



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – December 19, 2023

Budget Deliberations (Committee of the Whole) – Council met on November 20 and December 18, 19 to finalize proposed utility fee changes and general taxation budgets. The overall monthly increase to the average residential home is \$20.97 based on the 2024 Assessment of an average residential home of \$944,156. This is composed of a proposed 5.38% taxation increase (\$10.64 per month) and garbage/water/sewer/electrical increases of \$10.33 per month. Residents are encouraged to attend the Budget Open House at the Arena Banquet Room at 8820 Jubilee Road E. on January 17 from 5-7pm, to learn more.

Proposed Development on Julia St./Rosedale Ave – Council provided first and second reading to an amendment of the Official Community Plan and a rezoning application for property located at 9514 & 9518 Julia St, 14406 & 14408 Rosedale Ave for the placement of a hotel and an apartment building. A public hearing was set for January 16, 2024.

Financial Plan Amendment – Council provided approval to amend the 2023 Financial Plan to allow for \$110,000 to conduct immediate roof repairs to a portion of the Summerland Aquatic and Fitness Centre roof, sourcing the monies from reserves.

Borrowing for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and Prairie Valley Road – Council directed staff to proceed with an “Alternative Approval Process” to obtain public assent to borrow funds for both projects. Council heard that the improvements to the plant are required by provincial guidelines, and Council directed that the borrowing be reduced to \$1,232,00 by using \$1,500,000 from capital reserves, with costs being paid by users of the system through a rate increase. Road and infrastructure improvements on Prairie Valley Road total \$3,315,000 but Council directed that this be reduced to \$2,500,000 by using reserves, with borrowing costs recouped through general taxation.

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.