



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – July 28, 2026

Delegation – SOS Healthcare Society – Council received a presentation from the South Okanagan Similkameen (SOS) Health Care Society regarding the proposed Summerland Community Clinic Project; a \$1.8 million initiative aimed at increasing access to primary care and addressing physician recruitment challenges in the community. The project would establish a new primary care clinic with capacity for 6 to 7 providers, support the attachment of currently unattached patients, and help bring health care services back to Summerland residents who are receiving care elsewhere. Council heard that fundraising is underway with strong support from regional partners, and that the Society is seeking municipal support as it works toward renovations beginning in late 2026 and opening the clinic in 2027. Specifically, the Society is seeking District support for 1) approval of a permissive tax exemption (PTE) for the property 2) waiving permit fees and 3) to prioritize those permits. Council indicated that the appropriate process for a PTE is through the separate PTE process for that purpose. Council directed to Staff bring a report back for Council consideration at a future meeting regarding the permitting requests, along with advice on entering a draft partnership agreement previously shared with the District.

Fire Department – Q2 Update – Council received a quarterly update from the Summerland Fire Department covering second-quarter activities in 2026. The presentation highlighted that incident response, training, permit activity, and property inspections remained consistent with previous years, while public education efforts increased, including FireSmart home inspection events. Council also heard about a June grass fire response and received an update on the successful FireSmart and Emergency Services Open House held on July 11, to help promote wildfire preparedness and community safety awareness.

RCMP Update - Council received an update from the RCMP on policing activity and crime statistics in Summerland. The presentation noted that calls for service increased by 10% in the first quarter of 2026 compared with the same period in 2025, while overall violent crime and property crime levels remained relatively stable or declined in several categories. Council also heard that recent property crime statistics showed decreases in incidents such as mischief to property and vehicle thefts, although some categories, including residential break-ins and thefts from vehicles, saw increases. The RCMP continues to monitor crime trends and target enforcement and prevention efforts to address emerging issues in the community and will be filling vacant positions in the department soon which will bring the detachment to nearly full compliment.

Bylaw Enforcement – Q2 Update and Q3 Planned Focus – Council received the second-quarter update from the Bylaw Enforcement Department outlining enforcement activities, complaint trends, and priorities for the coming months. The update highlighted ongoing proactive patrols in parks and public

spaces, enforcement related to public safety and community concerns, and continued outreach and support efforts for unhoused individuals. Council also heard that traffic, public space, parks, and Good Neighbour bylaw matters represented the largest categories of complaints during the quarter. An update was provided on the long-standing enforcement file at 7311 Hillborn Street, where compliance measures have positively resulted in the removal of unpermitted structures that were considered unsafe and the resolution of illegal occupancy.

2026 Late Grant in Aid Request - Council approved a late 2026 Grant-in-Aid request from the Summerland Junior B Hockey Society to assist with costs associated with the inaugural season of the Summerland Jets. Council approved \$11,852.18, in funds to subsidize the rental fees for the use of the arena for goaltending practice, for regular team practices and waiving the development permit and tipping fees for the trailer renovation, up to a maximum of \$2,000. The Society clarified that these requests are to support their start up in the first year or two, only. Through its presentation, the Society highlighted the team's commitment to youth mentorship, volunteer initiatives, community partnerships, and local economic development, as well as planned investments in arena facilities and game-day experiences. Council's approval recognizes the potential community benefits of the new franchise and supports the Society's efforts to establish a long-term, community-focused junior hockey program in Summerland.

Capital Projects Update - Council received an update on the District's 2026 Major Paving Program. Staff reported that paving work on Harris Road, Prairie Valley Road, and a portion of Switchback Road has been completed on schedule and have come in under budget. With the remaining funds, Council directed Staff to proceed with additional resurfacing projects including Lewes Avenue (first 160 metres, south of Hillborn Street), and further portions of Switchback Road. The Lewes Avenue improvements will be 2/3 funded by \$40,000 previously received from a small land sale in the area, a portion of which was earmarked for future road surface improvements. Temporary resurfacing compounds for parts of Front Bench Road and Hespeler Road may also proceed dependent on remaining budget. Council also heard that staff continue to actively manage major infrastructure projects through established procurement and project management practices while maintaining regular communication with residents and businesses impacted by construction activities.

June 2026 Monthly Development Services Report – Council received the June 2026 Development Services Report, which provided an overview of planning, building, and development activity in the community. Staff reported that development application volumes in 2026 are tracking at a similar pace to 2025, with an increase in rezoning applications indicating potential future growth, while work continues on major planning initiatives including implementation of the newly adopted Official Community Plan and updates to the Development Cost Charges Bylaw. Council also heard that 18 building permits valued at approximately \$2.8 million were issued in June, and received updates on several significant construction projects, including affordable housing developments and the Okanagan Food and Innovation Hub.

Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2026-012 – Adoption – Council adopted Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 2026-012. The Bylaw received the required approval from the Provincial Inspector of Municipalities on July 15, 2026. Adoption of the Bylaw will modernize the District's Development Cost Charges (DCC) program, balancing the need to support development while funding the necessary



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infrastructure growth in the community ensuring that new development contributes appropriately to growth related costs. The Bylaw provides for a gradual phased assist factor, beginning at 50% and reducing annually by 10% to a minimum of 1%. The Bylaw will take effect January 1, 2027.

Notice of Motion – Peach Orchard Off-Leash Dog Park Area Allocated for Small Dogs – Council first approved waiving the required notice period to consider a motion brought forward by Councillor Patan regarding a temporary area for small dogs within the Peach Orchard Off-Leash Dog Park. The motion was introduced in response to feedback from users of the dog park and proposed a temporary trial using District-owned fencing to create a designated small dog area within the 1-acre park. Signage will be posted during the trial, and dog park users are encouraged to provide feedback to recreation@summerland.ca to help inform any future decisions regarding the space.

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 reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the District of Summerland website at <https://www.summerland.ca> or contact Corporate Services at 250-404-4037.



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