



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – November 12, 2025

COTW – Development Cost Charges (DCC) and Amenity Cost Charges (ACC) Presentation – Council received a presentation on DCC/ACC, outlining the rewrite of Summerland’s 20-year-old Development Cost Charges (DCC) Bylaw and exploring the feasibility of an Amenity Cost Charges (ACC) Bylaw. The project began in September 2025 and is scheduled for completion in fall 2026, with staff and consultants preparing preliminary project lists and growth projections. The update aims to align with provincial legislation, best practices, and Council’s strategic priority to balance costs between new development and existing ratepayers. The report confirmed the project is on budget at \$150,000, funded through the Growing Communities Grant Reserve.

Delegation – Okanagan Valley Goose Management Program – Council received a presentation from the Okanagan Valley Goose Management Program, which addressed long-standing issues caused by resident nonmigratory Canada geese in the region. Council was informed that the Okanagan Regional Goose Management Committee (ORGMC) had implemented coordinated efforts since the mid-1990s, including egg addling, habitat modification, hazing techniques, and public education campaigns. Over 25,000 eggs have been addled across 19 seasons, and various deterrence methods have been used to reduce environmental and public health impacts. The presentation concluded with a discussion on ongoing challenges, such as population growth, access to private lands, and the need for expanded regional collaboration.

Capital Projects Update - Council received an update on three major capital projects in Summerland: the Wharton Street Revitalization, Prairie Valley Road and Watermain Upgrades, and the Primary Clarifier. At the time of reporting, Wharton Street was 74% complete and progressing within budget, with significant underground and surface infrastructure already finished. The Prairie Valley Road project was substantially complete, with final cleanup underway and costs nearing the budget ceiling. The Primary Clarifier project had reached 37% completion, remained on scope and schedule, and was expected to finish underground work before winter conditions set in.

Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database – Council resolved to register eight District of Summerland parks with the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database (CPCAD). The approved parks met federal criteria for long-term biodiversity conservation and were reviewed in collaboration with BC Nature. The approved parks include Adam’s Bird Sanctuary, Cartwright Avenue neighbourhood parkland, Mount Conkle Park, Giant’s Head Mountain and Little Giant’s Head Mountain Parks, Laundry Parkland, Living Memorial Park, Priest Camp Historic Park, and Woodbridge Nature Preserve. This action supports Canada’s national 30x30 conservation commitment and aligned with Summerland’s strategic priorities and cultural values.

Delegation – Lakeshore Raquet Club – A representative from the Lakeshore Raquet Club (LRC) presented to Council a proposal to build a two-court indoor tennis facility in Summerland, known as a “Tennis Bubble”. The LRC outlined the need for year-round tennis access due to climate challenges and growing youth interest, and emphasized their role as a long-standing, volunteer-run non-profit serving the community. The proposed \$1.2 million “tennis bubble” project was shown to be feasible, with funding sources including Tennis Canada grant funding, provincial grant funding, private donations, and a request for \$125,000 from the District of Summerland. Council was informed that the facility would offer public access opportunities and economic benefits, and that the project aligns with recreation and community development goals. Council noted that consideration of the request will occur during 2026 Budget Deliberations.

Bottleneck Drive Association - Signage Change Request and Policy Changes – Council approved amendments to the District of Summerland Bottleneck Drive Signage Policy as requested Bottleneck Drive Association. The amendments to the policy will permit new signage for Bottleneck Drive, including new design and logo to create better continuity, wayfinding and unity of Bottleneck Drive routes, as well as a revised signage locations. The Association will be required to obtain general liability insurance as part of the policy. The Policy is intended to allow tourism initiatives that promote the agriculture and wine industry in Summerland as part of the Bottleneck Drive Association. Summerland wineries, cideries, distilleries and vinegar works are part of this Association, and signage is currently used in Summerland to denote their locations and provide directional wayfinding for visitors.

Drought Conditions in the Okanagan – Council resolved to declare that the District of Summerland has entered a Drought Level 4 (Extremely Dry Conditions) in accordance with the Summerland Drought Response Plan as a pre-emptive action due to the historically low water storage levels in the Trout Creek Watershed. Staff advised Council by regularly monitoring headwaters snowpacks and reservoir levels, it has been determined levels in the reservoirs have fallen below what is considered the Lower Limit for full refill next year and recommended to move to the Drought Level 4 to help the reservoirs recuperate and to prevent a possible water shortage scenario in Spring 2026. More information on what it means to be in Drought Level 4, associated water restrictions and what you can do to help, visit here: <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/utilities/water/water-restrictions>.

Rise and Report – October 29, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meetings – Proposed 2026 Utility Operating and Capital Budgets – Council confirmed resolutions made by Council in Committee during the October 29, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the 2026 Utility Operating and Capital Budgets. Key decisions included canceling the property insurance policy for the Solar and Storage Battery Site (self insuring the site as a business decision), resulting in savings of \$17,500.00 in the Electrical Utility Operating Budget, removing \$700,000 for PCCP testing and replacement project from the Water Utility Capital Plan, and approving the following utility rate increases: 5.73% for sewer, 6.22% for electric, and 6.77% for water. These increases include contributions to asset management reserves, operational costs, and initial debenture interest payments.



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