



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – February 10, 2026

Committee of the Whole – Official Community Plan (OCP) Update - Council received a presentation of the draft *Growing Forward 2046: Summerland's Official Community Plan* and confirmed the project had completed extensive community and staff engagement involving over 700 participants. The updated OCP incorporated major structural changes, revised land use designations, updated housing and population projections, a refined Urban Growth Boundary, and a new Growth Areas framework to guide long-term development. The draft plan meets provincial housing capacity requirements but still requires some minor revisions in order to move the current draft OCP before bringing it back to council for first reading.

Delegation – Summerland Minor Baseball Association – A representative from the Summerland Minor Baseball Association (SMBA) updated Council on the significant progress made on Field 96 and outlined the extensive upgrades completed through volunteer labour, in-kind contributions, and fundraising efforts. The presentation highlighted major improvements—including outfield reconstruction, new dugouts, washroom upgrades, fencing, electrical work, and infield redevelopment—along with a financial overview showing Phase 1 fully funded and Phase 2 stadium lighting as the next opportunity.

Summerland Minor Baseball Association – Matching Fund Request - Council approved allocating matching funds of \$65,000.00 toward the Summerland Minor Baseball Association's Phase 2 upgrades to Field 96, committing up to the requested amount contingent on the Jays Care Grant being successful and issuing a formal letter of support for the application. Council recognized that Phase 1—valued at approximately \$550,000—had been substantially completed through District funding, the Jays Care contribution, RDOS support, and extensive community fundraising. Council acknowledged broader financial pressures within the capital plan but ultimately supported the project given its significant community value and long-term recreation benefits. Council additionally resolved to provide a letter of support for the Jays Cares – Field of Dreams Grant Phase 2.

Capital Project Update – Council received the Capital Projects Update for information, confirming progress on the community's three major infrastructure projects: the Wharton Street Revitalization, the Victoria Road and Watermain Upgrades, and the Primary Clarifier project. The Wharton Street Revitalization was reported as 99% complete with major underground utilities, paving, and Veterans Memorial Square upgrades finished. Council also noted that Victoria Road upgrades had been awarded and were on track to begin construction in late Q1 2026, while the Primary Clarifier project reached 60% completion and remained within budget. By passing the resolution, Council acknowledged that all three projects were proceeding within approved financial parameters and continued to support essential infrastructure renewal in the community.

Tourism Capital Project Reserve Allocation Consideration – Council endorsed staff recommendation for the allocation of Tourism Capital Project Reserve funds, directing \$150,000 to the Kettle Valley Railway Society for trestle repairs, \$25,000 for the deconstruction of outdated Trout Creek wayfinding signage, \$100,000 toward the future repositioning of the Killarney Rail Car, and \$65,000 to modernize the Highway 97 digital information signs. By passing the resolution, Council confirmed its support for enhancing key tourism assets and improving first impressions for visitors entering the community. Council also directed staff to prepare a letter for the mayor endorsing the railcar relocation concept and formally requesting Canadian Pacific Railway’s support. Overall, Council affirmed that all selected projects met the intent of the tourism capital fund and would strengthen Summerland’s tourism infrastructure.

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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