

Flood Recovery Plan

The water level of Okanagan Lake is continuing to decrease and over the last few days has been decreasing by approximately 2cm per day. The District of Summerland has started to implement recovery efforts although a further decrease is required before all flood protection measures can be removed.



The tiger dam at Powell Beach has been removed and staff have initiated clean up of the area. The beach is open although the ground water in the surrounding area is still high. Rotary Beach, the Pier, and the Boat Launch at Peach Orchard have now been opened. Users are reminded to exercise caution as water levels remain above normal and submerged debris could pose a hazard. The spray park will remain closed until lake levels decrease further as it cannot operate with high ground water.

The process of removing the approximately 200,000 sandbags in place throughout the Summerland waterfront has begun. Property owners are reminded not to distribute sand from sandbags into or adjacent to lakes, streams, ponds, or other water sources. This is

in accordance with the province's Water Sustainability Act. Sand must not be added to beaches.

To assist with the removal of sandbags from private property, residents have three options:

- Filled sandbags may be deposited into large disposal bins located at Peach Orchard Beach Park, Landry Crescent, near the campground at Trout Creek, Powell Beach Park, Wharf St. Beach Access, Nixon Road at North Beach Access, Butler Street near the lift Station, Lakeshore N. beach access and Crescent Beach. The District will empty the bins as they become full.
- Residents may also choose to deposit sandbags in front of their property provided they are not on the roadway or blocking any access to property. If residents choose to leave the sandbags in front of their property, they will be picked up, but it may be a few weeks before crews are available for removal. Anyone who wishes the bags to be taken away immediately should deposit them into the large bins as noted above.
- The District of Summerland is in the process of contracting crews to pick up and remove sandbags from individual properties. Over the next week, a site assessment contractor will visit lakefront properties to determine if assistance is required with the removal of the sandbags. The contractor will estimate the number of bags, note the accessibility of the property and request permission from the owner to access the property for sandbag removal.

Please call the District of Summerland's Flood Information line at 250-486-3765 with any questions regarding flood recovery.

A Canadian Leader in Funding Climate Action

The District of Summerland has become the first Canadian governmental body to join the "*Billion Dollar Green Challenge*" network. The Challenge encourages governmental agencies, universities, and other institutions across North America to invest a combined total of one billion dollars in self-managed "green revolving funds" that finance energy and resource efficiency improvements. Details can be found on our website. www.summerland.ca/climate-action

Agricultural Water Utility Update

Agricultural water users are reminded that the District will be issuing invoices by July 21, 2017 for the annual base rate of \$174.95 per acre (0.405 hectare) of arable area. The due date for the annual Irrigation Invoices will be August 29, 2017. A comprehensive Q & A insert will be included with the invoice to help answer any questions users may have.

Inquiries can be directed to David Svetlichny, Director of Finance, dsvetlichny@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4045.

Give Back to your Community

Be a Committee Volunteer

Committee members volunteer their time and expertise and are essential to the success of Council Committees. The District of Summerland currently has openings on the following Committees:

Agricultural Advisory Committee assists Council in an advisory capacity on issues important to the agri-business community including land use and economic development matters with respect to agriculture.

Cultural Development Committee will look at issues/projects relating to arts and culture and provide a local perspective in guiding progress of arts and cultural development within the community.

Parks & Recreation Commission will recommend policies for the use of facilities, review fees, proposals and projects brought forward relating to recreation and leisure activities. Interested applicants are asked to complete an application form (found on our website or at Municipal Hall) and forward it by email to kjones@summerland.ca. Council will review all applications received and decide on appointments.

Planning for Parks and Recreation in Summerland

The District of Summerland is developing a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will serve as a guiding document for the next ten years. The District has contracted a consultant to oversee the plan and is working to gather input. A marketing company (Mustel Research Group) will call 200 residents on a random basis to complete a questionnaire. The questionnaire is also available on the District website for residents to complete and drop off at the Aquatic Centre or Municipal Hall by the extended date of July 28th, 2017. Please provide your input. Inquiries regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan can be directed to Brenda Ingram, Recreation Manager, at 250-404-4084 or by email to bingram@summerland.ca.



Come View the Canada 150 Mural

To celebrate Canada’s 150th, a group of artists set out to create 150 murals representing 150 communities across Canada. In May, Summerland residents painted 310 individual tiles that were put together to form a 9’ x 9’ mural to be displayed as outdoor public art in our community.

Currently, the mural is being displayed inside Municipal Hall on the wall up the stairs from the entrance. A permanent location will be determined by Summerland’s new Cultural Development Committee.

Help the Fight – Recycle Right!

When your recycling is organized correctly, you can be assured it will be properly recycled. When incorrect materials are mixed in or when materials aren’t properly bundled, they can spoil an entire batch, turning what could have been recycled into trash.

Sorting your recycling is an important step to help ensure that materials collected are recycled properly. Proper sorting helps ensure that only materials that can be recycled at a particular facility are collected and sent there. It is wasteful—and dangerous—to transport materials to the wrong place. For example, pressurized cylinders or containers, and aerosol containers with contents remaining can cause fires and explosions in trucks and machinery when they are sent to a facility designed to recycle paper or plastic.

How you organize your materials matters too! Place recyclables loosely in clear or clear blue bags. All items recyclable through the curbside program can be mixed in one bag, other than shredded paper, which must be in a separate securely tied clear plastic bag. Ensure items are empty, dry, and free of debris; remove lids, caps, screw tops, spray pumps, and pull-up tops from containers and place loosely in your recycling bag. Multiple large pieces of flattened cardboard may be bundled together and tied with twine or string and must not exceed 2’ x 3’, no bag required. For more information on recycling in Summerland, visit www.summerland.ca.

Open Fire Ban Now in Effect
Effective July 7, 2017 open fires are prohibited within the District of Summerland. The ban is in effect to protect public safety and to limit the risk of person-caused fires. The ban does not restrict fires in stoves using gas, propane or briquettes. Call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 for more information.



Learn about Plants

In cooperation with the District of Summerland, the Trail of the Okanagans Society has completed a new display of natural plants. It is located at the kiosk on Brown Street. Its purpose is to showcase natural fauna that can be seen along local trails. Plants are labelled so they are identifiable.



Sewer

Main Flushing

The Works Division is performing annual sewer main flushing throughout Summerland from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday for the next three months. This annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains are working properly. Please use caution when driving by Crews working on the road. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

Important - Please Water Wisely
 Summerland is currently in Stage 1 but please keep checking the District website as this could change anytime. The hot weather has caused a heavy demand for water.

 Although there is still a good supply of water available, the Water Treatment Plant has been operating at maximum capacity. If the high volume continues, additional conservation will be required and the District may be forced to open a supplemental line that could cause a boil water notice to be issued.

 The District encourages residents to use water wisely and voluntarily reduce your consumption to avoid the need for further steps. For details, please visit our website www.summerland.ca.