



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – February 11, 2025

2024 RCMP Quarterly Update (Q4) – Council received the quarterly update (Q4) from the Summerland RCMP to summarize 2024 statistics. The RCMP shared that there has been a decrease of 4% in the number of calls for service from 2023 to 2024. It was further reported that there has been a reduction in violent crimes, breaking and entering's, residential theft, and theft from vehicles overall. As the year closed out there have been an increase in property crime, specifically bicycle theft and that the RCMP is continuing to educate the public to mitigate these crimes of opportunity.

2024 Fire Department Quarterly Update (Q4) – The Fire Department provided the quarterly update (Q4) and a summary of 2024 statistics. In 2024 there were 331 total reported incidents, 263 training events and 73 public education events. A review of the Fire Department inspections was shared, showing that 1,148 inspections were completed in 2024. Ambulance assistance, all types of fire alarm calls and motor vehicle accidents were the top three reported incidents.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) Joint Grant Project Application – Council endorsed a joint application with the RDOS and member municipalities for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services Modernization and Training and for the RDOS to apply for, receive, and manage grant funding on behalf of the District of Summerland for emergency support services. Emergency Support Services play a critical role in supporting evacuees impacted by floods, fires and other emergencies. ESS provides necessary social services following a disaster for up to 72 hours and may include food, lodging, emotional support, information about the crisis, and family reunification. Council authorized staff's request.

CleanBC – Organics Funding Program Grant Application – Council endorsed staff's request to apply for grant funding for the Compost Facility Site Capacity Upgrade project through CleanBC – Organics Funding Program. The CleanBC – Organics Funding Program builds upon the success of the Organics Infrastructure Program (OIP), which the District of Summerland was successful in receiving funding from for the 2021-2023 Organics Facility Project. CleanBC – Organics Funding Program is an initiative of the Province of British Columbia developed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing diversion of organic waste material that is currently being sent to landfills. The funding stream applied through this program allows for the expansion of this facility to increase production capacity and reduce greenhouse gas production.

Funding Request – Summerland Minor Baseball Association (SMBA) – Council committed up to \$250,000.00 towards the SMBA's application to the Blue Jays Cares Grant Program for upgrades to Living Memorial Park and ball diamonds which include renovations to 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. 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.

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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