



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## District of Summerland – March 3, 2026

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**Committee of the Whole – Draft DCC Bylaw Rates and ACC Feasibility** – Staff provided information to Council of the progress made on updating Summerland’s 20-year-old Development Cost Charge (DCC) Bylaw and assessing the feasibility of introducing an Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) Bylaw. Staff had refined a strategic project list based on master plans, budgets, and growth projections to balance necessary infrastructure upgrades with rising development costs. Analysis conducted by Urban Systems indicated that economic conditions may make an ACC Bylaw difficult to implement at this time. Council requested that Staff bring forward the list of proposed projects, as well as the implications of including a CPI increase to current DCC charges, at a future date for Council to consider.

**Capital Project Update** – Council received the Capital Projects Update for information which provided an update on three major capital projects underway in Summerland: the Wharton Street Revitalization, the Victoria Road and Watermain Upgrades, and the Primary Clarifier. It outlined that these projects were progressing within budget and according to schedule, supported by active project management, regular reporting, and ongoing public communication. The report also noted that public concerns related to the projects, such as noise, dust, and inconvenience, had been anticipated and were being addressed where possible. Overall, the projects were on track to support infrastructure renewal and maintain Council’s commitment to timely and efficient capital project delivery.

**Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operations Centre Equipment & Training** – Council approved the District’s participation in a joint regional application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training stream. By supporting the RDOS-led application for funds up to \$210,000, the District will strengthen its capacity to train Emergency Operations Centre staff and improve coordination with neighboring communities during wildfires, floods, landslides, and other multijurisdictional emergencies. The grant will be managed by the RDOS and covers all eligible costs, resulting in no financial impact to the District apart from staff time. As a result, the District will enhance regional communications, collaboration, and consistency in EOC operations.

**Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training** – Council approved the District’s participation in a joint regional grant application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training stream. The District of Summerland will partner with the RDOS and four local First Nations in seeking \$60,000 to support training that will strengthen intercultural competency, reconciliation efforts, and coordinated emergency response across jurisdictions. Since the grant covers all eligible expenses and will be managed by the RDOS, the District will not incur any financial impact beyond staff involvement. As a result, the

District will advance regional relationship-building and enhanced culturally informed emergency management capabilities.

**Provincial Tenure Agreement – Peach Orchard Beach Park** – Council supported entering into a two-year License of Occupation with the Province of British Columbia for use and management of Peach Orchard Beach Park, enabling the District to continue operating the area as a community park. This interim agreement provides the necessary time for the District to complete the required boundary survey, which the Province requires before finalizing a 30-year lease, long-term tenure decision. The arrangement carries minimal cost to the District, with a nominal \$1.00 rental fee.

**Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-002 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2026-003 – 17013 Sanborn Street (Z25-001) - Adoption** – Council adopted the OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-002 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-003 for 17013 Sanborn Street. These amendments redesignate and rezone the property and will incorporate it into the Urban Growth Boundary to enable medium-density residential development. A public hearing was held on February 10, 2026, and the Ministry of Transportation approved the zoning amendment shortly after on February 17, 2026. Staff concluded that the application aligned with the goals of both the current and draft OCP.

**Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2026-005 – 9600 Brown Street (Z25-004) - Adoption** – Council adopted Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2026-005 to rezone 9600 Brown Street from Institutional to Mixed-Use, enabling higher-density development consistent with the Official Community Plan on the property. The bylaw had previously received first, second, and third readings on February 10, 2026, after Council amended the recommendations to remove a proposed covenant affecting an adjacent property. Following third reading, the Ministry of Transportation granted statutory approval on February 17, 2026, allowing the bylaw to proceed to adoption. Staff concluded that the rezoning aligned with OCP objectives and recommended its adoption.

**Planning Institute of BC Workshop Tour** – Council received for information an overview of the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) Workshop Tour that the District of Summerland was selected to host as part of the 2026 PIBC Annual Conference. The District organized a mobile workshop featuring site visits and a working lunch forum that will showcase local planning initiatives, including downtown revitalization, civic infrastructure, agricultural land-use tools, and cross-jurisdictional partnerships. The tour aligns with the conference sub-theme of Collaboration and Integration and highlight Summerland’s innovative approaches to planning and agricultural land preservation. Hosting the workshop will also allow planning staff to participate in the conference at reduced cost while fulfilling their ongoing professional development requirements.

**UBCM-administered, 2026 Local Government Development Approvals Program Grant Funding Application** – Council directed staff to submit a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the 2026 Local Government Development Approvals Program, requesting up to \$200,000 in funding. The approved application supports and plans for several modernization initiatives in the Development Services Department, including zoning bylaw and procedures-manual reviews, digitization of development records, and technology upgrades to integrate with the BC Building Permit



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Hub. These improvements are intended to streamline development approvals, enhance transparency, and increase the District's capacity to respond efficiently to community growth.

**January 2026 Monthly Development Services Report** - Council received the January 2026 Monthly Development Services Report for information, which provided an update on planning, building, and bylaw activity for the month. The report showed that four new planning applications were submitted in January, with rezoning and OCP amendment applications starting strongly compared to the previous year. Building activity included ten permits issued with a total construction value of \$992,850, reflecting a slower start to the year compared to January 2025. Council also noted progress on several major development projects and ongoing policy initiatives, including the OCP update and the DCC/ACC bylaw review.

**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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