

Community Open House: 2020 Proposed Budget and Priorities

The District of Summerland commenced General Fund Operating & General Fund Capital Budget discussions in January. Council and staff are now set to consult with the community to obtain feedback on the proposed 2020 budget on **Wednesday, February 12, 4pm - 7pm (presentation at 5:30pm) at the Arena Banquet Room** (upstairs) on Jubilee Rd. Stations will be set up with information on the different projects and priorities, and staff and Council will be on hand to answer any questions.

Council supported a property tax rate increase of 4.0% for 2020, which includes \$271,730 (3.12%) for operational investments and \$76,642 (0.88%) for asset management to support long term investment in community infrastructure. An average Summerland home assessed at \$597,435 will see a property tax increase of approximately \$77.73 for the year.

The proposed tax increase will help maintain or improve current service levels, and allow for initiatives and projects that will improve the livability and resiliency of our community. Council also proposes to continue directing a portion of taxes into an infrastructure reserve.

Council's Strategic Priorities for Infrastructure Investment, Good Governance, Community Resilience, Alternative Energy, Active Lifestyle and Downtown Vibrancy have guided the development of the 2020 General Operating Budget.

Information and/or stations will be available on the following projects and priorities:

Major capital project highlights identified for 2020 include:

- Quinpool Road (Victoria Rd to Washington Ave) watermain replacement
- Doherty Avenue & Bathville Road (Prairie Valley Rd to Princeton-Summerland Hwy) road reconstruction and drainage improvements
- Victoria Road (Turner St to Jones Flat Rd) asphalt overlay
- Dale Meadows Road (Walton Cres to Haddrell Ave) design for road and watermain upgrades in preparation for construction in 2021
- Giants Head Road (Harris Rd to Hillborn St) design for road and watermain upgrades and water system separation in preparation for construction in 2021
- Completion of the design for Isintok Dam outlet pipe replacement
- Trail repairs at Peach Orchard Beach and Rotary Beach
- Eneas Creek restoration including reconstruction of Centennial Trail
- Landfill second scale and entrance upgrades

Dog Parks, Pickleball and Tennis Courts

Council is proposing to move forward with:

- Updating bylaws regarding dogs in parks and installing new signage
- Implementing accessibility improvements to the Peach Orchard Dog Beach
- Constructing a new fenced dog park on the north end of Peach Orchard Beach Park
- Resurfacing the Peach Orchard Campground courts to create an additional 4 dedicated pickleball courts
- Exploring partnership opportunities with the Lakeshore Racquets Centre for tennis and conduct a geotechnical assessment on the site with the potential for construction of a new tennis court in 2021.

Community engagement will commence for some long term partnership investments in our community for the following priority projects in 2020:

- Summerland Community Health & Wellness Centre, including Aquatic Centre replacement
- Downtown Plan supporting investment, vibrancy and growth
- Business Perspective Survey to identify priorities for local industry and businesses
- Affordable Housing Forum to identify opportunities to increase the housing range
- South Okanagan Agricultural Food Hub providing for increased economic activity and benefit to the region's agricultural and food sectors
- Completion of Business Case Templates and Project Prioritization Framework in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy.
- Solar+Storage project and Climate Action Planning

The public is encouraged to attend the open house. Staff and Council want to hear what the community has to say about the proposed 2020 projects and budget before it is finalized.

How Summerland Taxes are Spent

Average Home 2020 Total = \$1,683



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BUDGET AND PRIORITIES
WED. FEB. 12 4PM - 7PM
ARENA BANQUET ROOM
Presentation at 5:30pm**

**Now is the chance to check out what is proposed before it is finalized.
Your input is appreciated!**

Driving in a Single Lane Roundabout

1. As you approach a roundabout, reduce your speed, check for signage, watch for pedestrians and be prepared to stop.
2. Yield the right-of-way to vehicles already in the roundabout which will be approaching immediately from the left. The vehicles already in the roundabout have the right-of-way, so you may have to stop.
3. When there is a sufficient opening in the traffic, enter into the roundabout to your right, and drive counter clockwise.
4. Once you are in the roundabout, follow the steady flow of traffic. You cannot pass another vehicle or stop in the roundabout unless it is necessary to avoid an accident. If you miss your exit, you can do an extra trip around the traffic circle in order to get another opportunity to exit the intersection.

Always use your signal light as you **leave the roundabout**, check for pedestrians at the crosswalks and be prepared to stop.



**BC Family Day
Free Skate**

Free Skate Rentals & Free Admission

**Monday, February 17
1:00-2:30 pm
Summerland Arena**

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada

Tropical Swim
Saturday, March 7
6:30-8:30 pm

\$5.00 per ticket
Tickets available at the
Summerland Aquatic Centre

Plantings Around Town

The District has put together some beautiful planters around town using re-claimed materials. The white birch was taken from dead trees at Peach Orchard Campground and Dale Meadows Park while the greens were re-used from various park prunings and from the landfill green waste pile. Reducing, re-using, recycling!

Look for early spring colour in the form of daffodils and tulips. The daffodils are planted around town, at Municipal Hall, the Aquatic Centre and in Lower Town. Tulips planted at Canyon View Cemetery were purchased from the Legion and are called "Canadian Liberator" in honour of our Canadian Soldiers.

Restoration work has taken place at Powell Beach. The walking paths, parking area and drainage were all re-done. There were also 52 trees planted, including poplar in the naturalized area, honey locust and serviceberry (Saskatoon). It is ready to be enjoyed!



Summerland to Receive Funding for a Local Organics Processing Facility at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill



The Summerland Sanitary Landfill services Summerland and Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Electoral Area 'F' (Faulder/West Bench/Meadow Valley). The new facility will provide these service area users with a way to divert organic material from their garbage and away from our landfill.

Upon completion, the community will have access to a new Class 'A' compost product that has been created by diverting their agricultural and residential food scraps, currently collected under the curbside program or hauled to the landfill, from the District's waste stream. The new compost product will be in addition to the current high-quality Class 'A' biosolids compost produced and sold at the landfill.

District staff will now begin working through the initial stages of the project, with design and construction expected to be completed by the end of 2021 and full operations to be implemented January 2022. Community involvement will be a key factor in the project's success. **The District will provide public engagement opportunities as it progresses, and has created a dedicated webpage at www.summerland.ca/organics** for easy access to information and responses to questions the community may have regarding the Summerland Organics Processing Facility Project.

Nominate Your Snow Angel

Has someone helped you out this winter by shovelling your driveway or walkway? Don't forget to nominate them by completing the Nomination Form found on the District website or at Municipal Hall. The Mayor will thank them for making our community an even better place to live by sending them a certificate. Their name will also be entered into a draw and one nominee will win a prize from the District.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

The Fire Department and Summerland Dry Grad 2020 Class thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Tree Pick up and for their generous donations that totalled \$2015.00. Trees were chipped and used for compost.

Pictured Below: SFD member Jennifer Dorer, students Emilia Chick, Gurkamal Rathore, Aly Robinson and SFD member Anthony Leardo.

