



The Summerland Museum and Archives Society is the recipient of the 2024 Mayor’s Award of Excellence, an annual recognition given by the mayor of the day to a local group that makes an outstanding contribution to the community.

Over the last 60 years, the Museum has collected, preserved, researched, interpreted and displayed items of a historical significance to Summerland and surrounding area. These items range from archival records including documents, photos, maps, and newspapers to artifacts such as tools of various trades to clothing, household goods, and furniture. There is also an extensive art collection of works from local artists.

When the current museum building opened in 1984, the Society had less than 5,000 items. Now it has more than 25,000 and there is a lack of space for exhibits, storage and administration. Architectural designs are in place to expand and renovate the building and the Society’s volunteer board of directors is focused on fundraising for the project.

The Museum is a special place. It is constantly engaging the community and providing educational opportunities with programs like geology field trips, lunchtime lectures, various workshops and children’s activities, and even a cribbage club. It’s where residents and visitors alike come to learn the story of Summerland, and that helps to create a sense of belonging and pride in the community. For the invaluable service it provides the community, the Summerland Museum and Archives Society is this year’s recipient of the Mayor’s Award of Excellence.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Mayor’s Award of Excellence recipients:		
2024 – Museum and Archives	2019 – Blossom Youth Ambassador Program	2014 – Sister City Committee
2023 – Arts Council	2018 – Emergency Support Services	2013 – Critter Aid
2022 – Auxiliary Firefighters	2017 – Legion Branch 22	2012 – Lions Club
2020 and 2021 – No award presented	2016 – Kettle Valley Steam Railway	2011 – Rotary Club
	2015 – Food Bank	2010 – Healthcare Auxiliary

Ongoing and upcoming projects

- **Prairie Valley Road from Darke Road to Morrow Avenue** - Construction continues along Prairie Valley Road and is expected to be completed by August 2025. The project includes road improvements, watermain replacement, a new sanitary sewer main and a multi-use pathway.
- **Victoria Road from Dunham Crescent to the Prairie Valley Road Ovalabout and Dale Meadows**



- Road from Victoria Road to the Dale Meadows Park entrance** – Construction is anticipated to start in mid summer, including watermain upgrades, pedestrian safety upgrades, a multi-use pathway and road reconstruction.
- **Wharton Street Revitalization Project** – Work is progressing on the Wharton Street Revitalization Project! Crews have been busy working on important infrastructure upgrades that will support the upcoming development in the area. For project updates including progress photos, parking updates and road closures, please visit the project website at www.whartonstreet.ca.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade** – Environmental nesting surveys have been completed and the primary contractor, Maple Reinders, have initiated general site preparation and set up of their site office / laydown area. The District’s engineering consultant, AECOM, will act as contract administrator and continue to advise staff as the project progresses.

Summerland Fire Department community open house

When: Saturday, July 12, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Where: Fire Department, 10115 Jubilee Road W.
Free event for all ages! Emergency Responders on site to answer questions.

Property tax notices

The 2025 property tax due date was July 2, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Effective July 3, 2025 unpaid 2025 property taxes (including unclaimed Home Owner Grants) are now subject to a 10% penalty.

You may still claim the HOG online at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or phone the Province of BC 1-888-355-2700. Retroactive home owner grant applications are accepted up to December 31 each year.

The District of Summerland offers a Pre-Authorized Payment Program for property taxes - eleven (11) equal payments will be withdrawn from your bank account, starting August 15 each year. The final twelfth (12th) payment will be the difference between the actual amount of the current tax bill and pre-payments collected, plus interest earned up to the tax due date.

To participate in this program contact the property tax department at propertytaxes@summerland.ca for an application form or visit our website www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes to download a pdf copy.

Applications are due August 8, 2025.

2026 Permissive Tax Exemptions

2026 Not-For-Profit Permissive Tax Exemption (PTE) applications are now available.

Not-for-profit organizations that provide a service to the community may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes if the facility they operate from is owned or leased by the organization. This reduction in property taxes payable is considered a “Permissive Tax Exemption”. Potential applicants can find eligibility criteria, along with the required application on the District’s website www.summerland.ca/pte.

All applicants will be requested to attend a council meeting as part of the 2026 PTE application process. The Permissive Tax Exemption submission deadline is July 31, 2025.

Please access the District website or contact:
David Svetlichny, Director of Finance at (250) 404-4045 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sewer main and hydrant flushing

The District of Summerland is performing annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland until 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.



Campfire and firepit regulations

No person will light, ignite or start, or allow, or cause to be lighted, ignited, or started, a campfire except in accordance with the following regulations:

- A. Only permitted burning materials, including seasoned untreated lumber, dry and seasoned firewood will be used in campfires.
- B. Campfires will be continuously controlled and supervised by a competent person equipped with extinguishing equipment and material, and must be completely extinguished before the person leaves the area.
- C. Campfires will be maintained so as not to cause a nuisance.
- D. Campfires will be contained within a fire pit.
- E. Campfires must be located a minimum of 5 metres from adjoining property lines and buildings.
- F. Campfires must be intended for and used solely for the preparation of food.
- G. Campfires will not be permitted between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM

Please ensure that no Fire Bans are in place prior to lighting any campfire or firepit.

DONT MOVE A MUSSEL

Invasive mussels could cost the Okanagan over \$40 million each year.

Know what is at risk

Our fish, Our lake's ecology, Our beaches, Our water, Our tourism, Our economy, Our property values, Our boats

QR code, DONTMOVEAMUSSEL.CA, OKANAGAN waterwise, CLEAN DRAIN DRY

Agricultural user meter readings

Agricultural users are reminded that monthly meter read updates are available on the municipal website. Now that the weather is becoming hotter, users should review their consumption more closely. To access these reports, please go to the District's website at www.summerland.ca. Under the "City Services" tab at the top of the page, click "Water" to be taken to the main water utility page. On the left side of the page, click "Agricultural Water". Additional information pertaining to agricultural water, such as 2025 rates, can also be found on this webpage. Irrigators are encouraged to view the data to track their usage. The annual irrigation invoice will be mailed out by the end of July.

Please call the Finance Department or email finance@summerland.ca if you have any questions.

Summertime fun

Aqua fitness, swim lessons, fitness classes and more! Summerland Recreations Spring/Summer Recreation guide has all your summer activities live now online at www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/recreation-guide. Remember to follow us on Facebook at Summerland Recreation to stay up to date with new program releases and schedule changes.



Make Water Work gardening tips



Watering

- All plants need weekly watering during the first year to get roots established. Some varieties of shrubs will need weekly watering for two to three additional years.
- It's best to give plants a slow soak, then allow the surface of the soil to dry out before watering again. This encourages deep, drought-tolerant root growth.
- Water between dusk and dawn during the coolest part of the day – this prevents evaporation.
- Drop the hose and let it drip – save water and money when watering your garden with drip irrigation.
- Collect and use rainwater – it's free and a great way to water during dry times.
- Water plants, not pavement. Point your sprinkler on your lawn and garden, not the sidewalk or road.

Keep plastics out of your food scrap / garden waste

Food scraps make compost. Compost makes food. Keep plastics out of your green cart. Any type of plastics used as food packaging can be recycled but can't be placed in your green cart. Please let us make great compost for Summerland.

Summerland Landfill recycling depot

Did you know that you do not have to cross the scale to access the Recycling Depot? When arriving at the landfill during operating hours, keep to the right to access recycling only.



The following residential items are accepted free of charge year-round:

- Smoke detectors and alarms
- Residential cardboard and paper
- Flexible plastic packaging including plastic bags, overwrap, plastic pouches, wrappers, onion nets and other soft packaging made of plastic
- Lighting—fixtures and bulbs
- Foam Packaging (white and coloured polystyrene) including containers for meat and produce, foam egg cartons, foam clamshells, cups and bowls for take-out food, firm foam cushion packaging to protect electronics, small appliances, etc.
- Glass - clear or coloured food containers, jars, non-refundable bottles
- Batteries including household batteries, small rechargeable and lead-acid batteries
- Electronic waste - computers, TVs, stereos, DVD players, phones, small electrical appliances

Crossing the scale gives access to many other free residential recycling opportunities:

- Household hazardous waste - paint, pesticides, flammables, anti-freeze, gas, fuels, mixed fuels, paint thinner, solvents
- Used motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters and oil containers
- Propane tanks, refillable or non-refillable - up to 46kg
- Metal/Scrap Metal - siding, roofing, rebar, pipes, window frames, doors, furnaces, duct work, wire cable, fencing, autobody parts, metal furniture, tire rims
- White Goods - washers, dryers, dishwashers, fridges, stoves, freezers, hot water tanks, air conditioners

The Landfill and Recycling areas are open Monday to Saturday from 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM excluding statutory holidays.

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 www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland

Website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for the monthly newsletter online: www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter

Check out the Mayor's podcast on all major streaming platforms or on the District's website: www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor's-podcast

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