



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – February 13, 2023

Delegation – Summerland Community Gardens – A delegation from the Gardens (located on the Alliance Church parcel north of town) presented their plans for expansion. In addition to the progress update, the delegation conveyed a concern that the property is being used as an unauthorized bypass by motorists to/from Victoria Road North. Reasonable traffic controls will require the creation of barriers and signage. Council thanked the delegation for their report and directed staff to work to reduce the traffic concerns, reporting back to Council as required.

Summerland Rodeo Grounds Masterplan Update – Staff provided a summary of public and committee perspectives, with two options being highlighted: one focused on equestrian uses, and the second on a multi-use approach that also includes equestrian activities. The multi-use approach could see disc golf, a fenced dog park, greater focus on events, and possibly a mountain bike skills development area on the site. Council directed staff to turn their mind to a possible hybrid approach, one that is phased over time with high level costing accompanying future consultations. The next public engagement is scheduled for February 28.

Domestic Second Services (DSS) – Responsible use of water resources necessitates the measured use of water. Records indicate there are approximately 240 properties of 2 acres or less that have an unmetered second water service. Staff presented an approach that will see all properties receive a ‘choice’ letter in which they must select by March 31, 2023 whether or not to remove the service. Those who choose to remove the service, or who do not respond, will not have their service activated this spring. Those who choose to keep the service will have to pay for a meter to be installed. Council acknowledged it is a complex issue that will have to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and directed staff to modify the letters to ensure it is clear to residents that this program will take many months to implement.

Oversubscribed Funding – Provincial and Federal government grant programs are routinely oversubscribed, meaning there is not enough funds to support all qualifying projects, even when those projects are strong candidates for funding. To bring light to this issue Council drafted a resolution for deliberation at the upcoming Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) conference in April. The resolution highlights the need for additional funding for these programs, and seeks program efficiencies to avoid the futility of staff putting hours into grant applications that subsequently cannot be funded due to government funding shortfalls.

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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