



## Media Release

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### District of Summerland Announces Wharton Street Infrastructure Renewal Project

**SUMMERLAND** – The District of Summerland is kicking off the Wharton Street Revitalization Project—the first major initiative under the Downtown Neighborhood Action Plan. This \$8.5 million investment is focused primarily on critical infrastructure renewal in the heart of our community.

The project will upgrade aging infrastructure above and below ground, helping to ensure safe, reliable services for decades to come. This includes vital improvements to water, sewer, stormwater, and electrical systems, which form the foundation of a functional and resilient downtown.

Key components of the project include:

- Upgrading underground utilities to support current needs and future growth
- Improving roadway and pedestrian infrastructure for safer, more accessible movement
- Relocating overhead power lines underground to enhance reliability and safety
- Reconfiguring parking and traffic flow for better downtown functionality
- Modernizing public amenities, including the addition of all-season public washrooms
- Enhancing public spaces to support a more functional and community-oriented downtown core

Construction is scheduled to begin on April 28, 2025, and continue through November 2025.

The District acknowledges that construction will temporarily impact residents, businesses, and visitors. Anticipated disruptions include: restricted access to driveways and rear entrances, increased noise and dust, traffic delays and detours, and temporary parking changes. Additionally, some community events traditionally held in Memorial Park may be relocated during construction.

Throughout the project, the District will provide regular updates to ensure the public stays informed. Contact information and updates will be available at [www.whartonstreet.ca](http://www.whartonstreet.ca) and on the District's Facebook page. A construction information and awareness session will also be held on April 24, 2025, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre (2nd floor), where community members are invited to learn more and ask questions.

This infrastructure renewal project is a key step in preparing Summerland's downtown for the future — supporting growth, resilience, and reliable service delivery for years to come. The District thanks the community for its patience and cooperation during this essential work.

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