



Sometime between 1914 and 1917, in an area near the present-day Summerland Golf Club, the ground above a steep canyon overlooking Trout Creek started to erode. Dirt, rocks, uprooted trees and other debris began funnelling down the bank into the creek, and they continue to do so to this day. The phenomenon, referred to as the “perpetual slide”, has been subject to several geotechnical and hydrological studies and each has identified potential emergency situations and risks to infrastructure, property and public safety should the creek become blocked and subsequently breached with a surge of water and debris travelling downstream.

Complicating matters, in May this year, a significant slide occurred on the other side of the creek, on snpink’tn reserve lands, directly opposite the perpetual slide. Both sides of the creek are now subject to ongoing monitoring, including regular drone surveys. However, not much can be done to stabilize the hillside. Given the steep canyon slope, it would cost millions to bring in machinery and there is no certainty any proposed solution would work.

Efforts to manage debris and downstream waterflow are being coordinated through a Trout Creek Steering Committee, which includes representatives from the District, First Nations, provincial and federal governments. The group meets several times a year to discuss concerns and undertake projects both at the slide location and along the dike leading down towards Okanagan Lake.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Ongoing and upcoming projects

• **Wharton Street Revitalization Project** (*pictured right*) – Underground infrastructure work at the intersection of Main Street and Victoria Road North is nearing completion, with roadwork and surface restoration now underway. Crews have successfully installed a new section of water main, an upgraded storm drain, and multiple electrical conduits and vaults. In addition, electrical work is continuing down the alleyway parallel to Victoria Road, extending to the rear of the post office and east of the Wharton Street/Kelly Avenue intersection. During construction, crews replaced a section of the community’s original water main from 1938. The photo of the old pipe (*pictured far right*) highlights just how necessary this replacement was to ensure the continued safety and reliability of Summerland’s water infrastructure. We sincerely thank downtown businesses, residents, and visitors for their patience and cooperation as we complete this important revitalization work.



• **Prairie Valley Road from Darke Road to Morrow Avenue** (*pictured left*) – Work is wrapping up on the Prairie Valley Road project with minor touch ups remaining. The repaving of Prairie Valley Road with the addition of a multi-use pathway will repair this busy stretch of road and provide a dedicated pedestrian and cycling path.

• **Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade** (*pictured right*) - With the primary excavations complete, good progress is being made in concrete forming for the base slabs of the primary clarifier, pump gallery, splitter box and blending box. The initial pour was scheduled for August 22, after which the forms will be removed, slabs backfilled and wall forms will begin to be erected.



• **The Summerland Affordable Housing project** at 13204 Henry Avenue will cause some traffic disruptions throughout September. As part of the development, the watermain will be upgraded from the property to Main Street. This work will require a two-week road closure along that section of Henry Avenue. In addition, there may be intermittent lane closures in front of the property to allow for large equipment access. These lane impacts are expected to continue into October.

• **Giving New Life to Old Asphalt** - The District is making the most of recycled asphalt generously provided by Peters Bros. and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit. By repurposing this material, we’re not only extending the life of our gravel roads but also reducing maintenance costs and supporting environmental sustainability. This year, recycled asphalt has been used to improve Garnet Valley Road (past the cattle guard), the parking lot at 9322 Prairie Valley Road, Matsu Drive, Morgan Street, McLennan Road, Aileen Avenue, Slater Road, the parking lot at the Racquet Club, Mountain Avenue, Blewett Road, Kita Street, Gould Avenue, Fenwick Road, Fyffe Road, Whitfield Road and a few internal landfill roads. These upgrades help create smoother surfaces, reduce dust, and make our roadways more durable for years to come.

Notice to builders and residents

Effective September 2, 2025 all servicing requests (electrical, water, sewer), earthworks and driveway access permits will now be processed at Works & Infrastructure, 9215 Cedar Avenue. These were previously accepted and processed at Development Services at Municipal Hall (13211 Henry Ave). The changes will provide a service improvement by creating a ‘one stop shop’ for all servicing requests at the District’s Works & Infrastructure office. Staff will be available to help with your application at this location. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sewer main and hydrant flushing

Annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland is in progress and is anticipated to be complete by the end of October. Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly. Please use caution when driving by crews working on the road.



Annual property tax sale

**Monday, September 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Ave, Summerland, BC**

Each year municipalities are required to have a tax sale of all properties with three years of outstanding property taxes. In the event that a 2025 tax sale is held, Municipal Hall will be open for those who wish to attend.

The addresses and upset prices (minimum amount required) will be listed on our website and in the local newspaper by the middle of September. Please visit our website, call the property tax department 250-494-6451, or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca) if you are interested in bidding on a property.

Aquatic & Fitness Centre annual maintenance shutdown

Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed August 23 – September 7 for annual maintenance, reopening Monday, September 8. To view fall facility hours, visit [www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/schedules](http://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/schedules). The fall recreation guide is available at online at [www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-guide](http://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-guide).





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## Notice to Summerland irrigators—fall irrigation shut off

Irrigation services will be turned off for the season beginning Tuesday, October 14. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an Extension Irrigation application form and pay \$61.63 plus GST (\$64.71 total) per property. Extension Irrigation application forms are available on our website [www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms) or from the cashier at Municipal Hall. Please submit completed application form and payment by cash, cheque, debit or credit card to the cashier at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday to Friday, no later than Wednesday, October 8.



## Invasive plant disposal

As summer starts to wind down, it's time to think about yard clean up! This is an ideal time of year to remove invasive plants from your property. **Do not include any invasive plants in your yard waste (green) carts for curbside pick.**



While composting is a great natural practice to transform organic waste into a nutrient rich-soil amendment, it is NOT appropriate for invasive species. Some seeds can survive the composting process and many plants can re-sprout from roots or stems. Do not compost any invasive plants unless you can be sure there is no viable (living) plant material left. Improper disposal of garden waste can result in unwanted plants moving into neighbouring properties, including natural areas or parks.

Invasive plants with seeds should be carefully bagged or loaded into the back of a truck (covered with a tarp or canopy), and disposed of at the landfill. Be sure to inform the landfill operator that you have invasive plants and not simply yard waste. You want to ensure that your invasive plants are disposed of in the proper location. Small amounts of invasive plants can be added to your household garbage.

For more information go to: [www.oasiss.ca/how-do-i](http://www.oasiss.ca/how-do-i)

## Mobi mat installed at Rotary Beach

The District of Summerland installed a mobi-mat at the south end of Gordon Beggs Rotary Beach! This new amenity provides wheelchair access across the beach and into the water as well as improved general access for people with mobility issues.



## School zone safety reminders

The roads are now busier than ever with school back in session. The District is providing some important reminders for drivers to slow down and take care when they are in school zones. This includes:

- Watch for children – especially near crosswalks and intersections;
- don't make U-turns in a school zone;
- don't stop in a "no stopping" zone, no matter how quick you think you are;
- vehicles approaching from both directions must stop for school buses when their red lights are flashing;
- always have your children enter or exit vehicle onto sidewalk side of car;
- never allow children to cross mid-block; and
- if a vehicle is stopped in front of you or the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian. Be prepared to stop.



## Summerland is vibrant—construction and all!

With construction in full swing, downtown is still open and thriving! Our local businesses, services, and cultural spaces are welcoming you with summer deals, unique experiences, and exciting programming.

This season is the perfect time to explore all that downtown has to offer: shop your favourite stores, discover new dining spots, enjoy live entertainment, and connect with the vibrant community spirit that makes our town special. Your support matters — every visit helps local businesses continue to grow and serve you better. So grab a friend, make a day of it, and come see what's waiting for you downtown!



## One-day recycling depot

A one-day recycling depot will be held from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on **Saturday, September 20** at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road.



**No paint, oil or hazardous materials accepted.**

Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, white and coloured foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials. Visit [www.summerland.ca/recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/recycling) for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.

## Grant in Aid requests

Each year Mayor and Council consider Grant in Aid requests from non-profit organizations that contribute to fulfilling basic needs and improving the quality of life of Summerland residents. If your organization is interested in applying for a 2026 Grant in Aid, visit [www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/departments/finance](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/departments/finance) for the current application form and related policy. Completed submissions, with all requested supporting documentation are due **September 30, 2025**.

Please send all related information to [finance@summerland.ca](mailto:finance@summerland.ca).

## Keeping your cart clean

Many residents have tried putting their food scraps directly into their green cart. This is allowed but can make a sticky mess inside the cart. Here are some helpful tips:

- Always wait until the day of collection to discard food scraps. If you place food scraps all week long, especially in the summer, it will create strong smells. These smells will attract animals and promote the growth of bugs in your cart. Keep food scraps stored indoors and place out only on the day of collection.
- Think about freezing food scraps or keeping them in the fridge in a sealed container. If you don't have space for all food scraps, just keep the stinky stuff cold. Use a yogurt container with lid or some other recyclable container and empty food scrap contents on your day of collection.
- Use a paper liner when placing in the cart. This can be a piece of newspaper, a normal paper bag or a lined compostable paper bag. Plastic bags, including those marked compostable, are not permitted to be composted in BC
- If you have yard waste, including grass, prunings or weeds, place the yard waste on the bottom of the cart. You can then layer more yard waste on top of any food scraps to keep odours down.

For any other advice, contact the District at [works@summerland.ca](mailto:works@summerland.ca).

## Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account.

Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel

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[www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter)

Check out the Mayor's column available on the District's website:

[www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor's-minute](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor's-minute)

**Municipal Hall hours of operation:** Tuesday - Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays.