



**Message from Mayor and Council**

One of Council's top priorities is to pave more roads.

The summer paving season saw the completion of the reconstruction of Giants Head Road from Harris Road to Hillborn Street, and the repaving of Jubilee Road West between the high school and middle school.

As we ease out of summer and into fall, roadworks will continue with the repaving of the east end of Dale Meadows Road and Victoria Road South from Agur Street to Dunham Crescent.

Road repaving is coordinated where possible with the upgrading of watermains. There are now twinned water lines beneath Giants Head Road to support future water separation. New watermains have been installed under Jubilee Road and will also be installed on Dale Meadows Road, while the Victoria Road project includes stormwater replacement.

Road repaving is also coordinated where possible with the implementation of the District of Summerland's master plans for sidewalks and cycling. The separated multi-use pathway alongside Giants Head Road has been extended to Gartrell Road.

Along Jubilee Road, a separated two-way bike path will support safe travel for children riding their bikes to school without affecting vehicle traffic. Similarly, there will be a multi-use pathway on Victoria Road South. The Dale Meadows Watermain Replacement & Road Improvements Project will also incorporate some path upgrades within the Dale Meadows Sports Complex and a new multi-use path extension at the southwest corner of the complex to Dale Meadows Road.

Sidewalks, bike paths and multi-use pathways are developed as roads are rebuilt and repaved until, like links in a chain, they eventually connect to fulfill the long-established vision of active transportation routes in the community.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

**Aquatic & Fitness Centre annual maintenance shutdown**

Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed August 26 – Sept 10 for annual maintenance. It will reopen on Monday, September 11.

To view fall facility hours, visit <https://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/schedules>

The fall recreation guide available at online at <https://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-guide>

**Notice to Summerland irrigators— fall irrigation shut off**

Irrigation services will be turned off for the season beginning **Tuesday, October 10**. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an extension irrigation application form and pay \$53.41 plus GST (\$56.08 total) per property. Extension irrigation application forms are available on our website [www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms?pname=W&I%20](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms?pname=W&I%20) or from the cashier at Municipal Hall. Please submit the completed application form and payment by cash, cheque, debit or credit card to the Cashier at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, 8:15 to 5:00pm Tuesday to Friday, no later than noon Friday, October 6.



**Project updates**

The final section of **Giants Head Road** was recently completed. This wraps up the project which included watermain, stormwater, road and multi-use pathway upgrades.



**Jubilee Road construction** from Kelly

Avenue to the roundabout project included an upgraded watermain line, street lighting and intersection improvements, new bike lanes, pedestrian safety enhancements and repaving.

**Dale Meadows Watermain and Road Construction** is anticipated to start this September with completion in 2024. The work includes watermain line replacement, improved road structure/upgrades, and some pathway upgrades at the Dale Meadows Sports Complex with a new extension to Dale Meadows Road.

**Victoria Road South Stormwater Replacement project** started mid-August with anticipated completion in November. Expect traffic delays on Victoria Road South between Dunham Crescent and Agur Street. The project includes stormwater upgrades, road improvements and a multi-use pathway.

**James & Mary Gartrell Trail Restoration project** is to restore and enhance some of the pathway that was damaged due to high water levels from previous years. Work is expected to take place in September and October.

**One-day recycling depot**

A one-day recycling depot will be held from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on **Saturday, September 16** at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road.



Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, white & coloured foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials.

Visit [www.summerland.ca/recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/recycling) for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.

**Annual property tax sale**

**September 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Ave, Summerland, BC**

Each year, on the last Monday of September, municipalities are required to have a tax sale of all properties with three years of outstanding property taxes. In the event that a 2023 tax sale is held, Municipal Hall will be open for those who wish to attend.

The addresses and upset prices (minimum amount required) will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper by the middle of September. Please visit our website, call the property tax department 250-494-6451, or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca) if you are interested in bidding on a property.

**Make Water Work**

To learn all about water in the Okanagan, and how to make it work smarter, visit <https://www.makewaterwork.ca/>.



"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."

~William Arthur Ward



## Summerland Recreation Centre Referendum

The District of Summerland is preparing for a referendum on November 4, 2023 for the proposed Summerland Recreation Centre project. Eligible voters will be asked if they are in favour of borrowing up to \$50 million for a new multi-purpose recreation centre, which would include a new aquatic centre, fitness centre, universal change rooms, and two multi-purpose rooms. For details on facility tours (September 6-9, 2023), open house (October 11), information booths, etc. visit [www.summerland.ca/recreationcentre](http://www.summerland.ca/recreationcentre).



### 2023 Recreation Centre Referendum information

**General voting day** is Saturday, November 4, 2023 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM at Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E.

#### Voter information for the upcoming Referendum

Two advanced voting opportunities will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 and Tuesday, October 31, 2023 between 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E.

Keep up to date on referendum information [www.summerland.ca/recreationcentre](http://www.summerland.ca/recreationcentre).

#### 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.

### 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://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)

## Grant in Aid requests

Each year Mayor and Council consider Grant in Aid requests from non-profit organizations that contribute to fulfilling basic needs and improving the quality of life of Summerland residents.



If your organization is interested in applying for a 2024 Grant in Aid, please visit the Finance Department section of the District Website at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) for the current application form and related policy. Completed submissions, with all requested supporting documentation are due September 30, 2023.

Please forward all related information to [recreation@summerland.ca](mailto:recreation@summerland.ca).

## 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.



## Call for election officials—

### 2023 Recreation Centre Referendum

Are you passionate about our community and enjoy connecting with people? The District of Summerland is seeking to hire election officials for the upcoming 2023 Recreation Centre Referendum on November 4, 2023 and advanced voting opportunities on October 25 and 31, 2023. Should you wish to apply, please visit our website [www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/2023-recreation-centre-referendum](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/2023-recreation-centre-referendum) to view a full list of the job description and job requirements.

Application forms are available on our website or can be picked up at Municipal Hall located at 13211 Henry Ave, Summerland, BC.

Working as an election official provides an opportunity to be involved in the community while gaining valuable insight in the referendum process – apply today!

All applications can be submitted via email to [elections@summerland.ca](mailto:elections@summerland.ca) or can be dropped off to the Chief Election Officer at Municipal Hall. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 PM on Friday, September 29, 2023.

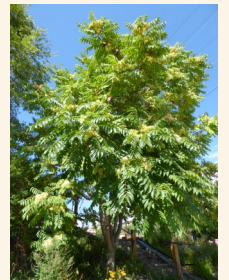
## Extended hours at Municipal Hall

As of July 2, 2023, Municipal Hall has been on extended service hours for customers by compressing full-time hours into a four-day period, from Tuesday to Friday. The trial will be 18 months and will apply to most Municipal Hall staff. Counter services will be provided Tuesday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.

To ensure operational efficiency, some services will remain on a different schedule. Development Services, Bylaw Services, and Corporate Services will operate on a five-day schedule and by appointment-only on Mondays (when counter services are not operational).

## Invasive species alert: tree-of-heaven

Invasive trees are the biggest invaders in the neighbourhood and **tree-of-heaven** is particularly problematic. Also known as stinking sumac or Chinese sumac, this tree grows to 24 metres in height and 1.8 m in diameter. It resembles native sumac but is distinguished by the glandular, notched base on each leaflet and by the offensive odour it emits. It is a competitive, fast-growing tree that reproduces primarily by seed. It produces up to 300,000 seeds per tree in a year, which can be spread by wind, water, birds and farm equipment. Tree-of-heaven can also regrow from the stump or lateral roots if cut or disturbed.



**What are the impacts of tree-of-heaven?** Chemicals in leaves, bark, roots and seed suppress the growth and germination of surrounding plants. The aggressive root system can cause damage to sewers, foundations and sidewalks. In some people, tree-of-heaven pollen causes allergic reactions and exposure to sap or plant parts can cause skin irritation. Tree-of-heaven also supports invasive insects that can invade homes or threaten the agriculture and forest industries.

**How to control?** Seedlings can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist. Mature trees may be controlled using cut-stump herbicide treatment. Bulldozing, mowing and brush cutting can also be effective, but require many consecutive years of treatment. Anyone dealing with invasive trees should consult a professional. For more information go to <https://www.oiso.ca/species/tree-of-heaven/>