

Message from Council

On July 16 hundreds of community members showed their love and support for a local family who were subjected to a racist attack on July 13. Many also donated to the "Unity Summerland" fundraiser, established by the Lekhi family. While this outpouring of support shows the true spirit of Summerland, we know that racism should not be allowed to hide, only to surface again in the future. On July 20, Council committed to leading Summerland through community conversations about racism. These conversations may be uncomfortable, but we can learn together about racism and what it means to be anti-racist.



Please continue to play your part in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Physically distance, wash your hands, keep your hands from your face, and consider wearing a mask when you are unable to stay 2 m apart from people not in your bubble. Many District recreational amenities have reopened too; we encourage you to use these facilities to maintain your physical and mental wellbeing.

Stay safe, Summerland.

Mayor and Councillors

Capital Projects

The District of Summerland would like to thank anyone who may have been inconvenienced by the various road closures and traffic disruptions that were required to complete some of the District's 2020 capital projects and other development related construction. We appreciate your patience and understanding as these works were completed.

- Wharton Street and Kelly Avenue
- Quinpool Road from Victoria Road to Washington Avenue
- Victoria Road from Turner Street to Jones Flat Road
- Doherty Avenue and Bathville Road
- Sanborn Street west of Bentley Road



Public Notice

YOU ARE INVITED from the comfort of your home to a ZOOM FIRESMART PRESENTATION. All Summerland residents are welcome to pop into the zoom event—no need to RSVP. 100 participant limit.

Date: Thursday, August 13 from 7:00 - 9:00pm
Waiting room opens at 6:45pm
Presentation & Questions 7:00 - 9:00pm

ZOOM LINK TO JOIN:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86126719189?pwd=S3JuUGVNSmRRUm1nWDRHZkFhWVNvZz09>

Join your Local FireSmart Representative Brandy Maslowski as she teaches you how to assess your property and take action to keep your home safe during wildfire season.

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](https://www.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

Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Call to check what hours facilities may be open to the public. Staff are available during regular business hours (8:30am - 4:00pm) at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall - General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451. Finance is open to the public from 9:00am until noon Monday through Friday except holidays.
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373. Development Services is open to the public by appointment only.
- 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

Summer is here.

So is COVID-19.

The more people you hang out with,
the higher your risk of being exposed to
and spreading COVID-19.

Do your part: socialize safely.

- If sick, stay home – no exceptions
- Stay 2m apart
- Keep your groups small
- Don't share drinks or smokes
- Avoid crowded, closed, or indoor spaces
- Have a designated contact keeper at gatherings
- Don't socialize with people you don't know

Remember: your choices make a difference –
you can keep others in your community safe.

Recreation Update

Summerland Recreation is working on re-opening plans for the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre. All announcements, updates and information regarding the pool, fitness centre and programs can be found at: www.summerland.ca/recreation.

We have gone digital for the Summerland Fall Recreation Guide!

Fall program registration will begin online on September 1. View the online Fall Recreation Guide at www.summerland.ca/recreation.

Any questions? Please call Summerland Recreation at 250-494-0447, 8am-4pm Monday to Friday.



Water Storage and Demand

The snowpack levels in the District's watersheds were reasonable this year and the reservoirs stopped spilling as of July 18. The District is now in storage and continues to be in Stage 1 water restrictions. Residents are asked to use water responsibly to help mitigate the need for further restrictions. The status of the District's water storage is evaluated frequently and changes may occur at any time.

***Recent heavy water use is stressing the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) process. The District asks everyone, especially the farming community to conserve water as much as possible. Heavy demand on the WTP can mean a much higher probability of failure which can impact the ability to provide quality water to our residents.**

Perimeter Fencing - Summerland Sanitary Landfill

The District is currently installing an electrified wildlife fence around the Summerland Sanitary Landfill. The fencing will be completed mid-August. This will prevent wildlife from accessing the landfill. Nearby residents are reminded to be vigilant of managing wildlife attractants on their properties including waste, bird feeders, compost, tree fruits and grapes. Thank you for doing your part in preventing wildlife from becoming habituated.



Property Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

Homeowners who are interested in signing up for the PAPP for the coming year may do so by completing the application form **before August 10** which can be found on our website <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes> or by contacting the property tax department at propertytaxes@summerland.ca.

Reduced Water Rates for July & August 2020

Reminder to residents that Council approved a 25% reduction in water rates for the months of July and August 2020 only. These reduced rates will be in effect for these two months, then regular rates will resume for September 2020.

Use of Home Generators

Home generators are handy for backup electricity in case of an outage. A back-up generator may only be connected to your home's electrical system through an approved transfer panel and switch that has been installed by a qualified Electrician. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet as serious injury can result when the current produced by the home generator is fed back into the Summerland power grid. **This can endanger the lives of utility employees working to restore the power.**

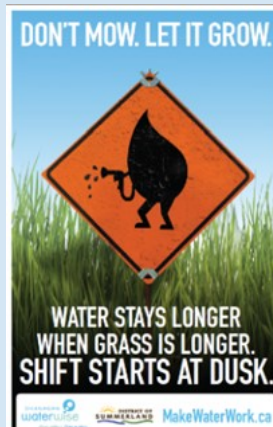
To operate a generator safely:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure that the generator operates outdoors in well-ventilated conditions, well away from doors or windows, to prevent exhaust gases from entering the house.
- Use properly rated extension cords to connect lights and appliances directly to the generator or have a qualified electrician hard wire it to your home following the Canadian Electrical Code.

Is Your Water Working Effectively?

Leave grass 2 to 3 inches tall (5 to 8 cm).
Don't mow. Let it grow!
Water stays longer when grass is longer.
Leaving your grass longer slows evaporation from the soil... making it work more effectively!
Leave grass clippings as mulch.

Leaving grass clippings on your lawn helps feed the lawn and retains moisture, requiring less water and reducing evaporation.



FireSmart

Take some time this weekend to FireSmart your property.



One priority is the 1.5M radius around your home.

Remove flammable trees, shrubs and other items touching your roof, against your house, under windows or near wooden decks within the 1.5M zone.

Don't Place Curbside Carts Out Before 5:00AM On Your Collection Day

The odours from curbside garbage, recycling and yard & garden waste can entice bears to your neighbourhood. Please properly secure your waste and keep it indoors until collection day or until you can bring it to the landfill. **Curbside carts are to be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00am and must be removed no later than 9:00pm on your scheduled collection day, Bylaw No. 2018-018.**

Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to do our part in keeping wildlife wild and communities safe.

You can report all wildlife encounters 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.

