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Award-Winning District Does It Again

Summerland – The District of Summerland has just won two more awards- the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for the 2022 fiscal year, and a special award for offering the most National Lifeguard courses and recertifications by any facility across BC & Yukon (with a population under 20,000) in 2023.

The Canadian Award for Financial Reporting Program was established to encourage municipal governments throughout Canada to publish high-quality financial reports and to provide peer recognition and technical guidance for officials preparing these reports. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The annual financial report has been judged by impartial Canadian Review Committee members to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” designed to clearly communicate the municipality’s financial story and to motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. It is the second year in a row the District has been presented with this award.

The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre was recognized by the B.C. & Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society for the most lifeguarding courses run by any facility. These courses in turn, support regional and local needs to recruit, train, and retain lifeguards. While other facilities were forced to reduce service levels due to staff shortages, Summerland was able to maintain hours and programs. Back-to-back lifeguard certification courses were offered within a three-month period, resulting in an influx of newly qualified lifeguards helping meet our own needs but also those of the region.

“We are very proud of these awards for the District of Summerland,” shares Mayor Doug Holmes.

“Congratulations to our Finance Team, and staff at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre.”

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