



Media Release

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District of Summerland Showcases Renewable Energy Leadership at Upcoming “Green Drinks: Bright Ideas in Solar” Event

SUMMERLAND – Renewable energy is a top priority for the District of Summerland Council, demonstrated through major projects such as the Summerland Energy Centre and the innovative Eco-Village development. Building on these achievements, the District is proud to join community partners in presenting “Green Drinks: Bright Ideas in Solar”—a free, public event highlighting the future of solar energy in the South Okanagan.

Taking place on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Okanagan College Penticton Campus**, this engaging event brings together the District of Summerland, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), City of Penticton, Green Drinks Penticton, BC Beverage Technology Access Centre, and Okanagan College, along with local experts, innovators, and community leaders, to share insights on solar technologies, sustainability, and clean energy opportunities.

The Manager of Planning and Sustainability for the District of Summerland will deliver the Welcome and Introduction and present an overview of the Summerland Energy Centre—a flagship project advancing local clean energy—showcasing the District’s leadership in renewable energy initiatives.

Event highlights will also include:

- City of Penticton’s New Metering and Electrical Service Payment Plan (ESPP) with Jaspreet Singh
- Agrovoltatics with Claude Mindorff of Pathfinder Clean Energy
- Trends and opportunities in residential solar energy, and net metering systems with Landon Aldridge from Skyfire Energy
- Presentations on the Solar Trades Program and Sustainable Building Technology Program from Okanagan College faculty
- Guided tour of Okanagan College’s solar panels and buildings

This family-friendly event is open to all ages and is ideal for homeowners, students, professionals, and anyone interested in renewable energy. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, network, and explore real-world applications of solar technology.

For more information and to register for the event, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/green-drinks-bright-ideas-in-solar-tickets-1560139442069?aff=oddtcreator>

Quote:

“Renewable energy is not just a priority for our Council—it’s a commitment to our community’s future. Events like ‘Green Drinks: Bright Ideas in Solar’ allow us to share knowledge, celebrate innovation, and inspire sustainable solutions that benefit the South Okanagan for generations to come.”

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

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