



Message from Mayor and Council

Last month at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) annual convention in Vancouver, the District of Summerland was presented with two awards -- a UBCM Community Excellence Award and a Climate & Energy Action Award.

The Community Excellence Award was in the asset management category in recognition of the District’s Water and Road Integrated Asset Management Plan, which details the condition of all Summerland roads and water mains and their likelihood and consequence of failure. It includes a priority list of 19 capital projects, three of which are included in this year’s budget: Dale Meadows Road, Jubilee Road West, and Victoria Road South.

The full Plan is posted on the District of Summerland website in the form of a story board and geodatabase. People can click onto an interactive map and view information about any road’s condition, work being planned, and project costs.

The Climate & Energy Action Award was presented by the Community Energy Association in recognition of the Summerland Solar and Storage Facility. It was the second time in three years that Summerland received this province-wide recognition. In 2021, the District was given the award for its corporate climate action initiatives.

The Solar and Storage Facility was selected among 25 nominations, each reviewed by a panel of judges with expertise in community energy and climate action. In assessing the Solar and Storage Facility, the judging committee noted that Summerland has demonstrated how a small community can move quickly from planning to implementation and position itself to attract significant investment in renewable energy.

Asset management and climate action have both been key priorities for successive Summerland Councils. The recognition received at UBCM demonstrates not only the District’s commitment to addressing these important challenges but also that we are making solid progress.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Be bear smart

Garbage, bird feeders and tree fruits can attract bears to your yard, family and neighbourhood. Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.

Tips to prevent attracting bears to your property:

- Garbage - properly secure your garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.
- Compost- use finished compost, leaves, grass or wood chips to cover up fruit or other food waste in your composter. Properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.
- Fruit trees and grapes- make sure to harvest fruit immediately. Remove all windfall fruit. If you own an orchard, electric fencing is encouraged.
- Pet food, birdfeeders and gardens are all attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors.
- Barbeques- make sure that they are properly cleaned and covered. Don’t leave used barbeque utensils out overnight.

You can report all wildlife encounters to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or visit www.wildsafebc.com to learn more about how to protect the species around you.

College Road seasonal closure

College Road—closed to vehicular traffic from October 31, 2023 to April 15, 2024.

Save the date!

October 16—29, 2023 is the annual Fall GoByBike Week across the Province. Summerland will be celebrating with events running from October 23—29, 2023. Event details to be announced on social media. Register as a team or individual in advance at www.gobybikebc.ca/summerland.

Open burning permits

Open burning season is from October 15 to April 15 for owners of agricultural properties over two acres. Permits for the purpose of burning orchard prunings are issued by the Fire Department year round and are valid on a four-year cycle. Please visit the Summerland Fire Department anytime to renew or obtain a new permit.

Approval **MUST** be obtained each time you burn; please call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 to verify the venting index and confirmation to burn. **Open burning on residential properties is strictly prohibited.**

Project updates

Dale Meadows Watermain and Road Improvements from Gould Avenue to Dale Meadows Sports Complex entrance is underway. The public is requested to use the Prairie Valley Road detour for the duration of the project.



Victoria Road South Stormwater Replacement project – Construction has begun on Victoria Road South from the north side of Dunham Crescent to the south side of Agur Street. Work includes upgrades to drainage infrastructure, installation of a multi-use path, and repaving of the road.

Rotary Beach Park Pier Removal - With the Rotary Beach Park Pier removal now complete, District staff continue to work to obtain Provincial approvals to install the pilings for the new pier. Council has committed funding for the replacement pier with a similar design to the recently removed pier.

Solar Project – Summerland’s Solar and Battery Energy Storage System construction is winding down. The project is currently in testing and commissioning phase which will last until mid October.

Unlimited yard & garden waste

Garbage and unlimited yard & garden waste curbside collection is scheduled for the week of November 14, 2023.

Save the date—Halloween Haunt Swim

Saturday, October 28 from 6:30—8:00 PM

Join us for some spooky fun, games, swimming and more. Tickets will be available for purchase on September 29.

Interested in volunteering for this event?

Contact the Aquatics Team at aquatics@summerland.ca.



*All children under the age of 7 and children 7-10 who cannot swim the width of the pool must have a parent/guardian in the water with them. For more information or registration visit www.summerland.ca/recreation.

Fire Prevention Week

This year’s theme is “Cooking safety starts with you.” and runs from October 8 – 14, 2023. For more information, visit www.summerland.ca/city-services/fire-protection/fire-prevention-week.

Sani-station closed for the season

The Trout Creek Sani-Station will be closed for the season as of Tuesday, November 14, 2023.



“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

~Albert Camus



Our Community, Your Vote

2023 Recreation Centre referendum

On Saturday, November 4, 2023 a referendum (assent voting) opportunity will be held within the District of Summerland on the following question:

Do you support the Corporation of the District of Summerland borrowing up to \$50 million with interest, over a period not exceeding 30 years in order to finance the construction of a new recreation centre to be located at 8820 Jubilee Road E., by way of Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2023-016?

Voting dates and locations:

General Voting Day—Saturday, November 4, 2023 between 8:00 AM—8:00 PM at Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Rd East, Summerland, BC
Advance Voting Days—Wednesday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 31, 2023 between 8:00 AM—8:00 PM at Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Rd East, Summerland, BC

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

Resident electors

To vote in the District of Summerland election as a resident elector, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- be a resident of the District of Summerland on the day of registration;
- have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months before the day of registration; and
- not be disqualified from voting in an election.

Notice of applications for scrutineers

Scrutineers for and against the question must be appointed if applications are received from persons who wish to volunteer for the positions. Only persons entitled to vote as electors in this referendum opportunity are entitled to act as scrutineers.

If sufficient applications are received, one (1) scrutineer for and one (1) scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place. One (1) scrutineer for the question and one (1) scrutineer against the question will also be appointed to be present at the determination of the official results and, if necessary, at a judicial recount.

Applications to act as a scrutineer will be received by the Chief Election Officer at Municipal Hall 13211 Henry Ave Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0 during the period of:

Tuesday, October 10 at 8:15 AM to Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Applications will only be received during regular office days and hours during this period. Application forms are available at Municipal Hall and website www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/2023-recreation-centre-referendum.

For more information or questions on the application contact the Chief Election Officer via email elections@summerland.ca or phone 250-404-4037.

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 www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe

To register, resident electors must produce **two pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-Resident property electors

Non-resident property electors are individuals who own residential property in the District of Summerland and live elsewhere in B.C. To vote as a non-resident property elector, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months before the day of registration;
- not be disqualified from voting in an election;
- be a registered owner of real property in the District for at least 30 days before the day of registration;
- not be registered as a resident property elector; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of a property, only one of those individuals may, with written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

To register, non-resident property electors must produce **two pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the other property owners.

For further information on these matters, please contact the Chief Election Officer at 250-404-4037 or elections@summerland.ca.

Recreation centre project information

Stay up-to-date on the referendum process by visiting www.summerland.ca/recreationcentre. The District will be providing regular updates between now and General Voting Day, including details of the proposed facility and its location, the funding strategy and impact for taxpayers.

Public Open House

October 11 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Rd East, Summerland, BC

Public Information Drop-In

October 18 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM

October 19 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Aquatic & Fitness Centre, 13205 Kelly Ave, Summerland, BC

Informational handouts are available at the Aquatic & Fitness Centre, Arena & Curling Club and Municipal Hall. Watch for pop-up information booths at community events. If you would like a presentation for your organization or housing complex, or if you have any questions, please email recreation@summerland.ca.

VOTE
November 4, 2023

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Recreation Centre Referendum

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Find details here: summerland.ca/recreationcentre