



### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BOOT

I cannot believe that more than a year has passed since this Council was elected in October of 2018.

Highlights from this year include:

- Dog Parks, Pickleball and Tennis: Draft report on potential sites presented at an Open House for public comment
- Summerland Skatepark: Grand opening
- Solar and Battery Project: Preferred location report completed, and public comments received; awaiting results of site soil assessment
- Asset Management Policy, Strategy and Road Map: Completed
- Eneas Creek Strategy: Assessment and Open Houses completed; awaiting feedback from Ministry
- South Okanagan Food Innovation Hub: Successful in Pre-Qualification process; Proposal being submitted January 2020
- Wharton Property: Sale completed; Hillcrest Village scheduled to open early Spring 2020
- Active Transportation Plan: Completed and adopted by Council
- Giant's Head Mountain Trail: Phases I and II substantially completed
- Utility Rate Review and Open House: Completed; to be adopted by Council December 9
- Water Master Plan: Draft report completed; to be presented to Council December
- Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan: Draft report and open house completed
- Aquatic and Fitness Centre: Discussions with several partners and with Provincial ministries are ongoing
- Development Process Improvement Committee: Terms of reference completed; Council to appoint members in December
- Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer recruitment: Completed

Council believes that working with all levels of government, including the School District board and the Penticton Indian Band, is the foundation of good governance. We are confident that this solid base, combined with a dedicated District staff and an engaged community, will see us through another productive year in 2020.

On behalf of the District of Summerland Council and Staff, enjoy a safe and delightful holiday season.

### SUMMERLAND RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS WATER AWARD

The District of Summerland is excited to announce they are the proud recipient of the Brian Harvey Award of Excellence from the Water Supply Association of BC. This award is given to a Public or Corporate Body that has demonstrated a high standard of service to the public. This is not necessarily given out annually, only when there is a deserving recipient who has proven excellence in innovative or unique solutions to water supply/quality problems, efficiency improvements, water/energy conservation as well as employee training, public information and money management.



Summerland earned the award by actions taken to ensure the District has safe drinking water and ample water for residents and agricultural users.

Over the years, Summerland made water its priority by raising Thirsk Dam to stabilize the raw water supply, building a Water Treatment Plant (WTP), and creating a Water Master Plan that provided guidance to water system separation, supply stability and water use efficiencies.

The Prairie Valley area was separated in 2009/10 to reduce the amount being treated by the WTP. Later the Garnet Valley area was separated to provide domestic water from the WTP to customers and open up more capacity for irrigation water from the Garnet Reservoir to service the agricultural lands in the community. In an effort to conserve water, a metering program took place with a pricing system based on allocation of set flow rates and annual depths to arable land parcels. The District continues to work to provide outstanding service and water to its residents.



### DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Municipal Offices** will be closed at 2pm Tuesday, December 24 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2.

**Arena, Pool and Fitness Room** - Closed at 2pm December 24, closed December 25, 26 and January 1.

Please refer to the Winter Brochure for public skate and swim schedules.

**Fire Hall Office** - Closed December 25, 26 and January 1. Please always call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

**Landfill** - Closed December 25, 26 and January 1 (always closed Sunday, check website for regular hours).

#### **Curbside Collection - Wednesdays Pick Up Change**

For the holidays, if your regular collection day is Wednesday, please note your pick up will take place on the Sunday before:

**Wednesday, December 25 - No collection. Garbage and Recycling pick up will occur Sunday, December 22.**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - No collection. Garbage pick up will occur on Sunday, December 29.**

Regular collection takes place for those with pick up on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

#### **IMPORTANT UTILITY INFORMATION**

**Due to the office being closed for the holidays, the due date for this month's utility bills will be **Monday, December 23, 2019****

If you are moving, please email [utilities@summerland.ca](mailto:utilities@summerland.ca) or visit our website to provide details.



### BE A "SNOW ANGEL" THIS WINTER

For safety reasons, it is important that snow is cleared from sidewalks. For some this task can be very difficult. Snow Angel is a snow removal awareness and recognition program to encourage

residents to help their neighbours in need during the winter months. To be a Snow Angel, simply help out a neighbour and shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows.

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 a prize. Call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email [info@summerland.ca](mailto:info@summerland.ca) if you require more information.

Be a good neighbour this winter and make a difference in your community!

### 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 before noon must be removed by noon that day. If it snows in the afternoon, you have until noon of the next day to remove it. Failure to do so could result in the District having the sidewalk cleaned at your expense. We ask that you use a de-icing "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it can cause damage. Please help to keep Summerland's sidewalks safe for all that use them.

### SUMMERLAND HEALTH & WELLNESS SERIES - VAPING AWARENESS

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Summerland Health Community Initiative in partnership with District of Summerland, SD 67 and Interior Health held important educational discussions on Vaping. These presentations focused on the health risks of Vaping and how these products are being marketed towards youth. The event included two daytime mini-sessions held at Summerland Secondary School, which attracted over 350 students, and an evening event which was very well received by the community with over 75 attendees and a four-speaker discussion panel. This event was funded by Health Canada - Substance Use and Addictions.



### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

With a donation to the 2020 Dry Grad class, you can have your Christmas Tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department and the Grads. Carry on the Christmas Spirit and do a good deed for Dry Grad 2020 and the environment. Trees will be

chipped and composted.

Pick ups will take place on Sunday, January 5 and Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Starting December 16, you may call the Fire Department at 250-404-4087 or email [sfd@summerland.ca](mailto:sfd@summerland.ca) to book a pick up.

### PIANO MYSTERY

The District intends to dispose of the piano stored in the basement of the former library building. Please contact [awood@summerland.ca](mailto:awood@summerland.ca) if you have info on the original owners.



### 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. Thank you for your cooperation!



### WINTER CURBSIDE CART COLLECTION

With winter on its way, many residents are wondering how to use their curbside collection carts. Please:



- Ensure the areas around and under your carts are clear of snow.
- Place carts as close as possible to the road, without obstructing the snow removal operations, street, sidewalk or bike lane.
- Do not place carts behind or on top of a snow bank.
- Ensure there is proper spacing around the carts:
  - 1m (3ft) of space on all sides;
  - 3m (10ft) of clearance above; and
  - 1.5m (5ft) of space from a vehicle.

**In the event of a collection delay, please place your cart(s) out each day following the delay until collection can be completed safely.**

For more information on winter curbside cart collection please visit [www.summerland.ca/solidwaste](http://www.summerland.ca/solidwaste)



### BE ACTIVE

The Winter Recreation Guide is now out and registration is open. Visit [www.summerland.ca/recreation](http://www.summerland.ca/recreation) for more information. Give the gift of fitness – gift cards are available at the Aquatic Centre.

### TAKE YOUR USED MOTOR OIL AND ANTIFREEZE TO THE LANDFILL

Thanks to a Return Collection Facility (RFC) infrastructure grant from the BC Used Oil Management Assoc., a modified Used Oil and Antifreeze RFC is now open and located within the Household Hazardous Waste area of the Summerland Sanitary Landfill. Residential quantities of used oil and antifreeze materials are accepted for no charge when properly returned for recycling in the Used Oil and Antifreeze RFC.

### TIS THE SEASON TO LOCK UP YOUR CAR...

The Summerland RCMP reminds everyone to always lock their cars and do not leave parcels/packages in your vehicle that are visible.



### DOG AND BUSINESS LICENCE

**RENEWALS** will be mailed out in the middle of December and are due January 31, 2020. If you do not receive your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require a dog or business licence, please call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or send an email to [info@summerland.ca](mailto:info@summerland.ca).