

## District Receives \$435,000 Grant for Trail Improvements

Summerland's Giant's Head Trail Redevelopment Project, which is a partnership with the District of Summerland and Summerland Rotary Club, has been granted \$435,000 from the provincial government's Rural Dividend Fund.

These funds will be used to improve hiking and biking trails, signage, create new specialized trails and bring in environmental aspects to properly preserve Giant's Head Mountain as per the Giant's Head Trail Master Plan.

The total project cost is \$725,000 with \$435,000 being provided through this grant. The District of Summerland approved a contribution of \$190,000 to the project and the Rotary Club of Summerland, through funds raised by the Giant's Head Grind, will contribute \$100,000.

Once complete, Summerland will have some of the best hiking/biking opportunities around!

Summerland also received a \$10,000 grant from the province for a Downtown Commercial Inventory and Development Strategy.



*Pictured above: Rotary Club of Summerland Representatives Paul Barber, Chantelle Meriam, Roch Fortin, Tom Matthews, Ellen Walker-Matthews. District of Summerland: Mayor Peter Waterman and Councillor Erin Trainer.*



30th Annual  
**Festival of Lights**  
 Friday Nov 24th, 5pm  
[www.summerlandlightup.com](http://www.summerlandlightup.com)

## Festival of Lights - 30th Anniversary

Entertainment, food, and fun for the whole family starting at 5pm Friday, November 24th. Lightup is at 7pm and Fireworks at 8:30pm.

Road closures for the Chamber of Commerce 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lights have been expanded for increased crowd safety. Barriers will be set up on Victoria, Main, Wharton, Kelly and Henry where attendants will be helping traffic exit from 2:00pm onward as vendors move into the area. These streets, as well as Jubilee between Victoria and Rosedale will be closed from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. From 8:30pm - 9:00pm Rosedale will also be closed between Jubilee and Main St. for the fireworks launch. Street parking will be available outside the closure zones. For full details view the maps at [www.summerlandlightup.com](http://www.summerlandlightup.com) or [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca).

## Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens

This will be the 30th year the Summerland Fire Department, with help from CIBC and the Summerland Food Bank, will be collecting new unwrapped gifts, cash, or Canadian Tire Money for tots and teens in Summerland who require a little help at Christmas time. The Fire Hall and CIBC will be accepting unwrapped gifts and toonies until December 13, 2017.



Bring a donation to Santorini's Restaurant on Saturday, November 25th from 8am - 11am and enjoy a wonderful Santorini's breakfast of pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and pastries from True Grain Bakery served by our Fire Department.

## Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Summerland's mayor and council have made investment in municipal infrastructure one of their priorities. An upgrade to the Wastewater (sewer) Treatment Plant was started in early 2017 and is progressing well. This upgrade has two components, a Grit Removal System and a new Filtration System. The Contractor has poured the concrete, installed the block walls and roof structure for the Grit Building. With the addition of the new Grit System, the District will be able to remove finer debris before it reaches vital equipment such as



pumps and motors. This will help prevent wear and malfunctions of these system components.

Much of the Filter Building's concrete structure has been poured with piping components installed. Once the Filter Building is up and running in 2018, there will be side-by-side filter systems with the ability to filter finer particles. Having two systems will allow one side to continue operating while the other is down for maintenance.



## Curbside Waste Collection to go Automated in July

The District of Summerland will be moving to automated curbside waste collection in July 2018.

Details about the transition to automated collection will be available in the months prior to the change. The District of Summerland will provide information and provide opportunities for the public to understand the process and how they will be affected.

There are many benefits to using automated carts for garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup. Users in communities that have switched appear to be very satisfied once they become accustomed to the change.

Carts are expected to make the collection process more efficient and although collection costs will initially increase to cover the capital cost for the carts, cost will ultimately be reduced. Residents will no longer be required to purchase blue bags or paper yard waste bags as carts will be provided for these materials. The amount of litter resulting from broken bags should be reduced and the use of carts can assist in deterring pests. From the contractor's perspective, the use of carts improves safety and reduces potential injuries to workers.

More information will be provided once details are finalized.

### Free Family Santa Skate

**Sunday, December 10th from 1pm—3pm**

**Summerland Arena**

**For all kids 10 and under**

(\$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.



### Plugin. Drive. Repeat.

Since 2013, owners of electric vehicles (EVs) have been able to charge their car batteries without cost at one of Summerland's three EV Charging Stations, whose use has been doubling every year since they were installed. Since installation, the stations, which are located at Municipal Hall, Memorial Park, and the Post Office, have been utilized more than 620 times for a total of 1,373.56 hours!

Already in 2017 the stations have been used more than all previous years combined, showing the increased popularity of EVs and the increased need for the infrastructure to support them.

Summerland's stations are part of the FLO network ([www.flo.ca](http://www.flo.ca)), where drivers can sign up to see what stations are available for them on their journey and determine which stations offer the best price and location to suit them. This network literally puts Summerland on the map, and attracts visitors to our community while also providing a free fuel source for locals who choose to drive electric vehicles.

Reducing the amount of fossil fuels used in our community lowers our greenhouse gas emissions footprint and helps to achieve Council's priority of environmental integrity and sustainability.



### Give Back to the Earth – Compost Your Leaves, Pumpkins, and other Yard Waste!

Yard waste is collected on your scheduled yard pickup days at the curb for free by the District. Accepted materials include: pumpkins, leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, garden plants, non-invasive weeds, bundled prunings up to 3 feet (1 metre) in length, tied with string or twine only.

There is no limit to the number of bags/containers placed at the curb, maximum weight 25kg per bag or container. Place yard waste in containers marked with a "Yard Waste Only" decal that can be obtained for free from Municipal Hall or Works and Utilities, or in kraft paper bags.

Up to 500kg of larger items such as stumps can be dropped at the landfill year-round, and most larger items are also free. Check [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) for details. Once you're done cleaning up your yard, return some nutrients by adding compost, made right here in Summerland! For 2¢/kg, you can pick up as much compost as you need at the Summerland Landfill.

### Remembrance Day - November 11th

Please take time on **Remembrance Day, Saturday, November 11th** to honour and remember those who proudly served our country. The Legion will hold its annual service in Memorial Park at the Cenotaph at 11:00am (march at 10:30am).



In 2013 a Remembrance Day Banner Campaign was initiated by David Gregory. The District now hangs over 50 banners on our streets. The banners are of WWI and WWII Summerland soldiers. There are 22 more banners that could be sponsored by individuals and hung once WWI photos are acquired. Please take time to have a look at these wonderful banners displayed throughout Summerland.

District offices will be closed on Monday, November 13th.



### Open Burning - November 1st

Open Burning this year was delayed but will begin November 1st for those with permits.

Permits are issued by the Fire Department to owners of agricultural properties with over two acres for the purpose of burning orchard prunings and stumps.

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.**