



Message from Mayor and Council

September is a pivotal month for many reasons: the temperatures begin to drop, plants and animals begin to prepare for the winter ahead, schools are back in session and summer travel is winding down.

September is also the month that municipal Councils, regional district area directors and chief administrative officers from around the province attend the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention. The convention is a full business week of learning opportunities, networking and relationship-building, meetings with provincial Ministers and ministry staff, voting on resolutions and attending the trade show.

Not surprisingly, the 2022 Convention is heavy on topics related to the changing climate. Sessions, clinics, and panel discussions include the Local Government Climate Action Program; learnings from the Lytton Fire to prevent future wildfire disasters; food systems and climate action; renewable energy and local economic development; and BC's hydrogen sector, to name a few.

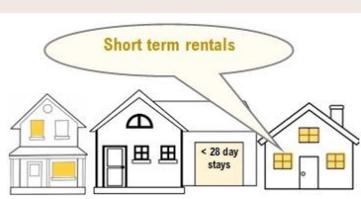
This will be the first in-person UBCM convention since September 2019 and the last one of this term. So, while there is much learning and business, Council also looks forward to reconnecting face-to-face with colleagues around BC.

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day that honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. It is also Orange Shirt Day, commemorating both those who survived residential schools and remembering those who did not. As requested by Council, staff are collaborating with local First Nations on a special commemorative event.

As Council heads into fall, we thank the residents of Summerland for your ongoing patronage of the business community, leadership and volunteer work to ensure the return of our favourite summer events and enthusiastic participation at these same events.

Short-term rental licenses

As of **September 6, 2022** all operators of short term rentals are required to have a valid Short Term Rental business licence from the District of Summerland to legally operate.



The District's bylaw enforcement team will be in contact with existing operators that currently are operating without a licence.

Please visit Municipal Hall or find additional information on obtaining a short term rental licence at <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/planning-development/short-term-rental-regulation>.

2022 General Local Election key dates

- Nomination Period: August 30 – September 9, 2022
- Campaign Period: September 17 – October 15, 2022
- Advanced Voting Opportunities: October 5 & 13, 2022 from 8:00 AM– 8:00 PM at Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E.
- General Voting Day: October 15, 2022 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM at Summerland Secondary School, 9518 Main Street
- Inaugural Meeting: November 7, 2022

For more information visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/calendar>.

Annual property tax sale

September 26, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Ave

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, call the Property Tax Department 250-494-6451, or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca if you are interested in bidding on a property.



Pay it forward

Compliment a friend, co-worker or family member. Compliments help us communicate that appreciation we feel toward one another.

2022 Local General Election information

General Voting Day is Saturday October 15, 2022 between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM at Summerland Secondary School, 9518 Main Street.

Voter information for the upcoming General Local Election

Advanced voting for the 2022 Local Government Election will take place between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM on the following dates at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E.:

- Wednesday, October 5, 2022
- Thursday, October 13, 2022

Resident electors

To vote in the District of Summerland election as a resident elector, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- be a resident of the District of Summerland on the day of registration;
- have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months before the day of registration; and
- not be disqualified from voting in an election.

Non-Resident property electors

Non-resident property electors are individuals who own residential property in the District of Summerland and live elsewhere in B.C. To vote as a non-resident property elector, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- have been a resident of B.C. for at least 6 months before the day of registration;
- not be disqualified from voting in an election;
- be a registered owner of real property in the District for at least 30 days before the day of registration;
- not be registered as a resident property elector; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of a property, only one of those individuals may, with written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

BC Energy Step Code

As of **September 1, 2022** all simple residential building projects (Part 9) are required to be in compliance with "Step 3" of the BC Energy Step Code, in accordance with the District's Building Bylaw. If you are planning to start your new home project or are a contractor, it will be important to make yourself aware of the Step 3 requirements of Energy Step Code. For additional information, please visit <https://www.summerland.ca/planning-building/building/energy-step-code-building-bylaw> and <https://energystepcode.ca/>.

Giant's Head Road update

Construction on the Giant's Head Road project has been ongoing since early July. The contractor will continue to install two new water mains and reconstruct the road. The project is on track to be completed this November. Thank you for continuing to follow marked detour routes and traffic control instructions.



One-day recycling depot

A One-day recycling depot will be held from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on **Saturday, September 17** at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, located at 8820 Jubilee Road.



Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, white & coloured foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, 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 for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.

Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre facility update

The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed August 27 to September 11 for the annual maintenance shutdown.

It will reopen on **Monday, September 12**; facility hours are:

- Monday to Friday 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

View the Fall Recreation Guide at www.summerland.ca/recreation.



Notice to Summerland irrigators— fall irrigation shut off

Irrigation services will be turned off for the season beginning **Tuesday, October 11**. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an Extension



Irrigation application form and pay \$50.93 plus GST (\$53.48 total) per property. Extension Irrigation application forms are available on our website www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms?pname=W&I%20 or from the cashier at Municipal Hall. Once completed, application forms can be submitted with payment by cash, cheque or debit to the cashier at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday, **no later than noon on Friday, October 7**.

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.

Be Bear Smart

Bears are preparing for their winter slumber. Garbage, birdfeeders, and tree fruits can attract bears to your yard and neighbourhood. Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.



Community-wide power outage

FortisBC Electric will continue with upgrades to their transmission system and electrical substation resulting in a planned community-wide power outage in September. Stay tuned for details of times and dates on the District website www.summerland.ca and Facebook page www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC.

Invasive plant disposal

Time to think about yard clean up! This may include removal of mature invasive plants that have produced seed, so proper disposal is important.

While composting is a commonly used disposal technique, it is not ideal for invasive species. Knotweed (aka morning glory—*pictured on right*), bindweed, sheep sorrel, ivy, several kinds of grasses, and many other plants can re-sprout from their roots or stems in the compost pile. Do not compost any invasive plants unless you can be sure there is no viable (living) plant material left. Improper disposal of garden waste can result in undesirable ornamental plants moving into natural areas or parks adjacent to your property.



Invasive plants with seeds should be carefully bagged or loaded into the back of a truck (covered with a tarp or canopy), and disposed of at the landfill. Be sure to inform the landfill operator that you have invasive plants and not simply yard waste, to ensure that your weeds are disposed of in the proper location.

Do not include any invasive plants in your yard waste bins for curbside pick.

For more information go to: <https://www.oasiss.ca/how-do-i>

Tips to prevent attracting bears to your property:

Garbage - properly secure your garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00 AM on your scheduled collection day. Consider upgrading to a wildlife cart.

Compost - use finished compost, leaves, grass or wood chips to cover up fruit or other food waste in your composter. Properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.

Fruit trees and grapes - make sure to harvest fruit immediately. Remove all windfall fruit. If you own an orchard, electric fencing is encouraged.

Pet food, birdfeeders, and gardens - all are attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors. Bring your birdfeeders in for the summer; plant natural flowers as a food source instead.

Barbeques - everyone loves the smell of a good barbeque, bears included! Ensure barbeques are properly cleaned, covered and don't leave cooking utensils out overnight.

Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland>

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

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