

## Summerland Skatepark Grand Opening

A great time was had by all at the Skatepark Grand Opening on June 22.

Many gathered to check out the new skatepark, view demonstrations and hang out with Olympic Gold Medal winner Justin Kripps (who was an avid skateboarder himself).

A big thank you to all who helped the District make this possible including Penny Lane Charity Society, School District 67, the Federal Gas Tax Community Works Fund, the Summerland Credit Union and the community for their support.



## Please Water Wisely

The Province has moved the Okanagan to a Level 3 drought rating as a precautionary measure based on low snowpack and dry conditions. The concern is for small water systems that draw from streams and have little storage. It is understood that Provincial Drought Levels do not translate into municipal levels as each system is different. Although snowpack levels were low in the District's watershed, the reservoirs filled and Thirsk Reservoir stopped spilling on June 14 which means that we are now in storage. The District continues to be in Stage 1 water restrictions and asks that residents use water responsibly to help mitigate the need for further restrictions. The status of the District's water storage is evaluated frequently and changes may occur at any time.

For more information on conservation and drought conditions in the Okanagan please visit Okanagan Basin Water Board or Okanagan Water Wise.

<https://www.obwb.ca/drought/>

<https://okwaterwise.ca/>

## Stage One Watering Restrictions

Please continue to check the District website [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) to see if any changes occur. Currently the District is in Stage One Watering Restrictions.

**If your address is odd** (the last digit ends in 1,3,5,7,9) you may water on Saturday, Monday and Thursday.

**If your address is even** (ends in 0,2,4,6,8) you may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system**, you may water from midnight to 6:00am on your permitted days (either odd or even). **Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle** can be used anytime to water trees, shrubs or veggies.

If you are planting new sod or seed and need to water more, please visit Municipal Hall for a Special Watering Permit.

**Although the District is in Stage One and residents are allowed to water throughout the day on their scheduled day, we ask people to water wisely and try to water between dusk and dawn if possible.**



Summerland Council (and Elsa) with Justin Kripps

## Summerland has a Bobsled

When Summerland's Justin Kripps brought home a gold medal in the 2 man bobsled at the 2018 Winter Olympics, Summerland purchased an authentic bobsled in his honour.

The bobsled is located at the Parks and Recreation Department (pool) on Kelly Avenue.

Justin was recently in town and visited the site. This is an opportunity for tourists, children, and residents to sit in the bobsled to see what its like to be in a one.



## ARE YOU FIRESMART?

What measures have you taken to protect your home and property from a potential wildfire?

Please visit <https://firesmartbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/FireSmart-Homeowners-Manual.pdf> to greatly reduce the risk.

## Agricultural User Meter Readings

Agricultural users are reminded that monthly meter read updates are available on the municipal website. Now that the weather is becoming hotter, users may want to review their consumption more closely. Please call the Finance Department or email [finance@summerland.ca](mailto:finance@summerland.ca) if you have any questions.

## Curbside Collection not Picked Up???

If your garbage, recycling or yard waste is not picked up on your scheduled day, please call the contractor - **Waste Connections of Canada at 250-490-3888**. They can help you out as they may be aware if it was not picked up for a specific reason or can provide updated information if there was a delay of some kind.



## Tips to Save Energy, Save Money and Keep Cool

Here are a few tips to help you stay cool this summer:

- Close doors and windows tightly when running your air conditioner.
- Use ceiling fans instead of air conditioning.
- Make sure your fan is blowing air downward (counter-clockwise) in the summer.
- Change or clean the air filter on your air conditioner at least once a month and keep unit well maintained.
- Raise the temperature setting on your air conditioner, you can save 7-10% of your cooling costs for each degree above 25°C.
- Install ENERGY STAR® qualified ceiling fans. In combination with energy efficient lighting, these units are about 50% more efficient than conventional fan/light units.
- When replacing your air conditioner, choose an ENERGY STAR® qualified model. Make sure you don't buy a bigger unit than you need. An oversized air conditioner is actually less effective.



## SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

The Works Division is performing annual sewer main flushing throughout Summerland from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday for the next two months. This annual



maintenance ensures that sewer mains are working properly. Please use caution when driving by Crews working on the road. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

## Property Taxes

**Property Taxes were due July 5, 2019.**

**Any outstanding property taxes or homeowner grants will be charged a 10% penalty.**

**Sign up now to pay property taxes monthly and make payments easier for next year.**

## Recycling

The District has secured a donation of an additional 17 beverage container recycling bins for our community, with a total value of \$12,150. Thank you to the Return-It program for their ongoing support of waste diversion in our community. Outdoor bins will be placed throughout the community, including the new skatepark.



## Dog Talk...



**Hot Diggity Dog** - Please do not leave dogs/pets inside vehicles during the hot weather. Even for a short time, temperatures can get very high in vehicles and can be hazardous to pets.

**Scoop the Poop** - Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog. The District has many doggie bag containers around town to help keep Summerland nice and clean.

**Keep Your Dog on a Leash** - Dogs are to be fenced or on a leash at all times. Dogs are not allowed in the parks or on the beaches except for the Doggie Beach at Peach Orchard. Please obey the signage posted.

**Call Dog Control at 250-494-6446** if you have any dog complaints or concerns.