



Council has begun its annual budget deliberations with the operating and capital plans for the three utilities (water, wastewater, electrical) coming under consideration the week of October 27. An in-person open house to present the proposed utility budgets and rate increases to the public is scheduled for November 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre. Input from the open house will be considered at the December 2 Council meeting. The utilities are supported by monthly utility rates and any increases would take effect at the beginning of 2026.

Starting the week of December 8, once the utility budgets are finalized, Council will deliberate the general fund budget, which is supported primarily by property taxes and user fees. Council will first review the operating budget and then discuss capital projects, for which direction is provided on funding strategies with a view on maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

An in-person open house on the general budget, including any proposed property tax increase, is scheduled for January 14, 2026 (5:00—7:00 PM) at the Arena Banquet Room. Input from the open house will be considered at the February 10, 2026 Council meeting.

For both utility and general budgets, Council starts with a “baseline” budget where current spending levels are used as a reference point for the upcoming year, taking into account contractual increases (like union agreements) and increases due to government regulations such as new health and safety or environmental requirements.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes



Remembrance Day—November 11

Please take time on November 11 to honour and remember those who proudly served our country.

The Summerland Legion Branch #22 will host its annual Remembrance Day service:

- 10:15 AM—parade form up on Wharton Street
- 10:30 AM—march to Cenotaph
- 10:45 AM—unveiling of refurbished Cenotaph
- 11:00 AM—Ceremony begins
- 12:00 PM—Summerland Legion
- 2:30 PM—Entertainment at the Legion
- 5:00 PM – Legion Dinner
 - Tickets: \$25 each
 - **Veterans and their caregivers** attend free (tickets must be picked up in advance)



Note: While construction work is still ongoing on Wharton Street, the area around the Cenotaph will be fully accessible for the ceremony. All fencing will be removed prior to November 11 to ensure a safe and respectful gathering space.

Donations for the Food Bank Christmas Hampers will be gratefully accepted at the Legion until December 15.

Over 50 commemorative banners featuring WWI and WWII soldiers from Summerland are displayed on streetlight standards throughout town. Take a moment to view these powerful tributes.

District offices closed—including the Arena, Aquatic & Fitness Centre, and the Landfill—will be closed on November 11 in observance of Remembrance Day.



Change your clocks. Check your batteries.

What to do if you see a fallen power line

A power line that’s fallen on the ground, is hanging too low, is damaged or is contacting another object is a danger. A downed line is an emergency and it’s important to know what to do if you come across one.



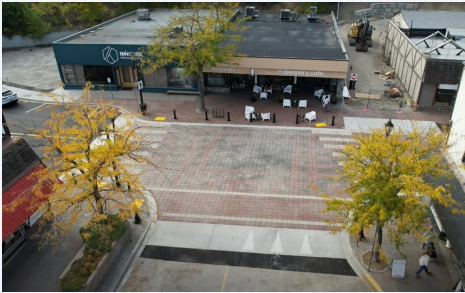
Never touch or try and move a downed, damaged or low-hanging power line because it may still be live, even if it’s not sparking or making any sound. Be sure to stay back at least 10 metres (the length of a city bus) and contact **9-1-1** immediately and ask for the fire department.

Sani-station seasonal closure

The Trout Creek Sani-Station will be closed for the season as of Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Ongoing and upcoming projects

Wharton Street Revitalization Project – Construction continues along Wharton Street and at the new Veterans Memorial Square public space, previously Henry Avenue, between Main Street and Wharton Street.



Electrical upgrades are continuing along Wharton Street from Kelly Avenue down Smith Street to Armstrong Avenue. The intersection upgrade at Victoria Road and Main Street is now open to vehicles! For further information and photos of the progress, please visit whartonstreet.ca.



Prairie Valley Road from Darke Road to Morrow Avenue – Construction is now complete on this 1.2km stretch of Prairie Valley Road. The project included watermain upgrades, a new sanitary sewer main, asphalt and a multi-use pathway. Thank you for your patience during the project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade – Forming and pouring of the concrete walls on the primary clarifier are progressing well with the fourth and final section of the main structure poured on October 10 (pictured).



Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens Breakfast

The Summerland Fire Department is inviting the community to come together in the true spirit of the season at the 38th Annual Toys and Toonies for Tots and Teens Breakfast — a long-standing and heartwarming local tradition.

Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Second Home Café, 13299 Henry Avenue, Summerland

The Fire Department will be serving pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs, along with pastries from True Grain Bakehouse. Breakfast is by cash donation, new unwrapped gifts or Canadian Tire money. All funds received go towards purchasing gifts for children and teens in need that live in Summerland.



Firefighters will also be ‘shaking the boot’ for donations the night before at the Festival of Lights on Friday, November 28.

SUMMERLAND FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 28
2025

Downtown Summerland

- FOOD | MUSIC
- FIREWORKS
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- ARTISAN MARKET VENDORS

EVENT INFO

5:00 PM | Opening
7:00 PM | Light-Up
8:30 PM | Fireworks
9:00 PM | Closing




Free youth night

When: Wednesday, November 26

Where: Aquatic Centre

Activities included:

Pizza & crafts from 7:00—9:00 PM

Pool admission 7:45—9:00 PM

Free admission for ages 12-17 sponsored by Foundry. Regular admission rates apply for all other users. No tickets or pre-registration are required.



Invasive trees in Summerland — Siberian Elm

As part of our series on invasive trees, this article focuses on Siberian elm. This tree species can grow up to 18 metres at maturity. It has oval, pointed leaves with toothed margins that are dark green in summer and dull yellow-green in fall. Seeds are round with papery wings and hang in clusters.



What are the impacts of Siberian elm? It germinates readily and grows rapidly, particularly when moisture is available. It will quickly form thickets of seedlings when soils are disturbed, such as along utility corridors, fence lines, berms, river dikes and roadsides. Siberian elm outcompetes shade-intolerant species and reduces biodiversity. It is a preferred host for the elm seed bug. This invasive pest is a concern for property owners when it invades homes and structures in large numbers.

How to control? Seedlings can be hand-pulled when the soil is moist. Mature trees may be controlled using cut-stump herbicide treatment or trees can be cut followed by stump grinding. Bulldozing, mowing and brush cutting can also be effective, but require many consecutive years of treatment. Anyone dealing with invasive trees should consult a professional.

For more information go to: www.oiso.ca/species/siberian-elm/

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

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

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.

Winter curbside cart collection

With winter on its way, follow these guidelines for successful curbside collection:

- Ensure the areas around and under your carts are clear of snow.
- Place carts as close as possible to the road, without obstructing the snow removal operations, street, sidewalk or bike lane.
- Do not place carts behind or on top of a snow bank.
- Ensure there is proper spacing around the carts:
 - 1m (3ft) of space on all sides;
 - 3m (10ft) of clearance above; and
 - 1.5m (5ft) of space from a vehicle.



Food scraps collection will continue weekly in the wintertime. It can look a bit silly putting a small amount of food scraps in a big yard waste cart but it works great! The cart provides room for yard waste in the fall and spring.

Please note wet food scraps can be lined in newspaper or in paper bags to avoid freezing to the cart. Another option is to keep some leaves or prunings that you can layer on the bottom of your cart and place food scraps on top. Pre-freezing food scraps is another way to avoid sticking if you have the freezer space (some people think that is gross but it works!).

Missed Collection

The District of Summerland curbside collection contractor will make every attempt to pick up waste material during winter conditions. However, their top priority is resident and employee safety.

In the event of a collection delay:

- Please place your cart(s) out **each day** following the delay until collection can be completed safely.
- When service is resumed, the contractor will collect any extra accumulated material, at no extra charge, equivalent to the amount that would have been collected if service had not been temporarily interrupted.

To sign up for curbside notifications/alerts and for more information on winter curbside cart collection please visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste.

If your collection was missed or delayed, or if you have questions about your service, please contact Waste Connections of Canada directly:

Phone: **250-490-3888** / Toll-Free: 1-866-998-4888

Email: csr-penticton-osoyoos@wasteconnections.com

Are you prepared for an unexpected power outage?

Power outages can happen unexpectedly due to storms, accidents, or wildlife, so it’s important to be prepared year –round. Create an **emergency kit** with essentials like flashlights, a battery–powered radio, first aid supplies, food, water, and tools to support your household for at least 72 hours. Store it in an accessible location and check it annually to replace used or expired items.



Along with supplies, make an outage plan and share it with your family so everyone knows what to do. Consider how you’ll manage without phone service, blocked roads, or closed stores to stay safe and self-sufficient during disruptions.

Winter driving condition tips

- Ensure your vehicle is equipped for the weather – use winter tires.
- Maintain a safe following distance – look ahead, keep at least 4 seconds distance.
- Reduce your speed to match road conditions – the posted speed is the maximum speed under ideal conditions.
- Watch for black ice – especially common in shaded areas, under an overpass and in areas where vehicles frequently stop.
- Accelerate and brake slowly – to maintain traction.
- Avoid sudden moves – look ahead to anticipate stops and turns well before they occur.
- Know how to handle a skid – do not brake, ease off accelerator, and look and steer smoothly in the direction you want to go.
- See and be seen – turn your vehicle lights all the way on, so your tail lights come on as well.
- Be cautious when approaching District maintenance vehicles and staff – they are trying to get you safely to your destination.

