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## Media Release

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### Summerland Community Recreation & Health Centre – Online Public Open House & Public Survey

There are two opportunities now open for the public to participate in the Summerland Community Recreation & Health Centre – Needs Assessment project.

The District of Summerland is planning for the replacement of the Aquatic and Fitness Centre and exploring the potential of the inclusion of a Primary Care Health Centre. Planning a new recreation facility only happens every 40 to 50 years - community participation now will set the direction for the rest of the project.

A **Public Open House** will be hosted through an online Zoom Webinar on **September 24**. Attendees can join in at 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Each session will be kicked off with a brief introduction and then followed by a facilitated discussion to obtain feedback and answer questions. Comments will be recorded on a digital pin-up board that will be shared with both attendees and the public.

Pre-register for the Public Open House at [www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre](http://www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre)

The **Public Survey** is also now available online until October 4.

“This is a considerable undertaking of the District of Summerland and Council is very excited to see the community engagement get underway,” said Mayor Toni Boot. “We are very much looking forward to hearing what wishes and needs residents have, and encourage everyone—young and young-at-heart—to add their ideas. If your family is not able to gather around the computer to participate at one of the Zoom webinars, please voice your thoughts through the public survey.”

Feedback will be collected on what the community values about the existing Aquatic and Fitness Centre and what needs and priorities should be the focus for the future. A range of possibilities including aquatics, indoor recreation, healthcare, and other community services will be explored.

Email [recreation@summerland.ca](mailto:recreation@summerland.ca) to request to be added to the email list to receive project updates. Visit [www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre](http://www.summerland.ca/rec-and-health-centre) for more information for the project.

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