



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## District of Summerland – December 2, 2025

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**Capital Projects Update** - Council received an update on major capital projects showing strong progress. The Wharton Street Revitalization was nearly complete at 94%, with new paving, utility upgrades, and landscaping largely finished; final touches such as washroom installation and decorative lighting are scheduled for early January. Veteran’s Memorial Square was also completed, featuring seating areas, planting, and a busking stage. Work continues on the Primary Clarifier project, which has reached 46% completion with key concrete pours finished and installation of the clarifier mechanism planned next. Both projects are tracking within approved budgets, and staff remained focused on timely delivery to minimize community impacts.

**Delegation – Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS)** – A representative from the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) reported on the District of Summerland’s invasive plant management progress for 2025. The presentation highlighted significant reductions in surveyed and treated areas, with surveys down 40% and treatments down 45%, and noted that no invasive plants were found at 27% of sites. The update included ongoing community engagement through newsletters, events, and landowner outreach, as well as efforts to manage invasive tree species, which slightly increased in coverage. A demonstration site showcased successful restoration work, reinforcing the importance of continued monitoring and treatment.

**Development Services Report (August to October 2025)** – Council received an update on Planning and Development activities for August to October 2025. Highlights included progress on the Okanagan Food and Innovation Hub, which met key Agricultural Land Commission conditions and advanced to the building permit stage, and two public open houses for the Official Community Plan review that drew over 80 participants and informed the next draft. October was the busiest month for new applications, while overall application volumes were lower than previous years, though building permit values reached a record \$93.9 million. Bylaw Services reported a sharp increase in enforcement activity with 454 files opened, addressing traffic and parking issues, along with Good Neighbour complaints and sign violations. Staff also coordinated with provincial agencies to close the Verity Street encampment, successfully connecting several individuals to housing and support services.

**Note:** These highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings. The summary is not inclusive of all, agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff

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