



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – January 16, 2024

Committee of the Whole – Council received a briefing on the implementation plan for the new food waste collection program for residential properties starting in April 2024. Council heard that over 2/3 of British Columbians have access to residential food waste collection, with the goal of reducing methane (greenhouse gas) and extending the life of landfills. The second item on the agenda was an introduction to new provincial legislative requirements pertaining to housing, planning, and development and how they will affect our community (Bills 35, 44, 46, 47).

Delegation – Garnet Valley Agritourism Association – Representation from the association outlined several concerns regarding a proposed gravel pit in the Garnet Valley area. Concerns with the pit, which would be a decision of provincial regulators, included impacts to tourism development due to the issues of dust, noise, and traffic.

Loan Authorization Bylaws – Council provided first three readings of two bylaws to permit the borrowing of funds for strategic projects. The first pertains to upgrades to Prairie Valley Road and would result in a cost to property owners in the amount of \$34.60 per year. The second involves improvements at the wastewater treatment plant to achieve provincial regulatory requirements which would result in a cost of \$24.94 per year to sewage system ratepayers.

Southern Interior Local Government Association Resolutions – In preparation for the association meeting from April 30 to May 3, Council debated proposed resolutions that could be brought forward to build a consensus and lobby the province. Issues and opportunities regarding organics processing, grant processing timelines, Agriculture Land Reserve, septic services, and restrictive structure of ballot questions were discussed.

Proposed Development on Julia St./Rosedale Ave – A public hearing was held regarding an Official Community Plan amendment and a rezoning application for property located at 9514 & 9518 Julia St, 14406 & 14408 Rosedale Ave for the placement of a hotel and an

apartment building. Later in the meeting Council approved key elements to allow the project to continue to move forward with next steps.

Proposed Garnet Valley Gravel Pit – Council discussed proposed referral comments in opposition to a proposed gravel pit in Garnet Valley. In addition to responding to the referral request from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Council also directed that a separate letter be sent to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Residents with feedback were also encouraged to write directly to the regulator.

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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