



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – May 5, 2026

Delegation – Summerland Museum and Archives Society – Council received a presentation from representatives from the Summerland Museum and Archives Society outlining a planned multi-phase renewal project intended to support the long-term sustainability of the Museum. The presentation highlighted Phase 1 renovations, including interior upgrades, improved secure artifact storage, a renovated lobby with visitor-serving functions, and a covered loading dock designed to meet museum standards. Council was informed that the project is construction-ready and partially funded through grants, waived fees, and Museum reserves. The Museum is requesting Council support to match existing funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 to achieve the total Phase 1 requirements of \$600,000.00.

Delegation – BC Transit – BC Transit provided an overview of the South Okanagan Transit System fare review to Council, which outlined current fare structures, potential policy changes, and the upcoming review timeline. The presentation highlighted key considerations such as affordability, equity, ridership growth, and the use of new fare technology. Council received the information for awareness, with BC Transit continuing its review and public engagement process before returning with proposed recommendations at a later date.

2025 Audited Financial Statements – Council received a presentation on the District of Summerland’s 2025 audited financial statements and the independent audit results from BDO Canada LLP. Council was advised that the audit resulted in an unmodified (clean) opinion, confirming the statements fairly represent the District’s financial position in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The District ended 2025 with a stable and improving financial position, including net financial assets of approximately \$8.4 million and continued significant investment in capital infrastructure.

2026 Route 30 Expansion Options – Staff presented potential expansion options for the BC Transit Route 30 between Summerland and Penticton, including possible deviations to improve service to Lower Town and the waterfront area. After reviewing the options, Council received the report for information and supported maintaining the current Route 30 routing at this time, noting the additional costs, service hour impacts, and operational challenges associated with any potential changes to existing routing. Council acknowledged BC Transit’s recommendation to continue promoting the existing on-request service to Lower Town as an interim measure. Future changes may be reconsidered through BC Transit’s expansion planning process if funding and service priorities evolve.

Policy 600.2 Auxiliary Firefighter Remuneration – Council approved amendments to Policy 600.2 – Auxiliary Firefighter Remuneration to better reflect current pay practices, training requirements, and provincial standards. The updated policy modernizes incident and training pay rates, introduces new

compensation levels tied to NFPA Firefighter II and Emergency Vehicle Operator qualifications, and removes outdated provisions such as the standby rate. Approved amendments additionally aligned court-duty compensation with the provincial minimum wage to ensure ongoing compliance with Employment Standards. These amendments recognize the increased training demands on auxiliary firefighters and align Summerland's compensation practices with comparable fire departments, with budget already being approved through the 2026 financial plan.

Capital Projects Update – Council received an update on current capital projects outlining progress on major infrastructure investments underway in the community. Council was advised that both the Victoria Road and Watermain Upgrades and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier project are progressing as planned and remain within approved budget parameters, with active project management in place to address timelines and construction impacts. Council acknowledged ongoing efforts to communicate with residents and businesses during construction and affirmed the importance of timely project delivery to protect core infrastructure and essential services. These updates will continue to be provided as projects move toward completion later in 2026.

March 2026 Monthly Development Services Report – Council received for information the March 2026 Development Services Monthly Report, including a detailed overview of development applications currently in progress. Council was advised that development activity during the first quarter of 2026 was slower compared to previous years, while staff continue to manage a wide range of applications, major policy initiatives, and ongoing construction projects across the community. Building activity remained steady in March, with 15 permits issued valued at approximately \$7.4 million, and several significant projects continuing to advance. Council acknowledged the report as an important transparency tool to keep the public informed on planning, development, and construction activity in Summerland.

Rise and Report – April 14, 2026 Closed Session – Garnet Valley Agri-Tourism Association – At the April 14, 2026 Closed Session, Council approved \$6,600.00 in funding to support the Garnet Valley Agri-Tourism Association's legal challenge related to the Garnet Valley gravel pit and directing staff to bring forward a financial plan amendment to fund this request. As this decision has been acted on, the resolution may be released from the Closed Session.

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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