



### Message from Mayor and Council

Happy New Year, Summerland!

Council extends a huge bouquet to the hundreds of residents who have taken the time to share ideas, comments, and concerns on any of several initiatives underway in Summerland. These include the off-leash dog park, new aquatic and fitness centre, short term rentals bylaw, Memorial Park Master Plan, solar and battery storage, and many others. Listening to community voices is critical for ensuring the success of District-led initiatives and projects.



A special thanks to those who sit on Council committees. Your dedication and expertise are reflected in your recommendations to Council and help us make the best overall decisions for our community.

While Summerland was not directly impacted by floods, landslides and wildfire, the past year was difficult for many in our community, particularly for First Nations neighbours. Summerland residents responded with financial support,

### Memorial Park Master Plan

Your feedback is requested for the future of Downtown and Memorial Park!

District Council has identified 'Downtown Vibrancy' as one of their core strategic priorities for the 2018-2022 elected term. One of the top initiatives under this strategic goal is the development of a new and revitalized 'Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan' (DNAP) for Summerland. The Kelowna based firm, Urban Systems, is collaborating with District staff as a consultant on the project.

Work is underway on re-imagining Summerland's



Downtown. The process includes developing a clear **Vision** as a basis to promote desired neighbourhood vibrancy and preparing a **Master Plan** for Memorial Park to revitalize the space as a community focal point.

Consultation with District staff and various stakeholders has resulted in two concept options for Memorial Park, both of which incorporate a range of spaces and activities for people of all ages and abilities, as well as a Draft Vision for the entire Downtown neighbourhood.

The District of Summerland invites residents to review the Draft Vision and Memorial Park concept plan options and

### 2022 Utility rate increases

In order to meet Council's strategic priority to sustainably finance the District's future asset replacements, as well as to strengthen capital reserve levels and keep pace with operational inflationary increases, residents will see a 5.0% increase in water rates, a 4.21% increase in sewer rates and a 2.51% increase in electric rates. All rate increases are effective January 1, 2022.

Public Council Meetings were held regarding utility rates as well as an open house, prior to the adoption of these increases.

A typical single-family home will see annual utility increases in 2022 of approximately:

Sewer	\$17.80
Water	\$41.43

### Energy savings for hot water

Use these tips to yield hot water savings throughout the year:

- o Take more showers than baths;
- o shorten your showers;
- o install aerating, low-flow faucets and showerheads;
- o repair leaky faucets;
- o turn your water heater temperature down 5°C;
- o insulate the first 2m of the hot water pipes and the first 1m of cold water pipes connected to the water heater;
- o wash and rinse your clothes in cold water; and
- o consider buying an ENERGY STAR® qualified, water-



### Sidewalk clearing

Municipal bylaws require that you remove the snow and ice from public footpaths and sidewalks bordering your property (business or residential).



Any snow or ice that accumulates on residential property must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow event ends. Commercial zoned sidewalks must be cleared from all snow and ice no later than 10:00 AM each day.

### Snow removal



Please help our snow removal crew by parking your vehicle (s) off the road. When clearing your driveway, stockpile snow on the right side when facing the road. This prevents the snow you

### Pay it forward

Find opportunities to give compliments. It costs nothing, takes no time, and could





## Isintok Dam Outlet Pipe Replacement Project

The Isintok Dam Outlet Pipe Replacement project has progressed very well and is near completion. The District lowered the reservoir water level in June and July and worked with First Nations, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Environmental Consultants to limit fish stranding and to monitor water quality in the remaining ponds.

The project began with upgrades to the access road; including road widening and installation of new culverts to improve drainage. The contractor then excavated through the width of the dam, removing the old concrete pipe and the intake and outfall structures. Once excavated, geotechnical information was used to assess the feasibility of raising the dam in the future and to assist in future spillway widening, required to meet Dam Safety Regulations. Installation then began on the new 48-inch, high density polyethylene pipe (HDPE), and pouring concrete for the intake, outfall, and gate control structures. Geotextile fabric and rip rap were installed on the front face of the dam for erosion protection.

The Isintok Outlet Pipe Replacement project replaced the leaking infrastructure that was beyond its service life, that may have caused significant damage to the dam structure. The new outlet pipe provides flood resilience, brings the structure



## 2022 is the year to INVEST IN YOU!



Set goals and support your mental and physical health. Exercise is known to help release stress and improve overall health and wellness. Summerland Recreation has something for everyone.

Check out our 2022 Recreation Guide online at [summerland.ca/recreation](http://summerland.ca/recreation) to see all the programs and services we have to offer in winter 2022.

New programs for 2022 include children's programs; Sportball and Outdoor

Explorer with Hoodoo Adventures, adult programs; Stretch and Strength and Zumba Toning, and adult and youth; Learn to Play Water Polo and the return of evening Aquafit.

Registration deadline for programs is one week from the course start date. If registration minimums are not met, the program will be cancelled.

Masks are required for everyone 5+ years in all District of Summerland Recreation facilities. This includes when entering and exiting the buildings, as well as in common areas (lobbies, pool desk,

## Short-Term Rental- project update & upcoming public hearing

The Short Term Rental project is moving forward with a revised, more restrictive approach. Learn more about the new approach and

## Dog licence renewal

Dog Licence renewals have now been sent for 2022 and are **due by January 31**. If you did not receive your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require a licence, please call municipal hall at **250-494-6451** or email [info@summerland.ca](mailto:info@summerland.ca).



All dogs in Summerland must be licensed by the age of 4 months. Having a licence is the best way to ensure a lost dog is returned. Unless you are authorized to run a kennel, no more than three dogs are allowed per household.

Dogs must always be leashed in a public place and secured/fenced or tethered while in a building, on property or in a vehicle. They can run freely at the temporary off-leash dog park at Dale Meadows anytime or at Peach Orchard Beach Park from October to April.

Owners are required to pick up after their dogs, so please carry

## Christmas tree pick-up

With a donation to the 2022 Dry Grad Class, you can have your Christmas tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department. Carry on the Christmas Spirit and do a good deed for Dry Grad 2022 and the environment. Trees will be chipped and composted by the Summerland Fire Department and the District of Summerland.

### Pick-up date:

Sunday, January 9, 2022



## Business licence renewal

The 2022 business licence renewals have been mailed out and are **due January 31**.

If you operate a business in Summerland (even if it is from your home) you must have a valid licence. Inter-Community Licences to operate in surrounding areas are also available to qualified businesses that already have a regular licence.

For inquiries regarding Business Licences, or if you no longer require a licence, please call municipal

## Be a "Snow Angel" this winter

The Snow Angel program is all about neighbours helping neighbours. Simply shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows.



The key to building a strong community starts on your street and with people that live around you.

Residents are encouraged to complete the nomination form found on the District's website or at municipal hall and let us know if a Snow Angel came to your rescue. The Mayor will acknowledge them with a certificate and their name will be entered into a draw. One lucky Snow Angel will win

## Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

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