



Message from Mayor and Council

Council and District of Summerland staff stand in support of the people of Ukraine and against the illegal invasion of their country by Putin and the Russian military.

Just a reminder public input is currently open for borrowing funds for the Giant’s Head Road project. Details on the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) are included in this newsletter. As always, the public can comment at all Afternoon and Evening Regular Council meetings in person, by phone, or by Zoom. Please register in advance at corporateofficer@summerland.ca.

As hoped, Dr. Bonnie Henry started lifting or relaxing the public health orders in February. We hope everyone had the chance to enjoy expanded gatherings and social events during Spring Break. We are all looking forward to hearing the official word that we have transitioned to an endemic—that although the virus is still with us, enough people have gained immunity they can avoid serious health effects. As we emerge from the pandemic, Council offers, once again, our profound thanks to the residents of Summerland who showed care, compassion and kindness, most especially health care and other front-line workers who put themselves at risk for the betterment of the community.

Happy Easter!

Get your yard ready for spring

Using District of Summerland Compost in the spring is a great way to set the stage for the planting season. A loader will be available for filling trucks and trailers on **Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM** (not available between 12:00 PM (noon) and 12:30 PM). For the safety of users and staff, please stay in your vehicle during loading. Residents may also self-load compost products with their own shovel and containers during regular landfill hours.

- Compost: 4 cents per kg up to 1,000 kg/ 3 cents per kg over 1,000 kg
- Wood Mulch and Topdressing: 6 cents per kg up to 1,000 kg/ 4.5 cents per kg over 1,000 kg

Snow Angels

There were 74 Snow Angel nominations made for 2021/2022. Each received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Boot. This year’s draw prize winner of a gift certificate was Stu & Penny Seeley.

Alternative Approval Process—Loan Authorization—Giants Head Road upgrades—Bylaw 2022-005

The District of Summerland is proceeding with an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for Loan Authorization – Giants Head Road Upgrades – Bylaw 2022-005. The bylaw proposes to borrow up to \$6,464,500 to be repaid over a 25-year term to complete the Giants Head Road Upgrades Project. The question posed to the electors by this AAP is whether the District can proceed with long-term borrowing (25 years) to finance this project.

The estimated cost of the Giants Head Road Upgrades project to residents will be approximately \$73.15 per year. Should the full \$6,464,500.00 not be utilized for this project, the estimated cost to taxpayers could decrease.

The AAP will close at **4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022**. The results of the AAP will be reported to Council by the Corporate Officer at the **April 25, 2022**, Regular Meeting of Council.

If you are opposed to the District using long-term borrowing to finance the Giants Head Road Upgrades, you may **submit an Elector Response Form to indicate your opposition**. If you are in favour of the long-term borrowing to finance this project, you do not need to submit any forms or comments. Elector Response forms are available at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, during regular business hours, until **4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022** and are available on the District website <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/alternative-approval-process?pname=Alternative%20Approval%20Process>

More information regarding the AAP and the Giants Head Road Upgrades Project may be found by contacting the District’s Corporate Officer at **250-404-4037** or kkinsley@summerland.ca.

Recreation Centre Feasibility & Site Fit Study

The Recreation Centre Feasibility & Site Fit Study final report was presented to Council on **February 28**. Council supported two key decisions through resolution – confirmed the preferred site location for the Aquatic & Fitness Centre replacement as 8820 Jubilee Road East (beside the Arena) and targeted the spring of 2023 for a referendum to obtain elector assent to enter into long-term borrowing for the design and build of the Recreation Centre. Council will be reviewing project next steps at future meetings. For more information about this project and to view the final report, visit www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre

Open burning ends April 15

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres. A valid Open Burning Permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department is required. **All backyard burning is strictly prohibited.**



The season will end **April 15, 2022** and will re-open on **October 15, 2022**. For information call the Fire Department at **250-494-7211**.

Utility Bill Equal Payment Plan

If you are currently on the utility bill equal payment plan, April is the reconciliation month. The total amount due on your April invoice will reflect the difference between the utility charges to date and the monthly payments received.

If the account has been underpaid, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the **May 27** due date to bring the utility account balance to zero. If the account has been overpaid, your account will show a credit, which will carry over to next month’s invoice. The May utility invoice will reflect your new recalculated equal payment amount (**June 28** due date). Those wanting to be on the Utility Equal Payment Plan have until **May 15** to apply. Please call **(250) 404-4047** for more information.

Short term rentals

There is now a bylaw that defines and regulates short term rentals in the District of Summerland. Short term rentals are limited to individual room rentals in a principal residence or “whole house” rentals only if a separate principal residence is on-site. If you are interested in renting out individual rooms in your home or a “whole house” for temporary stays, a business licence is required. The short term rental application form and guide are available at Municipal Hall or on the District’s webpage <https://www.summerland.ca/business-economy/business-licencing>

Planned community wide power outage

In order to continue upgrades to the electrical substation on Giants Head Road near Hillborn, FortisBC will require a **community wide outage in Summerland**. This power outage will take place at **11:00 PM Friday, April 29 to 6:00 AM Saturday, April 30** (7 hour duration).

Residents should be aware that power outages will cause interruptions to some water services and streetlights during this time.



Pay it forward

Buy a plant. Put it in a terracotta pot. Write positive words that describe a friend on the pot. Give it to that friend!

Canyon View Cemetery spring maintenance

The District of Summerland will commence spring maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on **May 1, 2022**. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016 as outlined below. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the following guidelines by **April 30, 2022**.

Offerings that we are asking you to remove include:

- any offering that is not entirely on the concrete base and at least 50 mm (2 in.) away from the edge of the concrete base;
- offerings that are unsightly, creating a safety hazard, or interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery;
- small offerings, such as necklaces, small stones, or marbles, that may become entangled in the maintenance equipment;
- anything that extends or grows into the landscaped area surrounding an interment site or anything that encroaches into a neighbouring interment site;
- any offering that is made of, or contains, glass or any other easily breakable substance; and
- pointed or sharp offerings that may present a safety hazard if someone falls.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Infrastructure. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded.

Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings.

Curbside Collection—unlimited yard & garden waste pickup

The District will be holding two **unlimited yard & garden waste curbside collection** events:

- Spring: week of **May 3 to 6**;
- Fall event will be scheduled in the 2022-2023 curbside collection calendar.

Fill your Green Yard & Garden Waste Cart and put it out for collection. Place additional Yard & Garden Waste out beside your cart for collection as follows:

- In “kraft” style yard waste paper bags
- In any container that is clearly marked as “yard waste only”, has a volume capacity of 95L or less and a maximum weight of 25 kgs
- Bundle branches, 5cm in diameter and under, with string or twine. Bundles must be less than 1.0m long and weigh less than 25 kgs
- Paper bags that are ripped or heavily saturated will not be collected

Materials must be placed out for collection by **7:00 AM** on your regular collection day. An additional truck will collect the extra yard waste after the garbage is collected.

2022 one-day recycling depots

One-Day Recycling Depots are back! From **8:00 AM to 3:00 PM** at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road on the following dates:

- **Saturday, April 23, 2022 – Earth Week**
- Saturday, June 25, 2022
- Fall event will be scheduled in the 2022-2023 curbside collection calendar

Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, styrofoam, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TV's and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials. Visit www.summerland.ca/recycling for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.

BC Energy Step Code & Building Bylaw

Following recent Council adoption, the District has updated their Building Bylaw, which includes several notable changes. Firstly, all new Part 9 residential buildings and substantial renovations are now required to meet Step 1 of the BC Energy Step Code. Alongside this, rebates are now available for achievement of higher levels of the Step Code. This includes a rebate of up to 20% of the permit fee for a Step 5 construction. Farm building construction up to 500 sq. ft. (50 m²) are no longer required to apply for and obtain a building permit. Applications for building permits for construction of new residential buildings must contain plans that confirm solar-ready construction, and EV outlets capable of providing Level 2 EV charging or higher, in conformance with the Community Energy and Emission Reduction Plan. For more information, visit <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/building/energy-step-code-building-bylaw>

Snow Pack

Snow course survey data is retrieved every month from the beginning of the year until no snow remains. Data is gathered from two locations within the District's watershed and posted on the District website at www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey. As of **March 1, 2022** the snow survey showed the Summerland Reservoir (Headwaters) at 84% and Isintok Lake at 67% of the historical averages.

Each year following the irrigation season, staff lower the reservoir level to predetermined levels to provide available storage volume to accommodate the coming freshet in the spring. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed at which the snow melts which can increase with significant rainfall. Unfortunately, this is very difficult to predict. To manage the risk associated with this, staff complete regular monitoring and maintenance activities of the dams and meet routinely to decide if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for the expected volume of incoming water.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.



FREE Earth Day Family Planting Celebration

Sun, Apr 24

10am-12pm

Wastewater Treatment Plant
7630 Dunn St.



Save the Date

June 4



Giant's Head Mountain Park

Starting **April 15**, the Giant's Head Mountain Park Road gate will be open for vehicles **noon – 9:00 PM** and closed on Sundays.

The morning and Sunday road closures allow for more space for park users to bike and hike without vehicular conflict.

Notice to Summerland irrigators

The Works Division will begin turning irrigation services on the week of **April 11, 2022**. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this date will be required to submit a completed Advance Irrigation application along with a fee of \$50.93 plus GST per property to the Cashier at Municipal Hall no later than Friday, April 8, 2022.

Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland>.

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