

Message from Mayor and Council

The District of Summerland Council is elected to make decisions on behalf of all residents. This includes matters such as adopting the annual budget and five-year financial plan and property tax rates; adopting Council policies and municipal bylaws; and acting as Council liaison to Council committees and boards of some community non-profits (Chamber of Commerce or Friends of the Ornamental Gardens, for example).

Council’s overarching goal is to make decisions that are sound, equitable and, when actioned by District staff, better serve community members as a whole. Two examples that come to mind are the Good Neighbour Bylaw or the upcoming adoption of the Short Term Rentals (STR) Bylaw. For larger decisions, such as the STR Bylaw, efforts are often made to receive formal feedback from the community to inform Council decision-making and staff advice.

Our decisions are not always (ever?) agreeable to all Summerland residents. Occasionally Council hears displeasure—sometimes we receive notes of thanks. Of course, we prefer your appreciative comments, but whatever your view, it is important that we hear from you.

Ending with another note on appreciation: There are many community members who are willing to step up and provide assistance or financial support or otherwise lend a hand to their neighbours or others in Summerland (and beyond). This includes the folks (including children) who have been shoveling driveways and walkways for others around them. Thank you Snow Angels. And thank you to those who have taken the time to contact the District and recognize ‘your’ Snow Angels: The handwritten notes are a joy to read.

2022 increased property assessments

A common misconception is that a significant change in your assessed property value will result in a proportionately significant change in your property taxes. This is not correct!

The most important factor is not how much your assessed value has changed, but how your assessed value has changed relative to the average change for your property class in your municipality or taxing jurisdiction. In Summerland, residential property assessments have increased approximately 33.6%, therefore, if your assessment has changed at that average rate, you should not see much of a change to your municipal taxes.



The following table, taken from the BC Assessment website, provides a summary of potential tax impacts based on assessment changes.

We encourage residents to visit the BC Assessments website www.bcasessment.ca for further information on this and any other property assessment related items.

Snow course survey

Snowpack readings are taken monthly from January until the snow is melted. Average snow depth and average water equivalent (amount of water contained in the snow) are recorded and are compared to the historical average.

Snowpack readings from January 1 measured 105% of historical average for the Summerland Reservoir and 100% for the Isintok Reservoir.

For further information, please visit the District’s website at www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey.

Nominate a “Snow Angel” this winter

Have you witnessed a Snow Angel in your area? If so, please 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 a prize.

Call municipal hall at 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca if you require more information. Spread kindness like confetti and make a difference in your community!



Pothole reporting

The weather we are currently experiencing is, unfortunately, a recipe for potholes. Potholes are created when heavy precipitation or snow melt occurs. This leads to standing water, which results in soft gravels under the asphalt. This is exacerbated with constant freeze/thaw cycles when the temperatures hover around the freezing mark. As water freezes and expands within and below the asphalt, the cracks expand and the asphalt breaks apart.

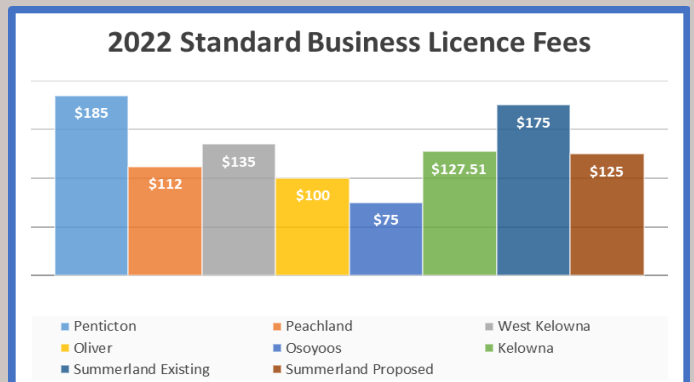
The ideal solution for potholes is to cut out the broken asphalt, replace the base gravels and reseal the road with hot mix asphalt. Unfortunately, at this time of year hot mix asphalt is unavailable so we need to turn to cold mix asphalt. Cold mix asphalt is not as effective in the potholes, but does provide an element of sealing the surface of the road to protect the base gravels from moisture. Please be sure to slow down when you see our crews out patching the potholes this winter season!

Please email your road requests or inquiries to works&infrastructure@summerland.ca or call 250-494-0431.

Business licence renewals

The District of Summerland has lowered their standard business licence fee from \$175.00 to \$125.00 effective 2022. Additionally, District Council waived business licence fees for 2021. If you paid your licence fee prior to this Council decision, you may have a credit on your account from your 2021 payment which has automatically been carried forward to 2022 alongside any credit from the rate deduction.

If you are changing your business name, address, ownership, or any other information, please let us know. Our standard business licence application form has options to change any of these items. For all business licence related inquiries, please contact business@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4054.



Please note that the penalty for late payment is 10% of the licence fee if not paid within thirty days of January 31, 2022 due date; an additional penalty of 20% of the licence fee is applied if not paid within 60 days of the due date.



Pay it forward

Set an alarm on your phone to go off at three different times during the day. In those moments, do something kind for someone else.

Waterfront Concept Plan

Summerland's waterfront is a highly valued part of the community's quality of life, culture and identity. The District of Summerland is developing a Waterfront Concept Plan to set the direction for park land, beaches, amenities, swimming and water activities, and infrastructure spanning from Peach Orchard Beach boat launch to the south end of Rotary Beach Park and everything in between plus "Horse Beach" (16997 Lakeshore Drive).

We want to hear your thoughts to inform and guide the future planning and priorities along the Summerland waterfront. Look for opportunities to participate and keep updated at www.summerland.ca/waterfront-concept-plan



Short Term Rentals – public hearing

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6pm
Virtual meeting via Zoom

A virtual public hearing will be held on the proposed zoning amendment to regulate the use of dwelling units for temporary accommodation (Short Term Rentals).

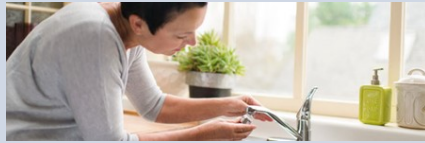
Additional information about the project, including the proposed zoning bylaw amendment, is available on the project page at: <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation>

If you wish to speak at the public hearing or submit written comments, please email corporateofficer@summerland.ca and provide your name, address, and quote application number Z21-015. Deadlines on February 14 are 4:00PM to register to speak and 12:00PM (noon) for written submissions.

To view live on YouTube, visit <https://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland>.

Fixing a leaky faucet

A leaky faucet can waste up to 11,350 litres of water each year. Fixing a hot water leak can save you up to \$33 per year in your electricity costs.



To repair a leaky faucet you will need a screwdriver, wrench, plumber's putty, a gasket, scouring pad and towels. Regular wear and tear of internal components are the main cause of leaks in faucets.

Here's a step-by-step guide to fixing a leaky compression faucet with handles for hot and cold:

1. Start by turning off the water. If you look under your sink, there will be a handle you can use to shut off the water flow.
2. Plug the sink with a cloth, or towel to stop small parts from going down the drain.
3. There is likely a decorative piece on the handle, sometimes labeled hot or cold. You'll need to remove this to expose a screw.
4. Using a screwdriver, loosen the screw and remove the handle. This will expose a valve.
5. Tighten the valve with a wrench and turn the water back on to see if this fixed the leak. If the faucet is still leaking, turn the water back off.
6. Remove the valve completely by unscrewing it, and examine it:
 - a. Check the threads for corrosion and dirt, then clean with a scouring pad.
 - b. Check the bottom of the valve for a gasket. If it looks deteriorated, remove the screw and replace the entire gasket.
7. Once the valve has been fixed, apply some plumber's putty along the threads to create a watertight seal.
8. Put the valve back in place, replace the handle and turn the water back on to check to make sure the leak is fixed.

Dog licence renewal

Dog licence renewals have now been sent for 2022 and were **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. If you've found or lost a dog, have a complaint about a dog barking or being aggressive, or see a dog at large, please contact **Animal Control at 250-494-6446**.

Canyon View watermain replacement project

The Canyon View Watermain Replacement project was recently awarded to BC General Contracting Inc. The project will include approximately 1,050m of watermain replacement and road re-construction on Canyon View Road, Paradise Road and McGee Street from Simpson Road to Mountain Avenue. The existing aging watermain has had multiple failures in the area over the past few years. The estimated start date is March 1, 2022 with an anticipated 12 weeks of construction to complete the project.

The public is asked to follow all traffic control/flagger's instruction and allow space for the contractor to complete the work. Single-lane alternating traffic will be maintained with minor delays so please allow extra time for tee-times.

SPRING BREAK SWIM LESSONS

Monday to Friday, March 21-April 1
Registration opens February 22.



COVID-19
Protocols are in
place for all red
cross swimming
lessons

Register online at summerland.perfectmind.com

250-494-0447



www.summerland.ca

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 removed from being ploughed back in front of your driveway.

Photo Scavenger Hunt Feb 19-21
Scavenger Hunt list will be released on Feb 18

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND
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Pre-registration is required for FREE skates and swims.
Registration opens on Feb 7 at 8am.
Visit www.summerland.ca/FamilyDay or @SummerlandRec on Facebook

Christmas tree pick up fundraiser success

The Fire Department and the Summerland 2022 Graduation Class would like to thank the residents who took part in the Christmas Tree Pick Up and their generous donations that totalled \$2,446.80. Trees were chipped and used for compost.

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.

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for our monthly online newsletter:

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

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