



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – June 16, 2026

Mayor’s Report – Agricultural Municipalities Initiative – The Mayor’s report outlined a proposed Agricultural Municipality Initiative (AMI) to advocate for provincial funding support for communities with significant agricultural land bases. The presentation highlighted that infrastructure costs to service Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) areas significantly exceed the limited tax revenue generated from those lands, placing pressure on local taxpayers. The AMI concept would mirror the successful Resort Municipality Initiative, providing dedicated funding to help municipalities maintain critical infrastructure that supports agriculture and food security. The report also identified a group of similar municipalities across British Columbia that may participate in a coordinated advocacy effort, with next steps including further analysis, collaboration, and engagement with the Province.

Capital Projects Update – Council received the Capital Projects Update report for information, with staff noting that major infrastructure work is progressing as planned. The Victoria Road and Watermain Upgrades project is approximately 90% complete, ahead of schedule, and within budget, with completion anticipated by the end of June. Staff noted that the remaining line painting work will be complete this week and that Staff will work with the contractor to clean up any remaining small deficiency items. These updates highlight the District’s continued investment in maintaining and improving essential infrastructure for the community.

2025 Statement of Financial Information – Council approved the District of Summerland’s 2025 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) and authorized its submission to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs in accordance with provincial requirements. The report provides annual disclosure of key financial information, including employee remuneration, expenses, and other statutory schedules, supporting transparency and accountability in municipal operations. The SOFI will be made publicly available on the District’s website for community access.

2025 Annual Report – Council received the District of Summerland’s 2025 Annual Report, which includes audited financial statements and a comprehensive overview of municipal services, operations, and progress toward Council’s strategic objectives. The report was made publicly available in accordance with legislative requirements, providing residents with an opportunity to review and comment on the District’s performance and financial position. Council noted that no public feedback was received during the review period and affirmed the report as an important tool for transparency and accountability.

Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2026-008 - Council adopted the Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2026-008 “Growing Forward 2046: Summerland’s Official Community Plan”. The OCP describes the community’s goals and long-term vision for the District of Summerland and is the principal plan that

guides other municipal plans. Through policy, the OCP leads the District in making decisions related to how land is used for housing, transportation, parks, environmental protection, economic development, and more. The updated OCP reflects extensive public engagement and inter-agency collaboration, and will guide long-term growth, housing, infrastructure, and environmental planning in Summerland through 2046.

April & May 2026 Monthly Development Services Report – Council received the April and May 2026 Development Services Monthly Report for information, providing an update on planning, permitting, and development activity in the community. Development activity remains steady in early 2026, with modest increases in rezoning applications indicating potential future growth, while overall application levels remain below previous years. Building permit activity showed mixed trends, with fewer permits issued compared to 2025 but higher construction values driven by larger projects, including a new agricultural facility. Council also noted continued progress on several major construction projects, including affordable housing developments, the Food and Innovation Hub, and a new childcare facility. The report highlights ongoing development activity and supports transparency by keeping the public informed on growth and construction across Summerland.

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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