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A Newsletter from the District of Summerland

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Skatepark Plans Underway

Summerland is moving forward with a skatepark design! The first of many opportunities to provide input into the design of the park will be at an information session and a design workshop on **Thursday, November 26th, 7pm-9pm at the Arena Banquet room**. We encourage everyone interested in the skatepark to attend “Skatepark 101”. New Line Skateparks Inc. has been awarded the contract to design Summerland’s skatepark. They have successfully designed parks in BC including Peachland, Nelson, Tofino, Penticton, Kelowna and are currently working on West Kelowna’s new park. The park will be located on the corner (by the roundabout) of the Summerland High School grounds. Construction costs are estimated between \$385,000-\$585,000. The Summerland Charity Shop Society has generously committed \$135,000 towards the project. Fundraising for the construction costs will be critical for the success of this project. After the kickoff meeting, a skatepark committee will be formed

to assist with the design process and to coordinate an extensive fundraising campaign. If you have fundraising experience or an interest in the skatepark development, please contact the Recreation Department at 250-494-0447 for information about volunteering.

Water Meter Open Houses

Irrigator Water Meter Rates (Blue Boxes)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the open house held on October 28th. Some great dialogue took place and all input was appreciated. The survey responses and comments will be considered in preparation for **the next Irrigator Meter Rates open house taking place on Tuesday, December 8th from 3:00pm - 7:00pm in Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Avenue**.

At this meeting the District will present rate, model and eligibility criteria selected from the first open house results as well as other rate examples.

Come to the open house and let us know what you think.

Second Domestic Water Connection

An open house to present information to those wanting to keep their Second Domestic Water Connection will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th from 3:00pm - 7:00pm at the Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E**.

Topics of interest are the retention of a second service, the cost of metering and installation, and the charge for water consumption. Please join us and provide your feedback.

Economic Development

A Business Walk - “Steps” Towards Enhancing Business in Summerland

Mayor and Council along with the Summerland Chamber of Commerce took part in a Business Walk and knocked on the doors of over 100 businesses. The intent of the walk was to meet face to face with business owners and hear about their successes and challenges. It was a great opportunity to gain understanding of what has been working and what needs to be addressed. The Chamber will compile a report of the findings. More walks are planned for the future.

Mayor’s Economic Development Task Force

A Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Development is being established in Summerland. The purpose of the task force will be to consult with the community to develop recommendations to Council on how the District can best use its available resources to support economic development. The task force will be made up of community leaders from many business sectors and will also include youth and senior representation. The committee will begin work immediately and have recommendations to council by June 2016.

Let the Summerland Fire Department serve you breakfast!

Join them at Santorini’s Restaurant for the 28th Annual Toys & Toonies for Tots and Teens Breakfast taking place

Saturday, November 28th, 8:00am - 11:00am

Enjoy pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and True Grain pastries. Also sponsored by Nesters.

Gladly accepting Canadian Tire Money, unwrapped gifts or cash donations for our local tots and teens!

The Fire Department will be “shaking the boot” for donations at Light Up on Friday, Nov. 27th as well.



Thanks for your community support!



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 and stumps. Permits are issued by the Fire Department at no charge. 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.**

A Few Council Highlights...

Check the District's website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

Notice of Public Hearings: 7pm Monday, November 9th, 2015 in Council Chambers

1. **5818 Nixon Road** - Bylaw 2015-030 is an amendment of the Zoning Bylaw to allow for a two lot subdivision.
 2. **13415 Lakeshore Road** - Bylaw 2015-031 is a text amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to designate this property as a Temporary Use Permit Area to allow for the storage of wine barrels.
- The **2016 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw** was adopted. This bylaw grants nonprofit organizations/churches exemption from Municipal Property Taxes for next year.
 - The keeping of **up to five chickens** for personal use is now permitted in residential areas. Please obtain a copy of Bylaw 2015-022 from our website or at municipal hall for full details of the rules and regulations in place. This endeavour will be monitored closely to ensure its success.
 - An amendment to the zoning bylaw was given third reading **to allow breweries, distilleries and meaderies** as a permitted use in the A1 and A2 zones. Ministry of Transportation approval is required before adoption.
 - Hunters Hill Cluster Development (**18654 Garnet Valley Road and 19013 Bentley Road**) was given third reading and will go to Council for adoption once park dedication has been confirmed and Ministry of Transportation approval is obtained.



Strengthening Ties with our Neighbours

Pictured above is Chief Jonathan Kruger with Summerland's Mayor and Council after a tour of the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) developments. District council recently met with the PIB Council to discuss matters of mutual concern including the wild horse issue. Moving forward, the two groups plan to work together and start a comprehensive consultation process.

Thanks to the Summerland Credit Union

The Summerland Credit Union has a program called "make a statement" encouraging their members to go paperless and receive their bills by email. The Credit Union donates \$10 for every new e-statement towards a new tree in Summerland. The Credit Union has committed to donating \$5000 for the planting of four large trees - two at Living Memorial Park (Snow Avenue) and two at Peach Orchard Park.



Free Family Santa Skate Event



Fun for the whole family! Saturday December 5th from 10:00am – 11:00am, Summerland Arena
(\$2.00 Skate Rental available)
Skate with Santa, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and dress up for the Best Holiday Outfit Contest.
Please bring a donation for the food bank.

A Country Festival of Lights

Friday November 27th

Action starts downtown at 5:00pm

Light Up at 7:00pm Fireworks at 8:30pm

Visit www.summerlandlightup.com for details

Don't miss the fantastic country music line-up planned for Main Stage this year.



Submit your Cultural Development Ideas

Summerland's Cultural Plan Task Force is accepting written and video submissions from organizations and individuals who wish to provide specific comments or recommendations on how best to shape Summerland's cultural development. Submissions will be accepted until 3pm on Friday, January 8th, 2016. For details please visit www.summerland.ca/cultural.



Butt Out

For public health and environmental reasons, a bylaw to regulate smoking outdoors in Summerland has now been adopted.

Smoking is NOT permitted at any District owned park (including Giants Head Mountain), beach, District facility, or walkway including the path at Peach Orchard Park (this does not include sidewalks).

Please take time on **Remembrance Day, Wednesday, November 11th** to honour and remember those who served our country proud. The Legion will hold its annual service in Memorial Park at the Cenotaph at 11:00am. District offices will be closed.



The final yard waste pickup for this year will take place on your regular garbage day the week of November 17th - 19th