



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – January 9, 2023

Delegation – The Summerland Museum and Archives - Gregory Richardson & Petra Holler from the Museum along with architect Cal Meiklejohn presented schematic designs for proposed renovations and additions to the facility. Council heard that the collections have grown by more than 400% since 1984. Council asked several questions regarding the plans and commended the concept. A fundraising campaign will ensue to pay for the project and Council will receive progress reports.

Delegation – BC Transit – Chelsea Mossey of BC Transit presented considerations for a free transit program for Summerland residents, given Council's priority to increase affordability in the community. Council clarified that the intent would be to trial route 30 as a starting point. BC Transit indicated that a simple trial could be implemented easily with roll out in late 2023 or early 2024. Council will continue discussions through the budget process to further define the priority.

Green and Inclusive Community Building (GICB) Grant [Recreation Centre] – The GICB grant program appears to be a good source for funding if a new recreation centre is built. Up to half of the total cost of the project can be funded but a building must be built to a net-zero carbon design, or at least 'ready' for the alternative energy systems necessary to achieve that status. Council directed staff to apply for the funding given that the application deadline is February 28, 2023. In a future meeting Council will determine timing of a referendum and related questions.

Section 57 Notice – Construction and Development Without a Permit – Staff brought forward a resolution to place a section 57 notice on title, in accordance with powers under the *Community Charter*, regarding 13206 Kelly Avenue. The action would notify future buyers of building code non-compliance in the event of a sale. Staff noted that efforts have been made over the period of several years to gain compliance with no success, although recent indications suggest a renewed interest

to remedy the situation. Council directed staff to provide 60 days notice before proceeding with the section 57 in the hopes that the safety issues for the owners and the community can be resolved.

Year-End 2022 Development Services Report – The Director of Development Services provided a detailed report and presentation on the activities of the branch. 2022 was a very busy year with some of the highest numbers of development permits since 1993. At the same time, Council’s amendments to bylaws seem to have lowered the number of variance requests, saving staff processing time, and reducing red tape for applicants. Bylaw activities have also been at historically high levels, as staff respond to complaints under the new Good Neighbour Bylaw. This indicates community awareness of the bylaw as a tool for maintaining peace and enjoyment by dealing with issues before they escalate.

Note: These highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings. The summary is not inclusive of all agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the District of Summerland website at <https://www.summerland.ca> or contact Corporate Services at 250-404-4037.



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