



Fire Update

Currently, all Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts are rescinded within the District of Summerland. The Mount Aeneas fire, which was caused by a lightning strike, is now under control.

Thanks go out to the Summerland Fire Department, the forestry firefighters, the RCMP and our Emergency Support Service team for all their efforts and hard work. Fires affect everyone so thank you to all the residents for their understanding, patience and cooperation.

During the hot, dry summer months please be

cognisant of the risk of fire and be responsible. Please follow these reminders:

- Campfires, outdoor burning and fireworks are NOT permitted until further notice.
- Vehicle traffic is not permitted in Giant's Head Park.
- There is no smoking in public spaces, or in parks or trails as per Outdoor Smoking Bylaw #2015-020. If you are smoking, please discard cigarettes in an ashtray or other responsible way as one butt could cause a major fire.
- Avoid use or take every precaution with motorized recreational equipment and power tools, and electric lawn tools in forested and grassy areas. One spark could cause a fire.

A Fire Ban is in Effect
Absolutely no campfires, open burning or fireworks are permitted.

Information:

Report a Fire: Call 911

Report a Wildfire by cell: *5555

Ministry of Forest Fire Public Information Line: 1-888-336-7378. The BC Government website www.gov.bc.ca will have information on wildfire and air quality. Highway closures: www.drivebc.ca

Information on emergency situations impacting Summerland will be posted on Facebook and the District website www.summerland.ca



Check Out the New Transit Buses - Available to Everyone!

Summerland has new buses with the capacity to carry as many as 14 passengers as well as 4 wheelchairs (or strollers) at once. These new buses feature front seats which flip up to allow more options for carrying passengers with different needs as well as boarding ramps making it easier for passengers using mobility aids.

Summerland Transit includes an "On Request" service which can be accessed by any rider by calling 1-844-442-2212, extension 2. On Request service is subject to availability, but same-day bookings can sometimes be accommodated. A local fare (Summerland only, one way) is \$2.25 and a regional fare (to Penticton, one way) is \$4.00. A Day Pass allows for unlimited transfers and is valid for an entire day of travel for \$8.00.

Summerland's bus service includes a combination of fixed-schedule buses which run Monday to Friday into Penticton from 7:15am to 4:40pm. The last bus departs from Cherry Lane Mall in Penticton to Summerland at 5:25pm. This service includes departure times to accommodate high school students travelling to Penticton after school.

Summerland riders can now transfer between all South Okanagan bus services, meaning a traveller can pay \$8.00 and travel as far as Osoyoos or Princeton, if the schedules can be coordinated appropriately. Visit the website for further details: <https://bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen/schedules-and-maps/>

Interested in Running for Council? Nomination Packages Available

Nomination packages are now available for pick up at Municipal Hall or online at summerland.ca/elections. Papers must be filed with the Chief Election Officer between 9am Tuesday, September 4 and 4pm Friday, September 14, 2018. For more information on running for office visit www.elections.bc.ca/localelections.

Municipal Elections take place October 20, 2018 (advance voting takes place October 10 and 16, 2018).

Don't Miss the Candidate Information Session

The District of Summerland will be hosting an information session for candidates interested in running for Mayor, Council, or School Board Trustee. This engaging session will take place on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers, 13211 Henry Avenue with District staff and School Board staff on hand.

Anyone considering running or interested in learning what is involved in being on Municipal Council or the School Board is encouraged to attend.



Pool and Fitness Centre Maintenance Closure

The Summerland Aquatic and Fitness Centre on Kelly Avenue will be undergoing its annual cleaning, maintenance and repairs. **The pool and fitness room will be closed Saturday, August 25th and will reopen Monday, September 10th.**

The office will be open during regular hours for fall program registration and inquiries. Please call 250-494-0447 if you require further information.

The Cart Program

Carts have been delivered! The new cart service began on August 1st. Make sure you follow these tips so your waste is picked up every time:

- ◆ Garbage should still be in plastic bags but it does not have to be in a black bag.
- ◆ No blue bags should be used in the recycle cart and no Kraft paper yard waste bags should be put into the yard waste cart.
- ◆ When placing your carts on the curb make sure there is at least one metre or about an arm's length of space between them to allow the truck to pick them up.



Your old garbage containers can be dropped off at the bin drop off on the west side of the arena parking lot near the Summerland Builders Mart until August 31st. If you have questions regarding your new carts please call 250-404-4069 or send an email to carts@summerland.ca To review the updated Solid Waste Fees & Charges Bylaw 98-001 - Schedule L, visit www.summerland.ca under Bylaws.

Extra Yard & Garden Waste?

Have more yard & garden waste than what fits in your green cart? Several options exist:

- Turn it into compost for your yard or garden.
- Hold on to extra material until the next scheduled pickup.
- Upsize to a 360L cart for \$35/year (\$2.92/mo).
- Purchase 'tag-a-bag' stickers from Municipal Hall or Works & Utilities for \$2.50 and place them on a container or Kraft paper bag. Put those out along with your full cart.
- Bring it to the landfill – yard waste is free up to 500kg. You can also bring untreated wood waste, and agricultural tree stumps/organic material.
- Leave grass 2 to 3 inches tall. Don't mow, let it grow. Leave grass clippings as mulch to retain moisture and feed the lawn and reduce yard and garden waste.

Solar+Storage Project Discussion – August 13

Join us on August 13 at 9am in Council Chambers for a presentation regarding the Summerland Solar+Storage project, including possible site locations.

If you're interested in the project but can't attend, email climate.action@summerland.ca and ask to be added to the solar energy email list.

Summerland Events

For information on events happening in Summerland visit the Chamber of Commerce events page at www.summerlandchamber.com/events/calendar

Road Closures and Boat Launch Closure for the Summerland Orca Sprint Triathlon

The annual Orca Kids of Steel and Sprint Triathlon will be held at Peach Orchard beach on Sunday, September 2nd. **The boat launch will be closed from 5:00pm Saturday, September 1st until Sunday, September 2nd at 1:00pm. Please be aware that there will be limited road access on Lakeshore Drive from Highway 97 to Crescent Beach on race day Sunday, September 2nd from 8am - noon.**

Please help out by limiting travel and not parking on the road for Sunday's race day.

Annual Irrigation Bills

Annual Irrigation bills have been mailed out and are due Wednesday, August 29, 2018. If you receive agricultural irrigation (have a blue box) and have not received a bill, please call our Utility Clerk at 250-404-4047 or email utilities@summerland.ca



Arts & Cultural Centre Building



Plans are underway for Summerland to have an Arts & Cultural Centre! Currently, 9525 Wharton Street (formerly the library) houses the Arts Council.

An architect is working on designs for renovations to create multi-purpose rooms for the public upstairs and an Art Centre and Potters Guild area on the main floor. The entrance will be moved to the front lower part of the building and there will be an accessibility lift included.

The Arts & Cultural Building Design Committee has held 5 workshops since February 2018 and held a public open house that was well attended with lots of feedback for the design. Renovations should be completed in 2019.