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A Newsletter from the District of Summerland

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Transit in Summerland

The Summerland transit system is cost shared with BC Transit and available Monday - Friday excluding holidays.

Bus Service



Summerland has a scheduled fixed route service available for travel in Summerland, Trout Creek and to Penticton and back (Route 30). Bus stops are marked with a sign and a red curb. Schedules are available at

Municipal Hall and on our website. The bus operates Monday - Friday excluding holidays.

A one-way fare to Penticton (or the Southern region) is \$4.00 and within Summerland is \$2.25. Day passes are \$8.00. Children under ten are free. Ten ticket passes or monthly passes are also available. Tickets can be purchased at Municipal Hall, the Aquatic Centre or directly from the driver (if you have exact change).

**Please note: Southbound scheduled departures from Victoria/Jubilee Rd shifted to 3:07pm to accommodate student travel to Penticton.

On Request Service

On Request Service is a curb to curb transit service that has replaced the previous door to door handyDART Service. Customers will be picked up and taken to their destination. This service is used for appointments but can also be used for social visits based on availability and priority. Service within Summerland or to Penticton must be **prebooked** by calling 250-492-5814. Oneway fares are \$2.25 in Summerland and \$4.00 to Penticton. If you have an attendant, they travel for free. Be sure to book early as space and times are limited.

Taxi Saver Program

Taxi Saver Coupons are available to people over the age of 65 or for individuals with physical or mental disabilities. Eligible individuals can purchase an \$80 sheet of Taxi Saver Coupons to be used with Summerland Taxi at a cost of \$40 (a 50% subsidy). One sheet is permitted per month. Coupons are not transferable. Application forms are available at Municipal Hall.

For inquiries, please call Municipal Hall at 250-494-6451 or visit the BC Transit website

https://bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen



Budget Discussions

Council and staff have commenced budget discussions and will carry on into March.

Information will be available soon on a Budget Open House that will take place later in March to introduce the 2018 –2022 Financial Plan.



Above: Summerland historian/author Joe Smuin

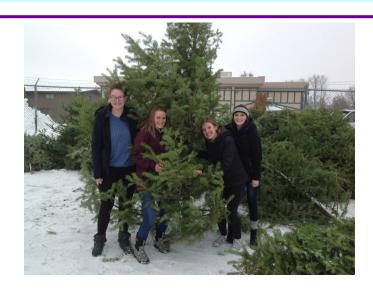
Heritage Week February 19 –25 Heritage Stands the Test of Time

As part of Canada's Heritage Week, well-known Kettle Valley Railway historian Joe Smuin will give a talk on "An infinitesimal bridge" -- The Trout Creek Canyon Bridge, Saturday, February 24.

The free presentation will start at 1 p.m. at the Service Station at the Lakeside Church in Lower Town, 5505 Butler Street. Seating is limited to 100 people and is on a first come, first served basis. The focus will be on the history of the century-old trestle bridge and the urgent need for \$600,000 required this year to maintain it.

Donations are welcome and will benefit the Kettle Valley Railway Society.

The Summerland Heritage Advisory Commission will host this event along with the Service Station, KVRS Society, Okanagan Historical Society and the Summerland Museum.



Tree Pickup Success

The Summerland Fire Department, along with the Summerland Dry Grad Class of 2018, would like to thank all of the residents that took advantage of the Christmas Tree Pickup this year. There were 126 trees chipped and used for compost. Your generosity helped the Grads raise \$2088.



Family Day Free Skate

The District of Summerland invites you to skate for free on Family Day, Monday, February 12, 2018 from 12:00pm 1:00pm at the Summerland Arena. Skate rentals are also free thanks to a grant from BC Parks & Recreation Assoc.

Happy Family Day!

District of Summerland offices will be closed on Monday, February 12th for Family Day. The Landfill and Pool and Fitness Centre will also be closed.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 7pm.

Say "Thanks" to your Snow Angel

It is not too late to nominate a friend or neighbour who has shovelled your walkway or driveway. The Mayor would like to acknowledge them by including their names in a draw at the end of March. Nomination forms are available on the website www.summerland.ca

or at Municipal Hall.



Support the Summerland Skatepark

Help raise money to build a new Skatepark in Summerland.

Fundraiser t-shirts & snap-back hats are for sale at the Aquatic Centre and Municipal Hall. Shirts cost \$20.00 and hats are \$25.00. Purchase yours today! Donations are gladly accepted at the cashier counter at Municipal Hall.

It Takes All Sorts: Recycling Contamination Down 1/3!

Between July & October 2017, Summerland residents reduced the amount of contamination in the curbside recycling by one-third! Taking the time to properly sort meant that items that aren't part of the RecycleBC program such as clothes, chip bags, toys, napkins, etc. dropped by 33.8% and the amount of depot-only (soft plastics, styrofoam, glass) and unsortable (tied in grocery bags, or a metal can inside a plastic tub) materials being placed in the curbside collection dropped by 31.3%. Great work to everyone who made the extra effort to Recycle Right!

This drop represents excellent progress, but there's still a long way to go! Summerland's contamination rate is much higher than it should be, making us subject to fines from RecycleBC. To help us build on the momentum achieved in 2017, we're launching a survey to gather your feedback regarding curbside recycling. And, as a thank-you for participating, everyone who completes a survey will be entered to win great prizes from local vendors! Visit www.summerland.ca/climateaction to access the survey and be entered to win!

TROPICAL PARADISE SWIM



6:30pm—8:30pm



Family fun swim, games and activities of a tropical nature. Purchase your tickets in advance for \$5.00 at the Recreation Centre. Volunteers are always needed!

Save the Date – March 24: Rainwater Capture & Re-Use Techniques Workshop

In collaboration with the RDOS, the District of Summerland will be hosting a FREE workshop on Rainwater Capture & Re-Use Techniques on March 24 from

10am-1pm in the lower level of



the Arts Centre (9525 Wharton St). This fun & interactive workshop will help residents learn how to effectively set up and use rain barrels, how to effectively redirect rainwater on your property, and more! Contact climate.action@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4068 for more information or to register.



Free Run for a Few **Months**

Each year, dogs are allowed to be off leash in Peach Orchard Park from October to the end of April.

Dogs must continue to be on leash while on the walkway or playground.