



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – May 27, 2025

District of Summerland Transportation Plan – During the Committee of the Whole meeting, Council received a presentation on the updated District of Summerland Transportation Plan. The Summerland Transportation Plan provides a comprehensive approach to guide Summerland’s progress and investments in transportation infrastructure, programming, and policies over the next 30 years and beyond. The Plan includes recommendations for improving transportation policies, standards, infrastructure and programs over the long-term, along with priorities over the short and medium-term. The existing District of Summerland Transportation Plan requires a comprehensive update to reflect changing priorities, new and emerging mobility trends and best practices, completed projects, and recent growth and development patterns since the last plan was developed. Council endorsed the updated District of Summerland Transportation Plan, but also added an amendment to include a sidewalk down Solly Road as a future item which can be found [here](#).

UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program Grant Application – Council endorsed the staff recommendation to apply for a \$600,000 grant from the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program to support wildfire prevention, mitigation efforts, and firefighter training. The funding will enable treatments on District-owned lands near Summerland’s northwestern boundary to reduce wildfire risks, with support from the local Ministry of Forests and the Penticton Indian Band. Additionally, the grant will secure a contract FireSmart Coordinator position to continue local FireSmart initiatives. The project will be fully funded by the grant, requiring no financial contribution from the District beyond administrative support.

Financial Plan (2025-2029) Amendment Bylaw No. 2025-014 – Council gave the first three readings to Financial Plan (2025-2029) Amendment Bylaw No. 2025-014 which proposes amendments to the District’s Financial Plan. The proposed amendments include funding reallocations for various projects, such as the Wharton Street Revitalization, Victoria Road improvements, and Trout Creek Perpetual Slide, as well as adjustments to sponsorships and grants. Some projects have been deferred since the Financial Plan original adoption of March 4, 2026, while others have received additional funding from reserves, grants, or internal borrowing instead of external loans. Any questions or comments related to Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2025-014 may be directed to the District’s Director of Finance at 250-404-4045 or budget@summerland.ca. Written comments received up to 12:00 PM (noon) on June 17, 2025, will be circulated to Council as part of the agenda package and form part of the public record.

Downtown and Core Area Complete Communities Assessment – Council accepted the Downtown and Core Area (DCA) Complete Communities Assessment. Prepared in collaboration with Urban Systems, the report analyzes the impacts of increased residential density in Downtown Summerland and provides

recommendations for future development. Key findings highlight the need for housing diversity, improved park access, expanded transportation infrastructure, and upgrades to water and wastewater systems to support growth through 2045. The assessment is recommended as a resource for developers and will inform upcoming reviews of the Official Community Plan and Development Cost Charge Bylaw. The accepted plan includes revisions requested by Council during the May 6, 2025 Regular Council meeting to include updated images and amendments to the Health Services pages to be more reflective of the access to family physicians in Summerland, given that primary care is critical to achieving a complete community.

April 2025 Development Services Report – Council received an update on April 2025 Development Services activities, highlighting a five-year high in building permits with 24 permits issued, totaling \$2.84 million in construction value. Other updates include the launching of CityView online development application portal, receiving positive contractor feedback despite initial software bugs. Public engagement for the 2025 OCP review, titled “Community Growth,” is ongoing, with open houses and a survey available until May 28, 2025 to gather input on urban growth plans. Lastly, enforcement actions were taken in the Gartrell Trail area near Landry Crescent to address unauthorized clearing and fence removal, and imposing a remediation plan including the planting of 62 native shrubs and fence repairs to protect riparian areas. Additionally, 164 native trees will be planted to replace invasive species removed under a permitted project, supporting ecological restoration and improved environmental protection.

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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