



Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Mayor and Council had a busy, productive week at the annual UBCM conference held recently in Vancouver. The conference provides a great opportunity for elected officials, Chief Administrative Officers and staff to unite, cooperate, discuss and learn about matters that affect municipal government and their citizens. It also provides a chance to meet one on one with provincial ministers and staff on topics related to Summerland. The conference provides various educational, informative sessions and workshops for elected officials to attend.

Council was fortunate enough to meet with four provincial cabinet ministers including the Ministries of Education, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Health, and State for Child Care and the CEO of Interior Health to look for support in principle for a collaborative proposal for a Summerland Community Health and Wellness Centre that fulfills several needs in our community. A robust community engagement process will need to be undertaken before such a project moves forward to consider and determine community needs and financial considerations.

Summerland also met with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy regarding climate change adaption initiatives and also to request the release of helpful data more frequently and to have it accessible to local governments.

Discussions took place with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) regarding forming a pilot partnership to help streamline restoration work for private property owners (ie Eneas Creek) and the need for the Province and Municipality to assist with mitigation and recovery efforts for owners affected by emergency events.

At a meeting with staff from the Minister of Agriculture, Council spoke about their proposal to facilitate a regional South Okanagan Food Innovation Hub in Summerland and requested support for funding from the province. This has been a priority for Council over the past year and the project is moving forward looking for stakeholders for a facility to help the agri-food sector to grow and develop.

Waste Reduction Week October 21 - 27

Reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill protects our environment and saves our community money. The best way to avoid waste is to REDUCE IT!

Monday Oct 21, 7pm, Arena Banquet Room: Free screening of documentary *REUSE! Because You Can't Recycle the Planet*

Saturday Oct 26, 8am-3pm, Summerland Arena: One-Day Recycling Depot

Visit www.summerland.ca/wrw or call 250-404-4068 for details on all of the events including how to submit a nomination for the Celebrate a Champion contest. You and a waste reducing champion could both win prizes!



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 2020 Grant in Aid, please visit the Finance Department section of the District website at www.summerland.ca for the current application form and related policy. Complete submissions, with all requested supporting documentation, are due October 31, 2019. Please forward all related information to awood@summerland.ca

Age-Friendly Summerland

Council is committed to strengthening and supporting healthy living for all of our residents. The District is developing a plan to become an age-friendly community and would like to hear from everyone, young and elderly, about what makes Summerland a great place to age and what improvements are needed to support healthy aging. This plan will not only improve quality of life for seniors, but all ages will enjoy a more inclusive, safe and accessible community.

A survey is available from Oct. 1 - 15 and will cover topics such as housing, transportation, outdoor spaces, community services and social inclusion. It can be accessed electronically at www.summerland.ca (front page) or paper copies are available at Municipal Hall.

An Age-Friendly Advisory Committee has been established to understand what residents want and need to become an age-friendly community; and with the help of a consultant will put together an assessment and recommendations for implementation.



HALLOWEEN HAUNT
Sat. Oct. 26 • 6:30 - 8:30pm

GREAT ACTIVITIES
Graveyard Bowling • Haunted Tunnel
Pumpkin Toss • Feed the Spider
Slide of Doom • Monster Maze and more!

\$5 per person, advance tickets only

Summerland Aquatic Centre
Any child under 10 who cannot swim a width of the pool must be accompanied by an adult with a ticket.

Volunteers Needed

Fall GoByBike Week October 21 - November 3

The District of Summerland will be posting short informational videos on Facebook regularly to help inspire your GoByBike Week and fall riding. All riders are encouraged to participate in the Road Warrior Contest by taking a selfie of yourself in the challenging weather. The District will print and post your wet, dirty, snowy photos for the public to judge who should win bragging rights as the greatest Road Warrior in Summerland. Send your Road Warrior photos to RoadWarriorContest@summerland.ca with Road Warrior contest in the subject line to be automatically entered in the contest.

Calling all students! GoByBike BC Society invites students to film a short video about how you GoByBike in fall. Submission deadline is October 25, 2019. Visit www.GoByBikeBC.ca to register and for chances to win great prizes.

Fall is the Best Time of the Year to Use Compost

Did you know you can purchase high quality, sustainable, and safe Class A biosolid compost at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill? Biosolid compost is valued for its high organic matter content and strong structure that drains easily and promotes healthy root growth. The Class A government designation means that the product can be sold with no restrictions. It can be safely applied to lawns, flowers, shrubs and gardens.

Applying District of Summerland Compost in the fall will prepare your yard for next year – replenishing the nutrients lost during the growing season!

- Restore Lawns;
- Overwinter Trees and Shrubs;
- Plant Fall Bulbs and Tubers;
- Re-nourish Spent Gardens.

Visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste, Green/Organic Waste & Compost-Fall for more information.

District of Summerland Compost is available for purchase from the Summerland Landfill. Please bring your own containers/bags and shovel for small quantities or we can load trucks and trailers Monday- Friday from 9:00am-2:45pm, with a closure between 12:00-12:30 for staff lunch.

The landfill also has green wood mulch, white wood/Apple box mulch and top dressing for sale.



Irrigation Turn Off Starts Oct. 7. If you require an extension, visit Municipal Hall before then.

Energy Saving Heating Tips

- Place area rugs on cold floors.
- Place insulators behind cover plates to prevent air loss.
- Put on a sweater rather than turning up the thermostat.
 - On sunny winter days, open south facing blinds and drapes.
 - At night turn down the thermostat. You could save 2% on your heating bill for every 1°C you turn down the thermostat.
 - When landscaping evergreens, like pine or fir, planting on the north side of your home will provide an energy-saving windbreak.
- Adding insulation to your attic and basement tend to give the biggest energy savings.
- Break out the caulking, air leakage represents 25% to 35% of the heat lost in an older home.
- Weather stripping and sealants will stop drafts, improve comfort and protect the structure.
- If replacing your furnace, choose a qualified ENERGY STAR® model. ENERGY STAR® qualified furnaces have annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) ratings of 83% and 90%, or higher, making them up to 15% more efficient than standard models.
- Choose ENERGY STAR® qualified windows when replacing or adding windows to your home.



Open Burning Permits are issued from October 15 to April 15 to owners of agricultural properties with over two acres for the purpose of burning orchard prunings.

Permits are issued by the Fire Department.

Those with permits are required to call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 to check the venting index and obtain approval each time they burn. **Open burning on residential properties is strictly prohibited.**

Fire Prevention Week October 6 -12

This year's campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. Plan ahead for your escape. Make your home escape plan for your family /workplace and practice today.

For more information on fire prevention, including how to make a plan to escape with your family, visit the NFPA website www.fpw.org.

Take it Slow



To ensure the safety of our landfill users and staff, the District of Summerland would like to remind all those who are using the landfill to watch for other users and obey the 10 km/hr speed limit. Thank you in advance for helping provide a safe experience for everyone at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill.

Sewer Main and Hydrant Flushing Continues

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.

Free Run for Dogs



From October until the end of April, dogs are allowed to be off their leashes on the grassed area at Peach Orchard Park. Dogs must remain leashed on the walkway or in all other areas. Please continue to be considerate of others by following the signage, picking up after your pets and disposing of waste in the appropriate containers.

The Summerland Sani-Station will be closed for the season November 1

Any Changes for the Summerland Phone Book?

Summerland Telephone Directory 2020 changes can be made by sending the completed form in the back of the 2019 Summerland Business & Telephone Directory to Summerland Chamber at Box 130, Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0 or by emailing by December 15 to visitors@summerlandchamber.com or directory@summerlandchamber.com.

Happy Thanksgiving!

District offices, the Landfill, the Summerland Arena and Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed on Monday, October 14 for Thanksgiving. For road, water or sewer or electrical emergencies call the after hours line at 250-493-0005. Council will hold a Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 15. The public is welcome to attend.

