



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## District of Summerland – April 15, 2025

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**Distributed Generation Program (Net Metering)** – Following a presentation from staff on revenue neutral solar power opportunities for the Distributed Generation Program, Council resolved to re-open the application intake and made the following amendments to the program: to permit all rate classes to participate; to permit services larger than 200amps; that the one-time bi-directional meter be billed at cost; that the Energy Rate be changed to the wholesale rate for new program participants; and that existing program participants be grandfathered at status quo at least until such time Council has the opportunity to explore strategic elements of the program.

The program was originally designed to encourage early adoption of renewable energy systems in a manageable and sustainable way and has achieved its initial objectives. Increased participation and changing energy needs across the community raised important operational and financial questions with increased pressures on staff resources, billing systems, and overall sustainability of the program. Residents who are considering installing solar or other renewable systems are encouraged to stay informed through our website at [www.summerland.ca/netmetering](http://www.summerland.ca/netmetering), where updates and revised program details will be shared as they become available.

**Isintok Spillway Budget Amendment** – With the Isintok Spillway project nearing completion, the project budget requires an amendment of \$16,381.00 to complete due to unforeseen conditions during construction. This significant project was 100% grant funded to provide upgrades to the spillway to safeguard human life, environmental and cultural values, and damage to infrastructure and the economy by ensuring the that the infrastructure is appropriately sized such that the risk of an overtopping failure is adequately mitigated. Council endorsed the recommendation from staff for the additional funds to be allocated from the Water Utility Capital reserve and as a result the Financial Plan (2025-2029) Bylaw No. 2025-001 will be amended at a future date.

**South Okanagan Similkameen Extreme Heat Resilience Project** – Council received a presentation on the summary of the final report findings from the South Okanagan Similkameen Extreme Heat Resilience Project as they relate to the District of Summerland. This was a collaborative project that included 10 local governments, communities and First Nations in the South Okanagan Similkameen, led by the Regional District of the Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS). The Project provides strategies and actions for emergency preparedness and response, enhancing greenspace, community-built systems, privately-owned buildings and community mapping. Project funding was provided by the Union for BC Municipalities (UBCM) through their 2023 Extreme Temperature Risk Mapping, Assessment Planning funding stream. The project costs were 100% covered by this grant, which was awarded to the RDOS.

**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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