



Media Release

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Community Open House on the 2026 Financial Plan

SUMMERLAND – The District is inviting residents to come out and provide feedback on the District's proposed 2026 Financial Plan at an Open House at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room (8820 Jubilee Road East) on Wednesday, January 14. Doors will be open from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm with a presentation at 6:00 pm.

The Open House is an opportunity to learn about the priority projects planned for this year and how your tax dollars will be invested in the community in the areas of roads, parks and recreation, fire protection, policing, and more.

Council is proposing a 6.36% tax rate increase, which would result in an estimated annual increase of \$135.52 for the average home and \$161.61 for the average business.

At the Open House, information booths will be set up with District staff available to answer any questions you may have. In addition, delegates from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) and Okanagan Regional Library are planned to attend.

We look forward to connecting with the community at the 2026 Budget Open House!

Quote:

"Council continues to try to balance the need to invest in the community with the need to minimize the financial impact on residents and businesses. With cuts made in previous years, the District is already a very lean organization and finding more operational efficiencies this year, unfortunately, required some service level reductions. We have always strived to improve service delivery so reducing service levels isn't something that Council takes lightly. We looked for service level reductions that would cause the least amount of disruption."

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

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