



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – July 8, 2025

Procurement Report - Landfill Report – Council received the 2025 Q2 Procurement Report which summarizes all procurement awards valued at \$250,000 or more between April 1 and June 30, 2025, in accordance with the District's Procurement Policy. Major contracts awarded include \$4.57 million to Maple Reinders for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade, \$5.62 million to Okanagan Civil Constructors for the Wharton Street Revitalization, and \$1.56 million over five years to SCV Contractors for landfill attendant services. Additional procurements include a used Komptech Trommel for \$381,800 to support composting operations. All projects align with Council's strategic priorities of enhancing core infrastructure, improving quality of life, and building an adaptable, affordable community.

Delegation – Okanagan Regional Library (ORL) – The ORL gave a presentation to Council that highlights the library's recent achievements and community impact. Key successes include a 35% increase in Summer Reading Club participation since COVID, with over 8,000 kids registered and nearly 29,000 attendees at programs. ORL also saw significant growth in digital engagement, with over 784,000 digital books borrowed (up 8.6% from 2023), 487,000 audiobooks listened to (up 23%), and 232,000 digital magazines read (up 61%). The "Library of Things" initiative provided 22 kits for all ages, borrowed nearly 2,000 times in 2024. The library continues to serve as a vital community hub and emergency lifeline, offering services like heating and cooling centres, supported in part by a Provincial Enhancement Grant.

Grant Opportunity – 2025 Strategic Priorities Fund – Council directed staff to submit an application to the 2025 Strategic Priorities Fund Grant for two projects: the Capital Infrastructure Stream – Flume and the Capacity Building Stream – Liquid Waste Management Plan. The Strategic Priorities Fund, administered by UBCM using federal Canada Community Building Funds, offers up to \$125 million in 2025 for fully funded, high-impact regional projects, with a \$7 million cap per project. Municipalities can submit one application each under the Capital Infrastructure and Capacity Building streams by September 12, 2025. The Capital Infrastructure Stream supports projects like water systems, transportation, recreation, and broadband, while the Capacity Building Stream funds planning and asset management initiatives.

Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) Application – Council directed Staff to proceed with the MRDT program application, including providing the first three readings to Municipal and Regional District Tax Bylaw No. 2025-2016 which requests the Lieutenant Governor in Council make a regulation imposing, on behalf of the municipality, an additional tax not exceeding three (3) percent of purchase price of accommodation sold within the municipality. Should the application be approved, the anticipated revenue is estimated at \$140,000–\$180,000 annually and will be used exclusively for tourism-related purposes. As part of the application process, Staff have conducted extensive engagement with tourism

stakeholders, including formal accommodation providers—four out of five of whom have provided written consent for the District to proceed with the request to the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Destination BC has indicated the 2026 target start date of the program in the District is still feasible, though final approval depends on Provincial Cabinet timelines. Applying to the MRDT Program supports the District in achieving Council's strategic priority to provide good governance and enhance tourism initiatives to benefit the community.

Licence of Occupation – CUPE 1136 - Council approved a licence of occupation agreement with CUPE Local 1136 for unused/surplus office space in the basement of Municipal Hall, from August 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, with an option to extend for an additional 12 months. Leasing this underutilized space will generate additional revenue for the District through a gross rental fee inclusive of utilities and services. The agreement allows CUPE 1136 exclusive use of a furnished office, with shared access to washrooms and entryways. CUPE 1136 will provide necessary insurance coverage, and no significant renovations are needed for the space. Public notice will be issued in accordance with the *Community Charter* prior to final execution of the agreement.

Licence of Occupation – Urban Systems - Council approved a short-term licence of occupation agreement with Urban Systems Ltd. for unused/surplus office space in the basement of Municipal Hall. The agreement, effective August 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, with an option to extend for up to 12 additional months, will generate new revenue for the District by leasing underutilized space at fair market value. The office is fully furnished and requires no upgrades, and the rental fee is inclusive of utilities and services. This initiative reflects Council's commitment to maximizing municipal assets while supporting local partnerships. Public notice will be issued in accordance with the *Community Charter* prior to final execution of the agreement.

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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