



## Making “Cents” of your Municipality Open House

Please join us for an informative, interactive open house on Monday, March 21st, 2016 from 3pm – 8pm at the old library (upstairs) on Wharton Street.

Our team leaders will be on hand to showcase their departments, answer questions, describe what services they strive to deliver to our residents, and explain the costs involved to run their department.

Have you ever wondered how much money the District collects for taxes, utilities, building permits, business licences, dog licences etc.? Are you curious to know how much it costs to fix a road, treat our water, maintain a park and more? Come and provide input to Council’s proposal for tax rate increases and utility rates for 2016. Residents will be able to see where funds are allocated, what it costs to run a municipality, and what the plans are for future spending. We will help you make “cents” of municipal finances.

### MAKING “CENTS” OF YOUR MUNICIPALITY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, March 21st, 2016 from 3pm – 8pm  
 Old library (upstairs) at 9525 Wharton Street  
 A formal financial presentation will take place at 4pm and then again at 7pm  
 Questions and input welcome!

Come and learn about the municipality you live in. The District would like your input and to hear your thoughts.

For more information contact Karen at 250-404-4042 or email [kjones@summerland.ca](mailto:kjones@summerland.ca).



## Thank you to all our Snow Angels

The District received over 40 names from thankful neighbours who received help with snow shoveling this year. The Mayor acknowledged all of the Snow Angels with a certificate for their kindness. Bill Takacs (pictured to the left with Mayor Waterman) won the

draw for a gift certificate at a local restaurant. Thanks to everyone who lends a helping hand and makes Summerland a better place to live, and thanks to those who took the time to nominate their neighbours.



## Take Part in the Design of the Skatepark

A concept design presentation on the Summerland Skatepark will take place at **6pm on Tuesday, April 5th at the Arena Banquet Room**. View the preliminary designs and provide your feedback and comments. This project will come together with input from our community!

## \$372,000 Provincial Grant Application Approved

The District of Summerland has been successful in its application for a grant in the amount of \$372,000 from the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund. This grant will assist the District in solid planning for the future with asset management and infrastructure. The grant provides 100% funding for the projects and no contribution is required by local government.

## A Few Council Meeting Highlights...

*Check our website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.*

- Staff provided an update on the **Jones Flat & Garnet Valley Water System Separation Project**. The project will provide residents of Garnet Valley with filtered drinking water from the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) while reducing demand on the WTP by irrigating the Jones Flat West area from the Garnet Valley reservoir. Work will include 9,300 metres of water mains, 140 new domestic and irrigation water service connections, a booster pump station and road restoration including road widening to allow for bicycle traffic. The current budget for this project is \$6,890,000 with \$4,526,666 being covered by successful grant applications from the provincial and federal governments. A tender will go out for design work shortly and work is scheduled to begin in September 2016. Staff will work with residents/farmers in the area to keep road closures as convenient as possible.
- Council passed a rate structure for **2016 Irrigation Water** to be billed as it has been in the past as a flat rate per acre. A notification process and an inclining penalty for usage over 800mm will be incorporated. Second water services will be reviewed in the future.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will continue working with the Giants Head Trail Committee to improve and refurbish trails on **Giants Head Mountain**. The plan will be phased in over time and will consist of a cycling trail and more walking trails including a gentler ascent trail for those with accessibility needs.
- Support was given to the Summerland Rotary Club to hold the **Summerland Sunday Market** on Main Street from June 12, 2016 to September 11, 2016.



# GET READY FOR SPRING



## COMPOST BIN SALE MARCH 1st - 21st



In conjunction with the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), the District is able to offer wholesale pricing for Compost Bins (\$45.00 plus taxes) and Green Cone Composters (\$109.85 plus taxes). Residents can purchase these units at Municipal Hall until **Monday, March 21st**. Bins will be available for pickup at Works and Utilities, 9215 Cedar Avenue starting on Earth Day, April 22nd. For more information on composters or upcoming workshops, please call the RDOS at 250-490-4129, email [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca) or visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca).

## IRRIGATION SERVICES

Irrigation services will be turned on the week of April 11th. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this will be required to pay \$44.00 and submit a completed Advance Irrigation Application to the Works and Utilities Department.

## OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS



Open Burning Permits are issued to owners of agricultural properties with over two acres for the purpose of burning orchard prunings and stumps. Open Burning Permits are only valid from October 15th - April 15th. The Fire Department approves and issues the permits at no charge. Those with permits are required to call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 to check the venting index and obtain approval for each burn. **Open burning on residential properties is strictly prohibited.**

## BE SAFE - CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

The District of Summerland is now a member of BC One Call. Whether you are digging to install fence posts, placing a foundation for a deck, planting bushes, trees or building a house, it is important to call BC One Call before digging. If you are disturbing the ground you may run the risk of cutting into an underground service which may cause potential for loss of life, personal injury, damage to property, or disruption of a service. Please call BC One at **1-800-474-6886** or email [bconecall.ca](mailto:bconecall.ca) at least three working days before your project to request underground locates, the service is free.



## SPRING CLEANING



The Works Division Crews will be heading out soon to sweep Summerland's 160 kilometres of roads. Crews start in the lower town area and work their way up to the higher elevations. This is a two-step process, with the Crews first removing the heavier sand with the front broom articulating sweeper, loader and dump truck. The second step is to pick up the remaining finer particles with the vacuum sweeper which takes several passes until each road is clean. Please be patient as this is a slower process with the vacuum sweeper requiring more time to cover the same area. If you see or hear the sweeper in your area, please give us a helping hand by moving your vehicle if it is parked on the street.

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION – YARD WASTE PICKUP

The first Yard Waste pickup of the year is on your regular garbage day the week of March 22nd—25th. Place yard waste in containers with *Yard Waste* decals on them (decals are free at Municipal Hall) or in Kraft paper yard bags that can be purchased at many stores. There is no limit to the number of bags or containers left at the curb but each one cannot exceed 25kg (55lb). Please have your prunings, leaves, clippings and weeds out with your garbage by 7am on your applicable garbage day.



## SANI-STATION NOW OPEN



The Sani-Station located at the Trout Creek pullout is now open for business. The fee is \$10.00 and payments are only accepted by credit card.

## KEEP TREES OUT OF POWER LINES

Did you know that many power disruptions can be prevented if trees are trimmed from power lines? As per District Bylaw 2255, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep trees, shrubs and plants trimmed back a minimum of 3 metres at all times so they do not interfere with power or service lines, or with electric meter accessibility. Removal of vegetation within 3 metres of a power line must be done by a utility arborist. Please do your part and watch for trees in lines.

## SPRING RECREATION BROCHURE

Watch for the Spring Recreation Brochure which has now been mailed. Don't be disappointed and miss out on the activity you want to join - register right away.

## COMPOST FOR SALE AT THE LANDFILL

Do your gardens need some tender loving care? Head up to the Summerland Landfill with your containers/bags and shovel, and pay 2 cents per kilogram (minimum charge \$2.00) for premium compost! We'll even load your pickup truck for you for approximately \$10.00 per pickup load.

## LIGHTS OUT FOR EARTH HOUR

Millions of people will turn their lights off for Earth Hour on **Saturday, March 19th from 8:30pm—9:30pm** to draw attention to the effects of climate change. Turn out your lights and show your commitment to a better future.

## CLOCKS SPRING AHEAD - SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

Daylight Savings Time happens on the 13th. Before you go to bed March 12th, move your clocks ahead one hour.

