



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – October 21, 2025

Delegation – South Okanagan Similkameen Division of Family Practice – Summerland Family Physicians, the Executive Director and Recruitment Leads from the South Okanagan Similkameen (SOS) Division of Family Practice presented information on primary care in the South Okanagan Similkameen. The presentation outlined the Division’s efforts to support primary care providers through recruitment, retention, and innovative care models across the region. Council heard about the challenges faced in rural communities like Oliver and Princeton, where full-scope practice expectations place significant pressure on providers, and how larger centres like Summerland and Penticton have shown more stable trends. The Division reported strong outcomes, including a high retention rate of UBC Okanagan residency graduates and exceeding patient attachment goals, with SOS outperforming the provincial average. Council was also encouraged to continue supporting healthcare initiatives through positive communications, housing and childcare solutions, and community campaigns.

Summerland Fire Department – Q3 Update – The Summerland Fire department provided their quarterly update to Council. In the third quarter of 2025, the Summerland Fire Department responded to 75 incidents, bringing the year-to-date total to 239. Firefighters participated in 97 training events, including specialized sessions on structure collapse and high-rise operations. No new burn or fireworks permits were issued during this period, but inspection activity remained high with 549 inspections completed in Q3 alone. Public education efforts included FireSmart outreach, evacuation drills, and school visits, contributing to a total of 45 events year-to-date. Questions were asked of the Fire Chief if medical first response is something that should be added to firefighter duties. The Fire Chief noted that other priorities are currently in focus at this time.

Capital Projects Update - Council received the Capital Projects Update report which provided progress updates on three major infrastructure projects: the Wharton Street Revitalization, Prairie Valley Road and Watermain Upgrades, and the Primary Clarifier. All projects were reported to be progressing well, with Wharton Street approximately 67% complete, Prairie Valley Road substantially complete, and the Primary Clarifier at 37% completion. While the Wharton Project will not be fully complete by Remembrance Day, fencing will be removed, and the site will be made safe for public attendance at the new location for the ceremony in the entrance of the park. Financial tracking indicated that all projects were within or near their approved budget envelopes. Staff continue to manage these projects using best practices and are actively addressing public concerns related to construction impacts.

Amended 2026 Budget Timeline - Council approved the amended 2026 budget timeline as presented in the report from the Director of Finance dated October 21, 2025. The amendment adjusts the general budget deliberation dates to begin on Tuesday, December 9 and conclude on Thursday, December 11,

2025. These adjustments ensure the District's five-year financial plan remains compliant with the statutory requirements of the *Community Charter*. There were no financial implications resulting from the changes.

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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