



One of Council's top priorities is to upgrade core municipal infrastructure, including paving more roads than in the past. This spring and summer will see concurrent roadwork projects impacting traffic on several major routes including Prairie Valley Road, Wharton Street and Victoria Road South.

These roads may need to be closed for periods of time with detours in place to re-route traffic. Other times there will be single lane alternating traffic and there may be limited access to driveways and entryways to buildings. There could be challenges for deliveries and garbage collection, and pedestrian and cycle traffic could be disrupted. While contractors will try to accommodate the movement of traffic wherever possible, we ask residents and businesses for their patience and to keep in mind that we are finally fixing the roads that everyone has been complaining about for so long!

Large roadwork projects usually involve more than just repaving the road. They can involve any amount of road reconstruction, safety improvements, sidewalk or multi-use pathway installation, watermain replacement, stormwater upgrades and, in the case of the Wharton Street project, the burying of overhead power lines.

While it is rare for Summerland to have so much road construction going on at the same time, all projects have been in the planning and design phase for a number of years, and financing has been accounted for through reserves, borrowing or grants. The work has been prioritized in accordance to the District's Integrated Road and Water Master Plan, which details the condition of all of Summerland's 175 km of local and collector roads and 200 km of water mains. It is available on the District of Summerland website where an interactive map provides information about work being planned and project costs.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Wharton Street Revitalization Project Update



Construction is underway and set to be complete in fall 2025.

The Wharton Street Revitalization Project aims to enhance the downtown core of Summerland, making it a vibrant and welcoming space for residents and visitors.

Questions? Contact the District at works@summerland.ca or 250-494-0431.



Stay tuned to whartonstreet.ca for updates on road closures and more.



Phase 1
Wharton Street
(from Victoria Rd to Kelly Ave)
May - Nov 2025

Phase 2
Victoria Road and Main Street
July - Sept 2025

Phase 3
Victoria Road & Alley
Sept - Oct 2025

Phase 4
Wharton Street
(from Kelly Ave to Prairie Valley Rd)
July - Sept 2025

Ongoing and upcoming projects

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade – Maple Reinders Inc has been awarded the project to upgrade the primary clarifier system at the Summerland Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project begins soon and is anticipated to be completed in early 2026. The project will allow staff to ensure appropriate operation and maintenance of the treatment plant as well as see some marked improvement in the effluent discharge levels (i.e. phosphorous).
- Prairie Valley, Cartwright to Morrow – Construction continues along Prairie Valley Road from Cartwright Avenue to Morrow Avenue. The project includes road improvements, watermain replacement, a new sanitary sewer main and a multi-use path. Construction is expected to be completed by August 2025.
- Museum and George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre sidewalk upgrades – Okanagan Civil Constructors has completed concrete repairs and upgrades to the walkways and stairway providing access to the Summerland Museum and George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre. The repairs and upgrades are a great improvement for residents accessing both facilities.

Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed May 15. If you have not received your property tax notice please call the Finance department at 250-494-6451 or email propertytaxes@summerland.ca.

The due date for property taxes, including eligible homeowner grants (HOG), is **Wednesday, July 2, 2025 by 5:00 PM**. Any payments for outstanding current taxes or homeowner grants received after the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty.

Homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall.

Residents must apply for the HOG directly to the Province of BC by phone 1-888-355-2700 or online www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant.

Payments for property taxes may be made in person by cheque, cash, debit, credit card or post-dated cheque. You may also pay your property taxes at your financial institution or through online or telephone banking. **Please note that third party fees apply for credit card payments.** Postmarks are not considered as date of payment so do not wait until the last day to post your payment.

FireSmart your property

Please visit FireSmart BC at <https://firesmartbc.ca> for more information on how to protect your home from a potential wildfire. For a free FireSmart home assessment please contact firesmart@summerland.ca.

Alternative means of Public Notice

A reminder that the legislative requirements of section 94 of the *Community Charter* for alternative means of publication include posting statutory notice notifications on the District's website www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/council-meetings/public-notice and on the District's Facebook page facebook.com/SummerlandBC.

As always, the public notices will be posted on the public notice board located in the lobby of Municipal Hall at 13211 Henry Ave.

Annual Report

The Annual Report includes a progress report in relation to the District's listed objectives and measures how they integrate with Council's Strategic Priorities and summarizes for the current and future years. The Annual Report is available for public inspection at Municipal Hall during the hours of 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday to Friday and on the District's website <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/reports-studies>.

Spring GoByBike week

Spring GoByBike week is May 31 - June 6, 2025.

To register, visit <https://gobybikebc.ca/summerland/>



Voyent Alert!

The District of Summerland uses Voyent Alert! notification service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications.

Register now at <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.



Snow pack

Snow course survey data is retrieved from the District’s two watersheds every month from the beginning of the year until no snow remains. As of May 15, 2025, surveys showed no measurable snow at either location.



Thirsk Dam, circa May 2018

Each year following the irrigation season, staff lower the reservoir level to predetermined levels to provide available storage volume to accommodate the coming freshet. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed at which the snow melts. Unfortunately, this is very difficult to predict and can increase significantly with rainfall. To manage the risk associated with this, staff complete regular monitoring and maintenance activities of the dams and meet routinely to decide if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for the expected volume of incoming water. As of May 15, most of the District’s reservoirs are spilling or very close to spilling.

Remember that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.

Dame’s Rocket

While it may be a beautiful and fragrant plant, dame's rocket is not a species you want in your garden. This escaped ornamental spreads quickly, forming dense monocultures and decreasing diversity. It produces up to 20,000 seeds per plant! It also harbours dangerous plant diseases that are harmful to cruciferous plants such as cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli.



In May-June, dame’s rocket can be spotted along ditches and road edges in Summerland and other locations in the Okanagan. It is not uncommon for people to dig up roadside plants for their garden, but this is strongly discouraged.

Dame's rocket is a biennial or short-lived perennial that is native to Europe and Southwest Asia. Plants have multiple stems that grow up to 1 m tall. Leaves are lance shaped, dark green and hairy on both sides with serrated edges. The flowers range in colour from white to pink to purple and form loose clusters at the top of the stems. Dame's rocket and garden phlox look very similar except phlox has five petals whereas dame’s rocket has four.

How can you help? Dame’s rocket is often found in wildflower seed mixes – do not purchase seed mixes which do not list the Latin names of the contents. Learn more about Dame’s rocket and other invasive plants at www.oiso.ca.

Watering restrictions

The District of Summerland is always in Stage 1 watering restrictions unless otherwise posted.

Even Numbered Addresses

If your house number ends in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, you may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

Odd Numbered Addresses

If your house number ends in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9, you may water on Saturdays, Mondays, and Thursdays.

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MakeWaterWork.ca

Save energy on home cooling

- Keep windows, curtains and blinds closed. In the heat of the day, cover your windows to prevent the hot sun from heating up your house. Once the sun goes down, open them to let in the cooler air.
- Use a fan. Fans cool you by creating a breeze, but you can turn them off if no one’s in the room. You can also set your ceiling fan to summer mode (counter-clockwise as you look up at it) to move the air downward to create a wind chill effect.
- Cool only the rooms you’re using. If using an air conditioner, cool only the rooms you’re actively using.
- Program your thermostat. Aim to be comfortable, not chilly. The recommended temperature during hotter months is between 25 and 27°C.

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.

\$7.50
TICKETS
ALL AGES

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

EARLY DISMISSAL FUN!
THU, JUN 26 @ 1:00-3:30 PM
SUMMERLAND AQUATIC CENTRE
POOL PARTY, DECK GAMES, BUBBLE MACHINE,
KID'S DANCE FOAM PARTY, & SNACKS.
BEACH THEMED FUN!

2025/2026 Curbside collection calendar

To access 2025/2026 curbside collection calendar online, visit www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/curbside-collection/residential-dwellings/residential-collection-calendar. On the link above residents can also sign up for weekly reminders by e-mail, phone call or calendar events; scroll down the page and enter your address to start the sign-up process.

Paper copies of the calendar are available at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Ave or Works & Infrastructure, 9215 Cedar Ave.

One-day recycling depot—Saturday, June 14

The District of Summerland will be holding a one-day recycling depot at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Saturday, June 14.



Bring your glass jars, foam packaging, plastic bags, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries, lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances. 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.

Please note that hazardous materials like paint, used oil, residential pesticides and residential flammable materials and scrap metal items are not accepted. Bring these items to the Landfill Recycling Depot for free recycling.