



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – September 26, 2023

Delegation – Summerland Sportsman’s Association – The group provided the history of their site, which supports responsible sportsmanship in the use of firearms. They subsequently requested consideration for a permissive tax exemption which, later in the meeting, Council approved at a value 75% in line with policy.

Delegation – BC Transit – Elements of a new automated bus fare collection system were presented, with a request to make some fare adjustments. Staff will prepare advice and report back to Council.

Delegation - Summerland Legion - Council heard the purpose, work and history of the Legion in Summerland, with the request to increase the value of their existing permissive tax exemption.

Delegation - Summerland Dog Owners Association – A presentation was provided which described the positive comments and results of an informal petition conducted by the group regarding the temporary “pop-up” dog park at Peach Orchard Beach Park.

Summerland Rodeo Grounds – The final (draft) plan was presented to Council, which is the culmination of many months of stakeholder and public engagement. Council expressed appreciation for the work done to date and directed that the plan come to a Committee of the Whole meeting in the future for a more detailed review.

Peach Orchard Beach Temporary Dog Park – Council received the results of the pilot project for a “pop up” dog park. The feedback illustrates a lack of consensus in the community to perpetuate the dog park at this location. Council directed staff to re-engage with the Lutheran Church with the request that a temporary dog park be set up there, with the offer of a tax rebate or grant to support the concept on a trial basis. The temporary fencing will remain in place at Peach Orchard until a new location is found.

Financial Plan Timeline –Council agreed to a budget deliberation timeline focusing on both utility and general fund budgets within two weeks of each other this fall. Combining the planning of both budgets will provide Council with the overall budget picture and how it will affect Summerland residents in terms of utility rate and property tax increases as a whole. All budgets should now be approved in December.

Remedial Action Order – 7311 Hillborn Street –Council passed a motion directing staff to proceed with a remedial action order to remedy life and safety issues associated with a property not in compliance with the District’s zoning bylaw, Good Neighbour bylaw, Fire Code and Building Code. Council may further consider the placement of a notice on title in accordance with the *Community Charter* regarding the unauthorized construction.

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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