnerabilities and the tools the District has to mitigate them, culminating in a revised HRVA and new

CCRA. The plans will be used to inform a future climate action plan, which is identified as an action item in Council's Strategic Priorities for 2022-2026. The reports also support the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan and the Corporate Energy and Emissions Management Plan.

**BC Transit Umo Electronic System** – BC Transit is making changes to the system they use to collect fares across the transit system however some workarounds need to be made to accommodate the different zones. Council directed that the option which impacts user experience and revenues the least, be implemented. Council also supported the roll out of a 30-day pass that can be purchased at any time. Finally, an update on free ridership for residents was provided (it appears to have resulted in a large increase in ridership).

**Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant** – The District is currently upgrading Victoria Road South from Agur Road to Dunham Crescent which includes drainage improvements, road resurfacing and a multi-use pathway. In the community's Cycling Master Plan (2019) an all ages and abilities bike path is planned to proceed further down Victoria Road South. Council heard that the Province has opened an intake for its Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for up to \$500,000 covering up to 70% of eligible costs. Council directed that staff apply for the grant with the intent of using the funds (if awarded) to build out a multi-use pathway the rest of the way down Victoria Road South along with road surfacing and other improvements all the way to the round-a-bout.

**Downtown Development Permit – 13609 Dickson Road** - Council considered a Multi-Family Development Permit that considers the form and character of a proposed four storey apartment building with 90 rental units catered to affordable senior living. In conjunction with the Multi-Family Development Permit, the applicant has requested a variance to a section of the Zoning Bylaw to reduce the required number of bicycle parking spaces. Council commended the good design and approved the permit and variance, directing staff to explore a small land purchase to provide better sidewalk access.

**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.



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