

## Toyokoro Sister City Trip

Mayor Boot, along with the Sister City delegation which included Summerland's Royalty, travelled to Toyokoro, Japan, Summerland's Sister City. Toyokoro has been Summerland's Sister City for 23 years.



Toyokoro is located on the island of Hokkaido, the northernmost and second largest island in Japan. With a population of 3000, they are much smaller than Summerland but they have a very large agricultural economy which makes them similar to Summerland.

The delegation participated and attended many interesting cultural events and toured different venues. Mayor Boot and Mayor Miyaguchi had an opportunity to visit and discuss many topics including how local governments operate and the future of the Sister City relationship. Toyokoro installed a substantial solar array a few minutes from their City Hall. Mayor Boot was able to ask questions and get information pertaining to their solar array which generates enough energy to power 8200 households each year.



Going forward, Mayor Boot sees value in a cultural exchange program for our youth and will discuss with Council further how this relationship may evolve.

## Lakeshore Paths and Trails

Some areas that were damaged along the shores of Okanagan Lake from the 2017 flooding may see repair work starting this month. Contract award recommendations for Powell Beach and the James & Mary Gartrell Trail will be going to council for approval on September 9. If approved, construction will begin in September and is expected to be completed by the end of November.

The other damaged areas, such as the pathways at Peach Orchard Beach / Rotary Beach and a section of Lakeshore Drive North, will likely be repaired in the spring of 2020. The District is working through the land tenure application and environmental approval processes for these locations.

## One Day Recycling Depot at the Arena Recycling Compound Saturday, September 14 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



The District's One-Day Recycling Depot has moved to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound located at 8820 Jubilee Road.

Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, styrofoam, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TV's and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill.

Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials.

Visit [www.summerland.ca/recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/recycling) for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.

## BC Transit Information - Bus Changes in September

Effective September 3, 2019 schedule changes for the South Okanagan-Similkameen Transit System will be implemented.

Changes include the addition of a new Route 70 Penticton/Kelowna bus with details as follows:

- Two round trips at commuter times every weekday
- Two additional midday round trips on Mondays to improve connections to other areas within the South Okanagan-Similkameen Region
- Fares are \$5 per one way trip and monthly passes are available
- Route 70 replaces the existing Route 60 Kelowna

There are some slight changes to the arrival and departure times of the south and northbound buses for Route 30 Summerland/Penticton bus as well.

Please check <https://www.bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen/schedules-and-maps/riders-guide> or the bus for details.

## Bus Stop Info

While Wharton Street is closed, the bus stops have been temporarily moved to Main street between Lordco and the highschool; the curb has been painted red and there is NO PARKING along the temporary stops while Wharton is closed.

The Northbound Kelowna bus stop on Peach Orchard Road is in front of the Harold Simpson Youth Centre and has resulted in the removal of 3 parking stalls on the south side of the street.

There are 10 park-and-ride stalls designated on the western side of the arena parking lot, identified by red painted lines. It is a short walk from these stalls to the bus stop on Peach Orchard Road.



### Back to School Time

The maximum speed limit on school days in a School Zone is 30 km/h from 8am-5pm. The Summerland RCMP and Citizens on Patrol volunteers will be focusing on school zones this September to ensure drivers are slowing down. The fine for speeding in a school zone is either \$196.00 or \$253.00 depending on your speed.

Speeding in excess of 70km/h could result in even higher fines and having your vehicle impounded. Please be mindful of our children heading to and from school on crosswalks, roads and roundabouts.



### Annual Property Tax Sale 10am September 30, 2019 Council Chambers 13211 Henry Avenue

Each year, on the last Monday of September, municipalities are required to have a tax sale of all properties with three years of outstanding property taxes.

The addresses and upset prices (minimum amount required) will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper by the middle of September. Please visit our website or call the Property Tax Department at 250-494-6451 for details if you are interested in bidding on a property.

### Committee Volunteers

Terms for volunteers on Council Committees such as Agricultural Advisory Committee, Water Advisory Committee and the Community Climate Action Advisory Committee are coming due the end of September. Council will review all applications received and make appointments in October. If you are interested in applying to be on any of these committees, please visit [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) to print and complete the application form and view the terms of references. Applications should be sent to [kjones@summerland.ca](mailto:kjones@summerland.ca) by October 1.



### Notice to Summerland Irrigators - Fall Irrigation Shut Off

Irrigation services will be turned off starting Monday, October 7. If you require an extension, please visit Municipal Hall to complete an application form and submit a \$44.00 non-refundable fee plus GST (per property) no later than 4:00pm Friday, October 4. Extensions are only permitted to Friday, November 15, 2019. Please call 250-494-0431 for further information.

### Call for Bikers!

A kick-off meeting will be held on September 23, from 5pm-7pm at Municipal Hall to begin planning for a great fall event - the Fall GoByBike Encouragement Campaign.

If you love riding your bike and think you have what it takes to inspire others to ride then take the lead in this year's first fall GoByBike Encouragement Campaign!

This year, we urge community members to not only pull out their bikes for the summer months, but to GoByBike this fall, October 21 – November 3, 2019.

If you are interested in helping to get your community out and biking this October, join us in organizing this year's campaign!

To get involved, contact us by phoning 250-404-4066 or emailing [awood@summerland.ca](mailto:awood@summerland.ca). Hope to see lots of bikes out there!

### Summerland #49 in Maclean's Canada's Best Communities

Way to go Summerland! *Maclean's Magazine* picked the best communities in Canada based on wealth and economy, affordability, population growth, commute, crime, weather, access to health care, amenities and culture and chose Summerland 49th out of 415 communities they gathered data on.

**Did you know...**When doing changes or new construction to the exterior of a downtown business, you must apply for a Development Permit at Municipal Hall. There are guidelines for colours, awnings, etc. that must be met.

**Did you know...** Changes to the interior of buildings or homes such as work being done to windows (changes in size) or removal/changes to walls may require a building permit. Please visit or call Development Services at 250-494-1373 if you have any questions.



**Register Now for Fall Recreation Programs** online at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) or in person at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

Annual maintenance at the Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be completed by September 9.

### Attention Teachers: Power Smart for Schools

Power Smart for Schools is an online hub of energy focused activities and lessons for teachers looking for new ways to inspire their students K through to Grade 12.

Resources include lesson plans, videos, thought starters, worksheets, and more and are provided by BC Hydro at <https://schools.bchydro.com/>. Teachers who would like a Summerland Powerline Technician to participate in a classroom lesson may call 250-494-0431.



Solar photovoltaics

### Sewer Main and Hydrant Flushing

The District of Summerland is performing annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland until the end of October.

Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly. Please use caution when driving by crews working on the road.

