

Power Outages in October—Be Prepared

The District of Summerland has planned two power outages in order to upgrade electrical switches at the Prairie Valley Substation. These porcelain switches break down over time and become brittle and will be replaced with more durable epoxy switches.

To perform this work, two 6 hour power outages will occur in Summerland (excluding Trout Creek, Front Bench and Canyon View areas) as follows:

Sunday morning, October 15, 2017 from 12:01am - 6:00am

Sunday morning, October 22, 2017 from 12:01am - 6:00am

The work must be done and these times are expected to cause the least disruption. Residents are given notice to be prepared.

- Make sure you have working flashlights available, back up alarm clocks and anything else you may need.
- A full freezer should stay cold up to 1-2 days providing the door remains closed. A cooler or fridge will keep food cold for 4 hours.
- Avoid having meat, poultry or fish or other perishable items in your refrigerator during these scheduled times.
- Keep the doors closed as much as possible to keep food cold longer.
- Interior Health recommends food in a fridge should be kept under 4° Celsius and frozen food must be at -18° Celsius. When in doubt, throw it out.



Questions regarding the outage can be directed to Works and Utilities 250-494-0431. More information can be found on our website www.summerland.ca.

Busy Week for Council at UBCM...

Summerland's Mayor, council and CAO attended the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention to participate in workshops and seminars on topics of interest to local government and to meet with provincial cabinet ministers to discuss issues and initiatives specifically related to Summerland.

Mayor Waterman and council met with the Minister of Education where stabilizing funding levels for education in rural communities was stressed.

The importance of continued infrastructure funding programs was discussed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs who also holds the portfolio for Affordable Housing. Council informed the minister that a report on Affordable Housing framework in Summerland will be presented in October.

Council met with the Minister of Agriculture to explain the progress that has been made to date on the proposal for a South Okanagan Agricultural Innovation Centre in Summerland. The Ministry is contributing \$25,000 towards the development of a business plan for that project.

A meeting was held with the Minister of Tourism and Arts & Culture to bring awareness to the economic development benefits the KVR Steam Train brings to Summerland. Council also discussed their investment into the Arts and Culture Centre at the former library site. Support was requested for both of these initiatives vital to Summerland.

The Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and her staff expressed a great deal of interest in Summerland's proposed utility-scale Integrated Solar project and requested more information regarding Summerland's initiative to include an energy storage component to the project.

Council met with the Minister of FLNRO and Rural Development to urge the provincial government to continue the Rural Dividend funding program. Over the past two years, the District has initiated projects such as the Economic Development project (signage, communication and Ag-Tech research) and the first phase of the Integrated Solar Project with funds from this program. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Summerland, the District has an application pending for Giants Head Trails redevelopment. Council was informed that it is expected that the results of this intake of grants will be announced soon.

Additional discussions with provincial staff were held regarding the importance of infrastructure funding for projects such as the Flume Intake and the status of the application for the Giant's Head Road and Infrastructure Improvement project.



Fire Prevention Week October 8—14, 2017

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign,
"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"

Smoke and fire spread fast. It is important that everyone has working smoke alarms in their home and practices a home fire escape plan with everyone in their household **BEFORE** there is a fire. Always have a back up plan in case the first plan is not possible.



HALLOWEEN HAUNT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Advance tickets are \$5.00
Lots of Spooky Fun
Activities!



Visit or call the Recreation Dept. 250 494-0447 for details and tickets. Volunteers are needed for this event.

What's Happening....

Jones Flat and Garnet Valley Water System Separation Project Update

Watermain installation and service connections are continuing on Garnet Valley Road north of Wildhorse and is expected to be complete by mid-October. Paving from the pumphouse up to Wildhorse Road is expected to be completed the first week of October. Following this, road construction will continue north of Wildhorse Road following the watermain installation. The final section of paving from Wildhorse Road to the end of the project limits is expected by the end of October.



Hydrant Flushing



The Works Division is flushing hydrants from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday until the end of October. This annual maintenance ensures that hydrants are in good working condition in case of emergencies. Residents may experience lower than normal water flow for a short period of time when flushing is being performed in your area. This may also cause water to be discoloured, if this occurs, please run a cold water tap or an outside hose until water runs clear. Avoid using your washing machine from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm as discoloured water can stain clothes.

Sewer Main Flushing Continues

The Works Division is performing annual sewer main flushing throughout Summerland from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday until the end of October. This annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains are working properly. Please use caution when driving by Crews working on the road.

Fall Irrigation Shut Off

Irrigation shut off is scheduled to commence Tuesday, October 10, 2017. If you require an extension, please visit the Works and Utilities office at 9215 Cedar Avenue to complete an application form and submit a \$44.00 non-refundable fee (cash or cheque) no later than Friday, October 6, 2017. For further information please call 250-494-0431.

How to Drive in a Roundabout

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:

1

APPROACH

- » REDUCE YOUR SPEED AND CHOOSE YOUR LANE.
- » WATCH FOR ROAD SIGNS.
- » WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AND BE READY TO STOP.

2

YIELD

- » ALWAYS YIELD TO TRAFFIC IN THE ROUNDABOUT.
- » WAIT FOR A SAFE GAP IN THE TRAFFIC, REMEMBERING THAT THOSE IN THE ROUNDABOUT HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

3

ENTER

- » ENTER THE ROUNDABOUT TO YOUR RIGHT.
- » CONTINUE COUNTER-CLOCKWISE UNTIL YOU REACH YOUR EXIT.

4

EXIT

- » USE YOUR RIGHT TURN SIGNAL BEFORE EXITING.
- » WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

TIP: NEVER STOP IN A ROUNDABOUT UNLESS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REQUIRE IT.

These instructions are from ICBC and the Ministry of Transportation.

The Summerland Telephone &

Business Directory is a joint initiative of the Summerland Chamber of Commerce and the Summerland Rotary Club. The Rotary Club will be calling to verify listings for the 2018 Directory. Any changes can be done by completing the form on the back page of the Directory or by email to visitors@summerlandchamber.com.

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Emergency Social Services (ESS) team played a significant role in providing support to those who were affected by the Finlay Creek Wildfire. John Topham and his team provide an invaluable service and are much appreciated by the District of Summerland.

The ESS team would like to send out a big thank you to all the local businesses and residents that helped during the fire with supplies, accommodations and volunteering time. Their assistance was a huge help to ESS. What a great community we have!

Keep Your Curbside Recycling Styrofoam Free

Styrofoam is **not** accepted in the curbside recycling program; however, it is accepted for free at the Summerland Landfill. Be sure to **not** include styrofoam in your curbside materials, as it can cause Recycle BC to throw out the entire load due to it being "contaminated." Styrofoam contains polystyrene which is flammable and contains a multitude of harmful chemicals, making it one of the most challenging items to recycle or reuse.

Bring your styrofoam, glass, and soft plastics to the Summerland Landfill for free. Visit summerland.ca or recyclebc.ca for more information.

October 16 - 22 is Waste Reduction Week

Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national environmental campaign that builds awareness around issues of sustainable and responsible consumption, encourages choice for more environmentally responsible products/services, and promotes actions that divert more waste from disposal. Stay tuned to summerland.ca/climateaction for details on activities happening in Summerland this Waste Reduction Week.

It's Cool to Pool!

Every day in Canada, there are over 30 million empty seats in vehicles travelling to work.

Carpooling can save you money, make your commute less stressful, help protect the environment, and keep you safe (drivers tend to drive more cautiously when there's a passenger in their vehicle!). Carpool week is October 23-27. Check out carpool.ca to find out how you can get started carpooling today, and be entered to win fantastic prizes!

