



### SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

The Works Division will be performing annual sewer main flushing throughout Summerland starting mid-June from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday for the next three 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. For further inquiries call 250-494-0431.

### OUR WATER SITUATION

Although snow pack in the District's watershed was close to average, spring melt did take place early again this year. The snow was gone in our watershed by the beginning of May which does occur occasionally, but has now taken place for two consecutive years. There are always concerns with water availability when we experience hot dry weather as we have this spring. The reservoirs are still spilling at this time and depending on precipitation, normally continue into mid to late June. Staff will continue to conduct regular inspections and residents will be kept advised of water availability and whether further restrictions will be required.



### OUR SKATEPARK - GET INVOLVED

Please join us July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm at the Arena Banquet Room to view and provide input on the concept drawing for the Summerland Skatepark. Over 250 feedback forms were completed after the last three concept drawings were presented. Fundraising for the costs of this exciting project are critical. Help make this skatepark a reality.

Contributions can be made at Municipal Hall or call Brenda 250-404-4084 to help with fundraising.



## Property Tax Due Date - 4pm on Friday, July 8th, 2016



Property Tax Notices were mailed out at the end of May. Outstanding taxes and homeowner grants are due and payable by **4pm on Friday, July 8th, 2016**. A 10% penalty will be added to any outstanding balances or unclaimed Home Owner Grants (HOG) after the due date. If this is your principal residence, you may be eligible to claim the HOG. This must be done every year (even if your bank pays the taxes for you). Payments for property taxes can be made by cheque, cash, debit, post-dated cheque, internet or telephone banking. Please note we do not accept credit cards. Postmarks are not considered as date of payment so don't wait until the last minute! For more information on Home Owner Grants, Property Taxes, the Provincial Tax Deferment Programs or the Pre-Authorized Prepayment Plan, please read the back of your Tax Notice or the insert that was sent with your notice, visit our website at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca), call 250-494-6451 or come to Municipal Hall - we'll be happy to help you!

**Please call our office if you do not receive your tax notice.**

To help line-ups move quickly, please have your cheque and Home Owner Grant filled out **BEFORE** you take it to the cashier.



### NEW AGRICULTURAL RATES

A new water rate model was recently implemented for irrigation to encourage responsible water use.

If your property has a blue box meter or was on the 2015 irrigation roll, this change may impact you.

The District is reviewing all affected accounts and will be sending out detailed information and estimated costs in early June. Consumption information will be sent monthly. If consumption for your property is nearing 800mm per annum, you will be contacted individually by District staff to discuss possible causes and available options to minimize your costs.

Once you receive your letter, please do not hesitate to call Lorrie at 250-404-4045 if you have any questions.

## Your watering days...

Summerland is in Stage 1 unless otherwise notified. If the last digit of your house number ends in 1,3,5,7,9 (ODD) you may water on Saturday, Monday, and Thursday. If your address ends in 0,2,4,6,8 (EVEN) you may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. Those with underground sprinkler systems may water from midnight to 6:00am on their designated days. A hose with a shut off nozzle can be used anytime to water plants or gardens. The District encourages residents to use water wisely. For details, visit our website [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) or call 250-494-6451.

### HOT DOGS



Please **do not** leave dogs (or any animals) in your vehicle on hot days. Temperatures in a vehicle can more than double what they are outside within minutes. If it is thought a dog is in distress, police will break the car window if necessary to rescue the dog. The owner may face criminal charges for animal neglect. Take care of your best friend this summer and take them for a nice dip at the Peach Orchard Doggie Beach!

### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

An after-hours emergency occurs between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday, or any time on the weekends or statutory holidays relating to water, sewer, roads, parks or electrical utility. If you have an after-hours emergency, contact our **Answering Service** at **250-493-0005**. Please note that overtime charges will apply if the emergency is deemed to be on your property.

### BBQ Safety Tips



Each year the Summerland Fire Department receives calls to fires caused by BBQs. Here are some tips to help you BBQ safely:

- Be sure to use BBQ grills outdoors only. Using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is not only a fire hazard, but it exposes occupants to toxic

gasses and potential asphyxiation.

- Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Always position the grill well away from combustible objects that can quickly ignite such as buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping.
- Clean and service your grill periodically and remove grease build-up in catch trays. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- Always use long handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.
- Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire.

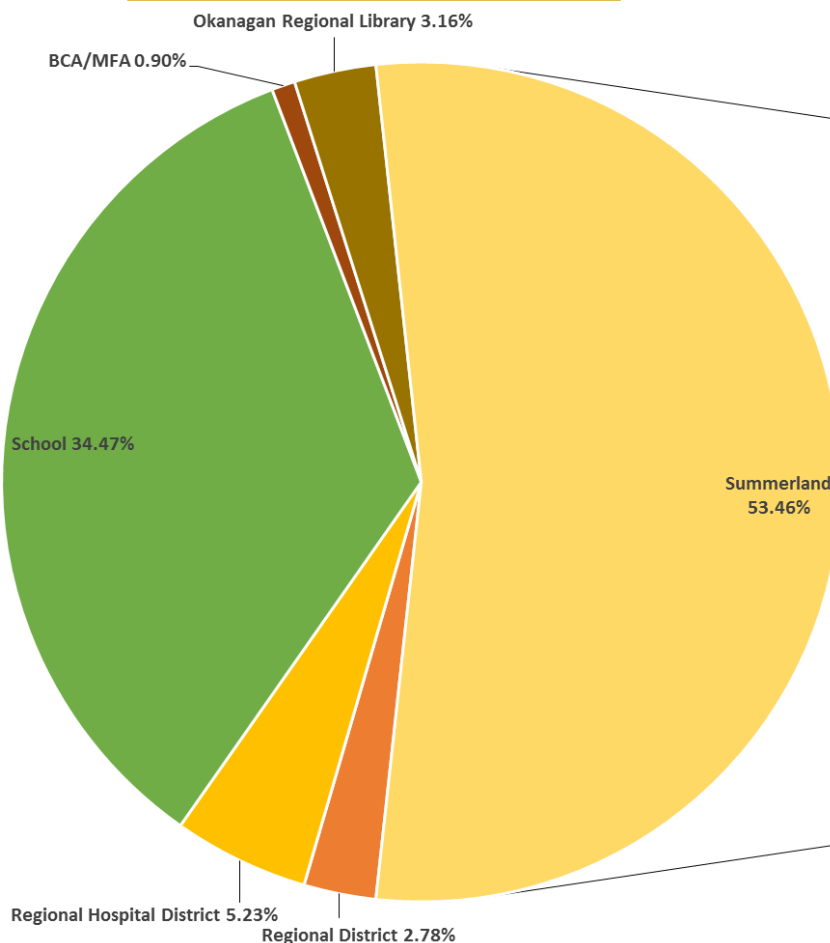
### WHY HAS MY UTILITY BILL STOPPED COMING BY EMAIL?

The District requires updated information for our new system in order for customers to continue to receive their monthly utility bill by email. Please sign in online or call our office for instructions to receive your monthly bill by email again.

## 2016 Property Taxes

Over 53% of your tax dollars stay in Summerland and are used to provide the services described below. A residential property assessed at \$435,900 would have taxes of \$2,660. Of that \$2,660, Summerland's portion would be \$1,422.

### Where your Property Tax Dollars Go



### How Summerland's Portion Is Spent

