

Message from Mayor and Council

October 2022 brings a close to the term for local government elected officials across B.C. Much has been accomplished by Council and District staff over the last four years. However, we cannot take all the credit because we had so much help from Summerland residents.

People stepped up to participate on Council committees, attended open houses, information sessions and public meetings, filled out online surveys about initiatives, volunteered at community events and fundraisers, supported (and, in many cases, opened) local businesses and sat on non-profit boards.

This community has shown its strength and spirit by checking in on neighbours during the pandemic mandates, being Snow Angels, hosting Small Neighbourhood events, and participating in neighbourhood cleanups.

Thank you, all. It has been an honour to serve you.

2022 Local General Election information

An election by voting is to be held to elect one (1) Mayor, six (6) Councillors, and two (2) School Trustees, and that the following persons are candidates for each office:

Mayor—One (1) to be elected:

HOLMES, Doug
PINNELL, Chuck

Councillor—Six (6) to be elected:

TRAINER, Erin
BOGNER, Peter
BESLER, Brad
PARKER, Blair
BARKWILL, Richard
VAN ALPHEN, Martin (Marty)
LOEPP, Doug
BOOT, Toni
PATAN, Doug
SMED, Mark
PEAKE, Janet
REDDING, Nick
BETTS, Adrienne

School Trustee—Two (2) to be elected:

VAN ALPHEN, Linda
STATHERS, Dave
HAYMAN, Erin
HARRINGTON, Maureen

Voting dates and locations

General Voting Day—Saturday, October 15, 2022 between 8:00 AM—8:00 PM at Summerland Secondary School, 9518 Main St, Summerland, BC

Advance Voting—Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 13, 2022 between 8:00 AM—8:00 PM at Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Rd East, Summerland, BC

Special Voting Opportunities—available to qualified electors who are residents of the facility, their visiting family or facility staff at the time of voting. Thursday, October 6, 2022 between 10:00 AM—2:00 PM at Angus Place, 9302 Angus St, Summerland, BC and Friday, October 7, 2022 between 10:00 AM—2:00 PM at Summerland Senior's Village, 12803 Atkinson Rd, Summerland, BC.

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

Resident electors

To vote in the District of Summerland election as a resident elector, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- be a resident of the District of Summerland on the day of registration;
- have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months before the day of registration; and
- not be disqualified from voting in an election.

Non-Resident property electors

Non-resident property electors are individuals who own residential property in the District of

Summerland and live elsewhere in B.C. To vote as a non-resident property elector, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months before the day of registration;
- not be disqualified from voting in an election;
- be a registered owner of real property in the District for at least 30 days before the day of registration;
- not be registered as a resident property elector; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of a property, only one of those individuals may, with written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

To register, resident electors must produce **two pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

To register, non-resident property electors must produce **two pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the other property owners.

For further information on these matters, please contact the Chief Elections Officer at **250-404-4037** or elections@summerland.ca.

Fire prevention week

Join the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in celebrating their 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." and runs from **October 9-15, 2022**. For more information, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About>



Open burning permits

For all residents that hold open burning permits, it is renewal time! Open burning season is from October 15 to April 15 for owners of agricultural properties with over two acres. Permits—for the purpose of burning orchard prunings—are issued by the Fire Department year round and are valid on a four-year cycle. Please visit the Summerland Fire Department anytime to renew or obtain a new permit.

Approval **MUST** be obtained each time you burn; please call the Fire Department at **250-494-7211** to verify the venting index and confirmation to burn. **Open burning on residential properties is strictly prohibited.**



Sewer main and hydrant flushing

The District of Summerland is performing annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland until the end of October. Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly. Please use caution when driving by Crews working on the road.



Pay it forward

With the changing season it is a good time to clean out all your old clothes! Donate them to someone in need; your old is someone else's new.



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GOBYBIKE WEEK

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SUMMERLAND

OCT 3 to 16, 2022

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COMMIT CONNECT RIDE

DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND

GoByBike BC
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, BIG BEAR, BC Transit, Black Press Media, ORANGE POWER

New payment options at Municipal Hall

The District of Summerland is pleased to announce that it will now accept payment by VISA or MasterCard for select municipal bills/services.



Through OptionPay, our third-party payment processor, for a nominal processing fee you can make credit card payment through our website and at Municipal Hall. All processing fees are charged by OptionPay and are not received by the Municipality. Utilizing OptionPay enables our Municipality to keep our overall payment acceptance processing costs down yet provide for individual residents to utilize their credit card for payment of municipal bills/services.

Currently the following bill types for our Municipality can be paid through OptionPay: accounts receivable, licences, permits, property taxes, utilities, and tickets/fines. All payments will be received by the Municipality within 48 business hours, so please be sure to allow for this processing time when making your payment. Credit card rewards are earned on entire purchase, including fees.

Compost loading—

Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Fall is the best time of the year to apply compost as it will revitalize your lawn and gardens for the next growing season. A loader will be available for filling trucks and trailers (not available between 12:00 (noon) and 12:30 PM) on Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Compost is \$0.04/kg with a \$2.00 minimum charge. A 25% discount will be applied for loads over 1 metric tonne. A truck load of compost is approximately \$37.50/pickup (with the 25% discount) and approximately \$25.00/half pickup (no discount available).



The Class A biosolid compost is rich in nutrients and valued for its high organic matter content which can be applied to lawns and gardens as well as agricultural land. Mixing compost with your soil promotes healthy root growth and strong root structures that drain easily. For more information on how to apply biosolid compost, visit our website <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/green-organic-waste-compost>.

Compost is available Monday to Saturday, bring your containers/bags and shovel for self-loading. A loader is available Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (loader not available between 12:00 noon – 12:30 PM).

Fall is for planting

Cooler temperatures and warm, moist soil make fall an ideal time to plant trees, shrubs and other plants. Fall is also a good time to control perennial and winter annual weeds. Once you have diligently removed invasive plants, you should consider replacement species to reduce the risk of these unwanted plants re-invading. Unfortunately, invasive plants can be found in nurseries and in seed packets. Research your plant choices and select non-invasive, water wise species for your landscape. Keep in mind that mulch, soil, gravel and fill may also be contaminated with invasive plant seeds. Ask the supplier about their weed control practices. To learn more about suitable plants to replace invasive species, check out the PlantWise Guide for the South Okanagan: <https://www.oasiss.ca/homeowners>. To obtain a hard copy booklet, contact oasiss@shaw.ca

Seasonal road closures

Please note that Giants Head Mountain Park and College Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from October 31, 2022 to April 15, 2023.



Halloween Haunt Swim

Saturday, October 29

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us for some spooky fun, games, swimming and more.

\$5.00/person
Only 250 spots are available.

Interested in volunteering for this event?
Contact the Aquatics Team at aquatics@summerland.ca

*All children under the age of 7 regardless of swimming ability and children 7-10 years of age who cannot swim a width of the pool must be accompanied by an adult (15 years of age or older)

www.summerland.ca

Registration
NOW
Open

Power saving tips

Save heat by draftproofing and insulating your home—Caulking windows, weatherstripping doors and sealing gaps and cracks in exterior walls can help prevent drafts from getting in and heat escaping. Upgrading insulation can further improve the comfort of your home and help save on energy bills. Important: make sure your gas appliances and heating systems still have adequate ventilation after making your home more airtight. Install carbon monoxide alarms and test your home for radon.

Insulate switches & outlets on exterior walls—Keep out drafts by adding foam gaskets behind switch plates on exterior walls.

Shrink wrap your windows—Install inexpensive window film to insulate against cold air entering and keeping warmth inside. Get a kit from a hardware store, tape the film to an interior window frame and shrink it with a blow dryer to seal it.

Stop drafts under doors—Install a door sweep on the bottom edge of exterior doors.

Caulk the gaps & cracks—Look for caulking for windows and doors at the hardware store. You can apply an acrylic/latex interior caulk around windows where the trim meets the wall. For inoperable windows, apply a bead of caulk where the sash meets the frame. You can also caulk the exterior side using a waterproof silicone exterior window and door caulk.

Upgrade insulation—Your heating system warms up your house, but insulation helps keep that warmth from escaping. Upgrading your home's insulation could help you save an average of 15% on your home's heating costs.

For energy saving tips, visit <https://www.fortisbc.com/rebates-and-energy-savings/saving-energy-in-your-home/energy-saving-tips-for-home>.

Sani-station closed for the season

The Trout Creek Sani-Station will close for the season on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Giants Head project update

Construction on the Giants Head Road watermain replacement is well underway. The contractor will be constructing the road and testing/flushing the new watermain in the coming weeks. Thank you for continuing to follow marked detour routes and traffic control instructions.



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 <https://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland>

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for our monthly online newsletter:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe>

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