

Important Information Regarding the March 3rd - 6th Water Shutoff

The water shutoff for the Pressure Reducing Valve #10 (PRV10) project scheduled for March 3rd - 6th is going forward and final preparations are underway. When the shutoff was announced last fall, the District explained that engineering work was still being reviewed to determine whether the effects of the water shutoff could be minimized.

It is now confirmed that the District will provide an alternative water supply – not drinkable – for the majority of the shutdown. For most properties, this will mean that water will be available through their taps – for showers, flushing toilets, etc. for much of the duration of the shutoff. The water will be diverted from the Garnett Water System and the Summerland Irrigation System and may be intermittent and have low pressure and low flow. **The water will not be drinkable and everyone must still have drinking water on hand.** For about 65 properties that cannot be connected to an alternate system, a water supply will be located nearby.

A pamphlet with complete details about the alternate water supply will be sent to all properties by mid February and information will be printed in the February 23rd edition of the Summerland Review. It will be posted on the District's website and Facebook page. A public information session has also been scheduled as follows:

Public Information Session: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Presentation and Q&A beginning at 6:30pm
Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road (upstairs)

The Chamber of Commerce is also hosting two sessions for their business members at the Visitor Information Centre. These sessions will be held on February 15, 2017 at 8:00am -9:00am and at 4:30pm -5:30pm. An RSVP is required for the Chamber of Commerce sessions – call 250-494-2686 to confirm your attendance.

Prior to the weekend of the shutdown, a **Boil Water Notice will be in effect.** This will start at 7am on Monday, February 27th as the chlorine from the Water Treatment Plant is reduced to allow the draining of the water more quickly and efficiently. After the work is done, the Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until approval is given by Interior Health Authority that the required standards are back to normal. This could take between 4 to 10 days. It is recommended that residents continue to drink stored water or bottled water during this time frame.

This is a complex project and although every effort is being made to prepare for the work, unexpected situations can occur. Being able to provide our residents and businesses with timely information during the shutdown is critical to the District. We will endeavour to communicate through all means possible. Please remember that the most up to date information will be posted on the District website (www.summerland.ca/watershutoff) and on the District Facebook page. Now is the time to "LIKE" the District to receive ongoing updates as they are available.

Inquires can be directed to Devon van der Meulen, Manager of Utilities at 250-404-4075 or email dvandermeulen@summerland.ca.



Watch for the information pamphlet to be delivered mid-February with complete details of the Water Shutoff.

Recycling - Sort it OUT! - Plastic Bags and Overwrap are NOT allowed in Curbside Recycling

Plastic bags and overwrap must not be included in your curbside recycling. Instead, **Collect** them in a plastic bag and **Drop** them at the Summerland Landfill

Recycling Depot at 17202 Bathville Road, for FREE.

These materials cause jams in the recycling machinery and contaminate large batches of recyclable materials, turning them into garbage.



Summerland is under contract with MMBC and must pay fines when incorrect or uncleaned material is included in the curbside recycling. If our residents don't comply...eventually these costs would have to be passed on to you, the taxpayer.

Other items such as glass, Styrofoam, paint cans, computers, small and large appliances and hazardous waste, just to name a few, can also be recycled at the Summerland Landfill but are not permitted in your curbside recycling.

Thank you for doing your part to keep costs down– **Collect, Drop, and Recycle** plastic bags and overwrap! For more information, check our website or call the Recycling Council of BC hotline at 1800-667-4321.

Are you Interested in Volunteering on the Community Climate Action Advisory Committee?

The District of Summerland is seeking community members to participate in the **Community Climate Action Advisory Committee**. The Committee will consist of five volunteer members of the public, one council member and the District's Sustainability/Alternative Energy Coordinator.

This group will provide a local perspective and advice to Council regarding achieving Summerland's community-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and other climate action objectives. Solar Energy, waste reduction, renewable energy for homes and business, and other other environmental issues will be examined by this committee.

More information and applications are available at Municipal Hall or at www.summerland.ca. For further information please contact Tami Rothery at trothery@summerland.ca.

What is Summerland's Future in Solar?

The District is pleased to host the first "Solar Energy Community Conversation" in Summerland. You are invited to join in the conversation starting at 6pm on February 16, 2017, at the **Summerland Arts Centre**, 9525 Wharton Street, upper level (note location change). This event will give community members an opportunity to learn more about solar energy in Summerland and to discuss the question "What is Summerland's future in solar?"

The format for the evening will involve several presentations regarding solar energy markets, existing projects in other BC municipalities, and what role solar currently plays in Summerland's electrical utility. Following these presentations, attendees will break out into table discussions to share their thoughts on Summerland's future in solar. Each table will have a facilitator to help keep the conversation flowing and to take notes.

As one of only a few municipalities in British Columbia to own an electric utility, Summerland is uniquely positioned to be able to generate power within the District. Solar energy has become a leading source of power across the globe, and Summerland is interested in how the community feels solar energy can best be utilized by our electrical utility.

Please contact Tami Rothery at 250-404-4068 or trothery@summerland.ca for more information, or to be added to the solar energy contact list to be kept informed of other upcoming solar related events.



Citizens on Patrol - Volunteers Needed to Help Keep an Eye on our Community



The Summerland Citizens on Patrol (COPS) are a group of volunteers that assist the local RCMP by being another set of eyes and ears to help in the prevention and reporting of crime and suspicious activity in our community. Currently they require people to volunteer two evenings a month to patrol with another member in a vehicle provided.

If you are interested in giving back to your community, please call Cpl. Richardson at 250-494-7416 or Doug at 250-494-0202.

2017 Business Licences are Due

Outstanding balances on Business Licences will receive a 10% penalty on March 1st, 2017.

If you have not received a licence please call Municipal Hall at 250-494-6451.

If you would like to cancel your licence we will require the request in writing so email info@summerland.ca or drop off a note to Municipal Hall.

Budget Discussions



The District of Summerland will commence budget discussion on February 21, 2017 at 9:00am in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall.

The public is invited to attend the Budget Open House on Monday, April 3rd from 2pm -7pm. There will be presentations regarding the 2017 Budget and residents will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Those applying for Grant in Aid must have their applications submitted by February 10, 2017. Applications are available on our website.



Family Day FREE Skate

Monday Feb. 13th

12:00pm-1:00pm, Summerland Arena

Skate Rentals Available for \$2

Take in the Summerland Steam game afterwards at 2:00pm! Family Price of \$20.



Support the Summerland Skatepark

Help raise money to build a new Skatepark in Summerland. Fundraiser skate-shirts & snap-back hats are for sale at the Aquatic Centre and Municipal Hall. Shirts cost only \$20.00 and hats cost \$25.00.

Purchase yours today!

The Summerland Museum and Archives Society "Growing Stronger, Staying Collaborative—Tools for the Future"

Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 1pm—3pm at the upper-level floor of the Summerland Art Centre at 9525 Wharton Street.

Have a tour of the Summerland Museum and get involved!

For details visit their website at www.summerlandmuseum.org.