

Mayor & Council Message

We are very pleased to see that the re-opening of Summerland is going so smoothly. Businesses are following the directives of the public health officer, WorkSafe BC and other agencies that have been issuing information on how to open safely—for both staff and patrons. Council knows that business owners may be nervous about providing their products and services under the current phased B.C. Restart Plan. None of us have ever been through this before. Please keep this in mind as you continue to shop or otherwise support local business: be kind, be calm, be safe ... and be patient.

The District of Summerland is also following Provincial directives and cautiously reopening, beginning with outdoor recreational facilities and recreational programs. More details are in this newsletter and on the District's website and Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

The pandemic has caused a significant impact to District revenues and Council has approved amendments to our 2020 operational and capital budgets. We know that Summerland residents are also experiencing loss of income and, as previously announced, we have also approved reductions water utility (for all users), deferrals of penalties in all utility payments, and deferral of property tax payments and associated penalties. Please continue making payments on time if you are able to do so, as this will help the District continue to provide essential services at high levels, and other services (albeit at, in some cases, reduced levels).

Thank you Summerland for your continued mindfulness of the public health emergency. While it is an interesting and unprecedented time to be in local government, Council and District staff are proud of our community's response and cooperation. Wishing you continued health.

PEACH ORCHARD PATHWAY REPAIRS

Repairs to the Peach Orchard Pathway are underway. The first phase of repairs will be from Spirit Square to the south end of the Dog Beach. Construction for this section will be completed in June. In order to install the required erosion protection along the shoreline, two existing mature trees must be removed; however, additional plantings will be added along the shoreline north and south of the disturbed area to offset this vegetation loss.

Phase 2, from the south end of the Dog Beach to the T-pier will occur once Okanagan Lake levels have receded. This section includes a 50m concrete retaining wall. In order to construct this, the lake level must be lower than the bottom of the new wall. Construction will hopefully be able to proceed in Fall 2020 but may be delayed until Spring 2021.



No Blue or Single-Use Bags in Multi-Family Recycling as of July 1, 2020

As of July 1, 2020, recyclable materials can no longer be placed in blue or single-use bags for collection across British Columbia. All Multi-Family residents are requested to place their blue bin recycling loosely in their units recycling bins.

If blue or single-use plastic bags are found in the recycling bins at the time of collection, the recycling will not be picked up and the Multi-Family unit will be requested to remove the bags prior to their next scheduled collection. Blue or single-use bags have not been allowed in Residential Curbside collection since curbside carts were implemented.

Visit www.summerland.ca/curbside for more information regarding curbside recycling in Summerland. Thank you for your cooperation.



Keep Up To Date

The District will post community updates to our website, Facebook and Twitter Accounts. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

Website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Twitter: twitter.com/SummerlandBC

Sign Up for our Online Newsletter:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe>

District Facilities Update

District facilities are currently closed to the public, however staff are available during regular business hours at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall – General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373
- Utility Billing: (250) 404-4047
- Property Tax/Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable: (250) 404-4055
- Parks & Recreation: (250) 494-0447
- Fire Department (Non emergency): (250) 494-7211
- Works & Utilities: (250) 494-0431
- After Hours Emergency 3:30pm - 7:00am Monday to Friday, weekends or Statutory Holidays for Water/Sewer/Roads/Parks/ Electrical Utility: (250) 493-0005

Reminder: Loads being taken to the Summerland Landfill must be secured or covered. Loads that do not meet these requirements will be charged double the rate for garbage or double the highest rate for material contained in the load, whichever is greater. Your assistance is appreciated.

Park Upgrades & Re-Openings



Giant's Head Mountain trails redevelopment project (phases 1 & 2) is now complete with new signage and viewing tubes installed. Please respect and protect the mountain as well as the grassland restoration process by staying on designated trails. In addition to Summerland trails, the following are now OPEN:

- Peach Orchard Beach Park, boat launch and washrooms
- Peach Orchard Campground and pickleball/tennis courts
- Powell Beach, tennis courts and washrooms
- Rotary Beach and washrooms
- Memorial Park and washrooms
- Summerland Skatepark
- District playgrounds
- District outdoor basketball and beach volleyball courts

Visitors are reminded to use these outdoor spaces with caution, to keep physical distance between others, to stay home if sick and to wash/sanitize hands regularly.

Due to financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has reduced staffing in our maintenance teams as a cost savings measure. As a result, park maintenance schedules will occur less often for items such as lawn mowing, litter collections, beach cleaning and field maintenance. We appreciate the community's understanding of reduced park maintenance this year.

Peach Orchard Beach Spray Park targeted opening is June 19. Giant's Head Mountain park gate and remote outdoor washrooms remain closed as well as organized sports and park rentals until enhanced protocols have been determined. The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre and Arena also remain closed.

Landfill Construction

The District began construction of a second scale and upgraded entrance at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill in April. The Landfill Recycling Depot has been temporarily moved to new locations within the Landfill. The Landfill remains open to the public during construction but expect delays. Thank you for your patience as we improve access to the Landfill.

Keep Your Home Unbearable

Keep your neighbourhood safe, keep the bears safe - don't give bears a reason to visit your place! As a last resort, the Conservation Officers, will put bears down if they become too familiar in residential areas.

Report any conflict to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or visit www.wildsafebc.com to learn more about how to protect the species around you.



Tips to prevent attracting bears to your property:

Garbage - properly secure your garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00am on your scheduled collection day. Consider upgrading to a wildlife cart.

Compost- use finished compost, leaves, grass or wood chips to cover up fruit or other food waste in your composter. Properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.

Fruit Trees and Grapes- make sure to harvest fruit immediately. Remove all windfall fruit. If you own an orchard, electric fencing is encouraged.

Pet food, Birdfeeders and Gardens are all attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors. Bring your birdfeeders in for the summer, supplementing them with natural flowers and birdbaths.

Barbeques- everyone loves the smell of a good barbeque, bears included! To keep your barbeques safe, make sure that they are properly cleaned, covered and don't leave utensils out overnight.

Compost Loading at the Landfill - Changes

Due to the increased operational and safety demands and reduced resources as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, **compost loading times have been reduced and are temporarily available from 9am to 12pm Monday through Friday.**



A truck load of compost is approximately \$37.50/pick-up (with the 25% discount) and approximately \$25/half pick-up (no Self loading will continue to be available during regular operating hours.

Please visit summerland.ca for current information on landfill operational hours.

No Dirt or Sod in Yard & Garden Waste - Both in Your Green Cart and at the Landfill

The District is requesting that curbside and landfill users do their best to minimize the amount of dirt disposed of with their yard and garden waste. Sod and dirt are to be brought separately to the landfill for proper disposal.

For more information regarding what is or is not accepted in your Yard & Garden Waste Cart and how to separate your green waste for disposal at the landfill, visit summerland.ca/greenwaste.

Energy Savings for Clothes Dryers

Install an outdoor clothes line or an indoor clothes rack. Dry full loads whenever possible, don't overload the machine and make sure to clean the lint trap after every load. A clogged lint trap can increase energy use up to 30% and may be a fire hazard. Make sure clothes are wrung out well before putting them in the dryer. Use your dryer's "cool down" cycle - usually the "permanent-press" setting. No heat is supplied in the last few minutes, but drying continues as cool air is blown through tumbling clothes. For optimum efficiency choose an ENERGY STAR® model with a sensor that automatically shuts off the machine as soon as the clothes are dry.

Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed out at the beginning of June. The due date for property taxes, including eligible Home Owner Grant (HOG) has been extended from July 3 to 4pm Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Residents that have the financial ability to meet the July 3 due date are strongly encouraged to make this payment on time. This will ensure the stability of the District's cash flows which allow for the provision of essential services that are vital to all residents of Summerland.

Contact Municipal Hall if you have not received your property tax notice by mid to late June. Details about Home Owner Grants, payments and tax information can be found on the insert sent with the tax notice or at www.summerland.ca. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements, the District strongly urges residents to claim their HOG on-line through the District's website. Additionally, we encourage all residents to pay their property taxes through on-line banking. The Finance Department will be pleased to help you with any questions; call (250) 494-6451 or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca.

Cancelled District Events:

- Giant's Head Run (June 6)
- One Day Recycling Depot (June 27) - We are reviewing procedures to safely host One-Day Depots in 2021. Residents can bring their recycling to the Summerland Landfill. The Landfill is open 8:30am to 4:15pm Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays and statutory holidays.