

## Message from Mayor and Council

The reconstruction of Giants Head Road is now essentially complete. Further roadworks will get underway this summer with the repaving of Jubilee Road West between the middle and high schools, repaving and water main replacement at the east end of Dale Meadows Road, and repaving with drainage and sidewalk work on Victoria Road South between Agur Street and Dunham Crescent.

Paving more roads is a top Council priority. Of Summerland's 175 km of roads, about 70 km are in good condition, 60 km are in fair condition, and 45 km are in poor condition and should be repaved.

After gradually replenishing depleted reserves in recent years, we're now in a position to start fixing our roads. But we need to do it in a fiscally responsible manner. We need to think of infrastructure in a more unified way, to avoid inefficiencies like repaving a road only to dig it up later to fix a burst water pipe. To this end, Council has recently adopted an Integrated Roads and Water Master Plan. It prioritizes capital investments by scoring every road in town based on risk of failure, opportunity to reduce maintenance, availability of external funding such as government grants or development contributions, alignment with Council priorities, and opportunity to phase or bundle several projects.

Scoring has produced a priority list of 19 capital projects amounting to \$241 million over 20 years.

Check the District of Summerland website to view the story board and interactive map that shows every road's condition, work being planned, and project costs.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

## One-day recycling depot

**Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Visit us at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road E.  
Materials being collected at this One-Day Recycling Depot:

- Batteries, ballasts and lightbulbs
- TVs, electronics and small appliances
- Smoke detectors and alarms
- Styrofoam (white and coloured)
- Glass jars and non-refundable bottles
- Flexible Plastic Packaging, such as plastic bags and wrappers

Staff will be available to answer questions on sorting and placing your recyclable materials.

Please recycle cardboard, metals, bulky appliances, household hazardous waste and all of the recyclable items above at the Summerland Landfill Recycling Depot, 17202 Bathville Road. The Summerland Landfill Recycling Depot is open 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM, Monday to Saturday, closed on Sundays, statutory holidays and boxing day. For more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories, please visit [www.summerland.ca/recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/recycling).

## Giants Head Road

With the Giants Head Road and multi-use pathway improvements nearing completion, please remember that the speed limit is 50km/hour. We are anticipating an increase in both bicycle and pedestrian traffic along this corridor. Expect additional enforcement from RCMP to ensure the safety of everyone.

## Curbside Collection Calendar

A new organics processing facility is nearing completion at the Summerland Landfill that will allow for the composting of Summerland's residential food, yard and garden waste. Once the facility is fully operational there will be changes to the curbside collection program. In the meantime, we have included a three month Curbside Collection Calendar. Further details to follow!

## Rotary Beach Park — T-Pier

The removal of the Kinsmen Pier at Rotary Beach Park began in May. Work will be completed in early summer once the water has warmed up enough to remove the native mussels known to exist in the area. Conceptual design options for basic pier replacement will be brought to Council on June 26 for consideration. The target is to have the pier replaced by summer 2024, however it is pending Provincial approvals for rebuilding.

## FireSmart your property

Please visit FireSmart BC at <https://firesmartbc.ca> for more information on how to protect your home from a potential wildfire.

## Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed May 23. If you have not received your property tax notice please call the Finance department at 250-494-6451 or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca).

The due date for property taxes, including eligible homeowner grants (HOG), is **Friday, July 7, 2023 by 4:00 PM**. Any payments for outstanding current taxes or homeowner grants received after the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty.

### **Homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall.**

Residents must apply for the HOG directly to the Province of BC by phone 1-888-355-2700 or online [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant).

Payments for property taxes may be made in person by cheque, cash, debit, credit card or post-dated cheque. You may also pay your property taxes at your financial institution or through online or telephone banking. **Please note that third party fees apply for credit card payments.** Postmarks are not considered as date of payment so do not wait until the last day to post your payment.

## Summerland RECREATION GUIDE



Registration is easy!

[www.summerland.perfectmind.com](http://www.summerland.perfectmind.com)



## Good practice to get prepared

Planned outages are a good reminder for Summerlanders to increase their preparedness for extended power and water outages. Unplanned power outages can happen anytime and are often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms, high winds, animals and motor vehicle incidents. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. You may also be left without phone or internet service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges.

In order to maintain a resilient community, residents should take the time to prepare in advance. Your family should be prepared to cope on your own during a power outage for **at least 3 days**. Having your home emergency kit stocked and ready will ensure you are prepared for power outages. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/gcDs30pxNdx> #BCStorm

## ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Let's win \$100,000! Join the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge from June 1-30, 2023.

Track your physical activity minutes on the ParticipACTION app or website <https://www.participaction.com/programs/community-challenge/>.

Join us for our kick off event at Giant's Head Run on Saturday, June 3.



## Energy saving tips

### Wash in cold water

Around 80% of a clothes washer's energy use goes towards heating the water. Washing clothes in cold water is a simple way to reduce energy use. Select a cold wash option and use a detergent that's formulated for washing in cold. Washing in cold water is easier on fabrics and can help your clothes last longer.

### Run full loads of laundry

Fill your washer to its full capacity, which is about three-quarters full. Underfilling can lead to wasted energy. If you must run a smaller load, select the "light" or "express" wash setting. You'll save time, water, energy – and money. Pre-soak very soiled items to avoid washing them twice (which uses more energy!)

### Use less detergent

Adding too much detergent is wasteful, can cause skin irritation, and can leave behind residue in your clothes and a build-up in your washer. If you have a high-efficiency machine, make sure you're using a detergent formulated for it, using the recommended amounts (which can be much lower than you expect!) Clothes will come out cleaner and you'll spend less money at the store.

### Choose the "high-speed" or "extended spin"

High speed or extended spin options at the end of the wash cycle helps to remove moisture from your wash load, which will help cut back on drying time.

### Clean your washer regularly

Once a month run a hot cycle once with the cleaning solution and then again to rinse. This will prevent mildew from growing and keeps your clothes fresh.

### What to look for when purchasing a new clothes washer

When shopping for a new clothes washer, look for ENERGY STAR®-certified models. These have been tested to meet the highest standards for energy efficiency and reliability, use about 25% less energy and 33% less water than regular washers.

ENERGY STAR front-loading machines can cut water use by nearly 40% and electricity use up to 65% compared to a conventional top-loader.

## Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel

[www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland](http://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland)

website: [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca)

Facebook: [facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

[www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe)

## Snow Pack

Snow course survey data is retrieved from the District's two watersheds every month from the beginning of the year until no snow remains. As of May 15, 2023, surveys showed no measurable snow at either location.



Thirsk Dam, circa May 2018

Each year following the irrigation season, staff lower the reservoir level to predetermined levels to provide available storage volume to accommodate the coming freshet. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed at which the snow melts which can increase with significant rainfall. Unfortunately, this is very difficult to predict. To manage the risk associated with this, staff complete regular monitoring and maintenance activities of the dams and meet routinely to decide if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for the expected volume of incoming water. As of May 15, most of the District's reservoirs are spilling or very close to spilling.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.

## Make Water Work

The District of Summerland, in partnership with Okanagan Water Wise, would like to remind residents to put water on the night shift by watering between dusk and dawn. For more water saving tips visit <https://www.makewaterwork.ca/>.



# School's Out For Summer Pool Party

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
**2:30PM – 4:30PM**

**TICKETS \$7.50**  
**TICKETS ON SALE MAY 10 AT THE SUMMERLAND AQUATIC CENTRE**

**Swimming, Bouncy Castle, Dunk Tank, FREE Pizza Party, Cool treats & Organized Games**

**Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre**  
13205 Kelly Avenue Summerland  
250-494-0447

## Take care of weeds the natural way

If you're looking for an easy way to stay on top of the weeds, white vinegar is your go-to! The higher acidic percentage, the better results. The safest place to use vinegar for weeds is in between concrete seams, in sidewalks or driveways. You can up the strength of your weed-killing solution by adding a cup of table salt and a tablespoon of liquid dish soap to a gallon of white vinegar. Take care not to use this solution in other areas of your garden as it may result in nothing being able to grow there due to salt buildup in the soil. Vinegar will damage any plants and grass that it touches – so make sure you apply selectively to weeds to be safe. As an extra bonus, the powerful scent from this solution can deter deer, rabbits, and other unwanted animal friends from entering your garden for a while.