



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – January 21, 2025

Delegation – FortisBC – Council received a presentation from FortisBC regarding plans to transition to a lower carbon energy future for BC. FortisBC shared their “Clean Growth Pathway to 2050” and how they plan to achieve their ambitious targets such as renewable gas and hydrogen, zero low carbon transportation, LNG for marine fueling and how to improve energy efficiency. FortisBC shared information on their recent study, the Kelowna Electrification Study that was filed as part of their 2022 Long Term Gas Resource Plan (LTGRP). FortisBC has been introducing a variety of rebates that are funded by the Province of BC and the Government of Canada.

2024 Quarterly Update (Q4) – Senior Management presented a high-level update on Council’s Strategic Priorities to wrap up 2024. Updates presented included noting the replacement of 1.4km of asphalt-cement watermain and roadway on Dale Meadows Road, 280m of road replacement on Canyon View Road, 515m of paving of Blair Street, Park Road and year-round washroom buildings at Giant’s Head Mountain Park. Additionally, it was noted that in order to engage more with residents and improve public communication opportunities the District hosted 12 open houses and promoted five online surveys to obtain resident feedback. Explore the highlights and key milestones of 2024 on our YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/T9giWuFJ-5E>.

Delegation – Four Seasons Cultural Society – The Director from the Four Seasons Cultural Society provided an update to Council on their non-profit society by the history of traditions in which their ancestors worked so hard to establish and how the society is doing their best to continue the legacy that was left for them to follow. The society shared the history of the Powwow Between the Lakes event and how they will be proceeding with future events, including the upcoming 2025 event.

Delegation – Summerland Minor Baseball Association – A representative from Summerland Minor Baseball Association provided Council an update on the status of the Association’s Blue Jays Cares Grant, Field of Dreams Program noting the plan and design for field upgrades, details of the costs to renovate the fields, and clarifying that the intent is to construct an inspirational facility that will inspire the younger age groups, while retaining the older kids. It was emphasized that it is youth who are the most at risk of mental and physical health challenges today and the importance of investing in sport for our youth. The Association requested financial support from Council to allocate funds to match the potential award from the grant program. These funds will assist in covering one third of the total cost of the project and will be used for the restoration of the currently titled “Field 2” at Living Memorial Park.

Delegation – Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen – Council heard from the General Manager of Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen who requested Council’s support with an application to the

Government of Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Fund – Large Scale to assist in the design and construction of the Okanagan Food and Innovation Hub Project in Summerland. This fund supports projects that strengthen community food security and increase the availability and accessibility of local, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food through food production-focused activities for equity deserving groups. The General Manager additionally provided a status update on the steps that have been taken towards the design and building plans for the innovative food hub project, ensuring that they have a strong business plan to include with the government fund application.

Note: These highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings. The summary is not inclusive of all, agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the District of Summerland website at <https://www.summerland.ca> or contact Corporate Services at 250-404-4037



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