



Summerland, nestled in the heart of the Okanagan Valley is a friendly town with beautiful beaches, orchards, vineyards and mountains. The population of this centrally located municipality is just over 11,200. If you are excited about building a sustainable, healthy community and you share our values of service, integrity, and innovation – the District would like you to be part of our team.

Director of Development Services

Due to an upcoming retirement, the District of Summerland is seeking a self-motivated, forward thinking professional to fill the role as our Director of Development Services. This key position reports to the CAO and is responsible for the overall management and operation of a department that includes development, long range planning and building inspection. This position currently also holds the statutory position of Approving Officer. This opportunity will allow the successful applicant to use their knowledge, skills and experience to help shape Summerland to be more livable, environmentally sustainable, and attractive to new residents and businesses.

This opportunity calls for a dynamic, results-oriented professional with strong communication, organizational and people skills. The role is suited to a proven leader with a thorough knowledge of community planning principles, BC building code, applicable bylaws and regulations, as well as the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter*. The successful candidate will be called upon to provide policy advice to the corporate management team and council on development services and building safety issues. The position is the staff liaison for council advisory committees such as the Advisory Planning Commission, Heritage Advisory Commission and Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Development Services Department takes the lead for guiding complex development proposals through the regulatory process ensuring a high level of customer service along with regulation and policy compliance.

Drawing on solid experience and exceptional communication skills, the ideal candidate will bring fresh and innovative ideas, strong leadership and managerial skills, an ability to manage complex projects, strive to meet ambitious schedules, guide employees to achieve strategic targets and provide creative solutions, all with a track-record of delivering successful outcomes to difficult challenges.

The incumbent will have an in-depth understanding of community planning principles, practises, techniques and methods, municipal planning trends and be well experienced in public engagement.

The District is looking for a natural team leader and change-agent, committed to building and fostering a cooperative, collaborative and professional culture in the workplace.

In addition, the ideal candidate will possess:

- A combination of education and experience that is commensurable with the position. Strong preference will be given to candidates possessing a degree in an appropriate discipline and registered as a Registered Professional Planner in BC. Consideration may also be given to applicants such as Architect, Registered Building Official or other related professionals.
- Minimum of 10 years progressive related work experience, including a minimum of 5 years in a senior management role.
- Thorough knowledge of building code and land use planning principles and direct experience with land development applications and processes.
- Thorough knowledge of municipal legislation, acts, regulations, codes, and standards related to all types of development and building construction.
- Experience in a local government setting.
- Proven leadership and mentoring skills.
- BC Driver's license.

This opportunity offers a competitive salary and benefit package commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume, in confidence, to hr@summerland.ca by 4:00 pm on Friday, October 28th, 2016.

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, however; only those under consideration will be contacted.