



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – September 29, 2026

August and September 1st – 15th, 2026 Monthly Development Services Report – Council received the August and September 1 to 15, 2026 Development Services Report, which outlined current development activity, building permit trends, and ongoing planning applications throughout the community. Development Services staff continued to support recovery efforts following the Bald Range Wildfire, including community re-entry, damage assessments, recovery planning, and operating the Recovery Centre. Council also supported wildfire recovery by reducing a number of development-related fees by 50% and waiving Property Information Request fees for affected residents. Despite a slower August due to wildfire impacts, development activity remained active, with several rezoning, subdivision, and development permit applications progressing, and building permit activity showing a strong rebound in September.

Bald Range Wildfire Recovery – Bylaw Enforcement Procedures Policy Amendment – Camping and Shipping Container Uses - Council approved amendments to the District's Bylaw Enforcement Procedures Policy to support residents recovering from the 2026 Bald Range Wildfire. The amendments temporarily defer enforcement of certain zoning and sewer regulations, allowing eligible property owners who lost their homes to use recreational vehicles as temporary accommodation while rebuilding. Council also approved a temporary deferment of shipping container restrictions to provide additional storage for properties affected by wildfire damage. These recovery measures will remain in effect until December 31, 2028, subject to eligibility requirements and ongoing rebuilding activity.

Rise and Report – Bald Range Wildfire Utility Credit Options – At its September 8, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council endorsed several measures to support residents affected by the Bald Range Wildfire. These recommendations were formally adopted by Council on September 29, 2026. Utility invoices will be suspended for properties lost in the wildfire until District utility services are required again, and billing adjustments were approved for affected accounts, including the removal of the water allotment threshold for the August 2026 billing cycle and a \$23.22 credit for active electricity accounts. These measures are intended to provide financial relief and support the community's ongoing recovery efforts.

Proposed Regulatory Change to Permit Food Processing Facilities in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) – Referral Response – Council approved a referral response to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food regarding proposed regulatory changes that would expand food processing opportunities within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). Council expressed support for increasing food processing capacity to strengthen food security and support local agriculture, while also highlighting the need to protect productive agricultural land and consider impacts on local governments and farming operations. The

referral response included recommendations related to local sourcing requirements, soil classifications, servicing considerations, and municipal enforcement authority. Council directed staff to submit the response to help inform the Province's review of the proposed changes

Servicing Officer Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-015 Adoption - Council adopted the Servicing Officer Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-015, which expands the categories of municipal employees who may be designated as a Servicing Officer for the District. The amendment adds flexibility by allowing Council to appoint other municipal employees to the role as needed. Following adoption of the bylaw, Council appointed Bobby Williamson, Manager of Planning, as the District's Servicing Officer. The changes support the administration of development and subdivision matters and help ensure efficient delivery of municipal services.

Financial Plan (2026-2030) Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-014 – Adoption - Council adopted Financial Plan (2026-2030) Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-014, updating the District's financial plan to reflect changes approved since the original bylaw was adopted earlier this year. The amendment revises the District's five-year financial plan to incorporate updated revenues, expenditures, capital projects, reserve transfers, and borrowing projections. Adopting the amendment ensures the District's financial planning remains current and aligned with Council decisions and legislative requirements under the Community Charter. These updates support transparent and responsible financial management for the community.

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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