



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – June 17, 2025

2025 Official Community Plan (OCP) Review – Urban Growth Boundary Technical Report – Council received a presentation of the Urban Growth Boundary Technical Report that be utilized to develop the draft 2025 OCP. Key proposals include prioritizing downtown residential intensification, including northward, integrating industrial areas into the urban boundary, and limiting residential density in high-risk wildfire zones and steep-sloped areas. Council recommended that the areas of Hunters Hill, Sumac Ridge, West Summerland (previously included), Industrial (James Lake and Logie Road), Switchback Road and Biagioni Road be included in the urban growth boundary. These recommendations align with recent provincial legislation requiring municipalities to designate enough land for a 20-year housing supply. The findings also reflect public feedback from community engagement and consultations with various municipal departments. For more information on the Urban Growth Strategy Review and the 2025 OCP Review, please the following website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/26c2303db2c14b6a8bd55b4f04323510>

2025 Strategic Priorities Quarterly Update – Council received an update from staff on Council’s Strategic Priorities, ensuring alignment with the community’s vision and responsiveness to evolving needs. This report summarizes ongoing initiatives, adjustments to priorities, and staff efforts that connect individual workplans to Council’s goals. The update process allows Council to track progress and make necessary course corrections while maintaining high-level reporting on governance and community planning. To view Council’s strategic priorities update, visit <https://summerland.civicweb.net/document/143562/>.

Delegation – Summerland Minor Baseball Association (SMBA) – A delegation from SMBA appeared before Council to request to rename “Field 2” at Living Memorial Park to “Field 96”. SMBA has secured funding through the Blue Jays Cares Grant, Field of dreams program and is working collaboration with the District of Summerland for renovations to the fields.

Summerland Minor Baseball Association (SMBA) – Matching Grant Funding & Field Renaming Request – To finalize the commitment to match funds of \$185,000 for the upgrades to Living Memorial Park Field #2 following the SMBA’s successful grant application to the Blue Jays Care Fund, Council allocated \$100,000 from the Electrical Capital Reserve and \$85,000 will be reallocated from two canceled projects in the Financial Plan. In addition, Council approved signage requirements in relation to the grant and directed staff to prepare a License of Occupation agreement with SMBA to undertake the renovations. The proposal aligns with strategic priorities to enhance quality of life and provide active community spaces while ensuring proper oversight and risk management during project implementation. Council additionally requested that staff obtain consent with the Royal Canadian Legion, Summerland Branch, on

the renaming of the field prior to making a final decision on the Summerland Minor Baseball Association request to rename “Field 2” to “Field 96” and on signage recognizing the origins of Living Memorial Park.

2024 Statement of Financial Information – Council received the 2024 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI). The *Financial Information Act* requires municipalities to prepare a Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) each year to be filed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and includes a statement of assets and liabilities, operational statement, schedule of debts, schedule of guarantee and indemnity agreements, schedule showing remuneration and expenses paid to or on behalf of employees and schedule showing payments for suppliers of goods or services... To view the 2024 SOFI, Report visit <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/departments/finance?pname=Finance>.

2024 Annual Report – Council considered and received the 2024 Annual Report. Municipalities are required to produce an annual report which states their goals and objectives for the coming year and demonstrates what progress has been made toward the preceding year's goals and objectives. The report must be presented at a public meeting before June 29 each year. To review the report online, visit <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/reports-studies>.

2025 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests - The District of Summerland is preparing to request meetings with Provincial Ministers during the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention to discuss key community concerns, including mental health, affordable housing, infrastructure, and environmental stewardship. Council confirmed which Ministers to meet with to address local challenges, advocate for support, and collaborate with the provincial government on strategic priorities. Council previously participated in similar meetings at the 2024 UBCM Convention and aims to continue discussions on pressing municipal issues.

OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2025-009 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2025-010 – 1400 Highway 40 (Z24-0080) – 3rd Reading and Adoption – Council provided third reading and adoption of amendments of the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw for an opportunity to allow a 36-hole disc golf course at 17400 Highway 40 as a permitted use., Staff recommended rezoning the property to Comprehensive Development (CD-10) as the current Forestry Grazing zoning designation does not permit recreational uses. This change would provide tailored regulations for open land recreation while maintaining oversight on the site's use. The proposal does not include utilities like water or electricity and is intended to enhance recreational access without increasing land-use intensity.

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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