

### Summerland Pier enhancements officially recognized

**SUMMERLAND** – The District of Summerland Council and the Summerland Rotary Club officially celebrate the completion of enhancements to Summerland’s iconic pier today.

The Summerland Pier was rebuilt in 2024 due to the deterioration of the wood pilings and was funded by the Provincial Government’s Growing Communities Fund.

The Summerland Rotary Club saw an opportunity to take the pier to the next level by adding special features for further enjoyment of the pier experience. After many fundraising initiatives, the Club raised \$200,000 which covered the expenses for:

- slide
- five benches
- deep water staircase for improved access out of the water
- lighting along both sides of pier
- public access life-ring
- buoys around the end of pier to reduce conflicts with motorized watercraft

All the pier enhancements have been completed and are available for the residents and the visiting public for generations to come.

Upgrades to the entrance area of the pier (shade trees and a sitting area) will be completed later this year.

#### Quotes:

*“The pier replacement was a key project in Council’s published strategic priorities and is part of a larger effort to revitalize the Summerland waterfront. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of local Rotarians, we have been able to make enhancements to the pier that will make it a special place for generations to come. The Summerland Rotary Club is a valued partner and Council is proud to work with them on projects that make our community a better place for everyone.”*

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

*“The Rotary Club of Summerland has always believed this pier is more than a dock — it’s where our community gathers, where kids play, and where memories are made. When the opportunity arose to do more than a basic replacement, our members and this incredible community rose to the occasion, raising over \$200,000 through our Fly a Canadian Flag Project, Rotary Sunday Market, 50/50 raffles, and the generous support of Summerlanders who care deeply about this place. The popular slide, seating, and waterfront features — all of it reflects what’s possible when a community invests in itself. We’re deeply honoured to have played a part in bringing this pier back to life, and even more honoured by the generosity of everyone who made it happen.”*

~ Paul Barber, President, Rotary Club of Summerland

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**5 photos enclosed**



*From left to right: Connie Denesiuk (Rotary Club), Deputy Mayor Erin Trainer, Councillor Richard Barkwill, Mayor Doug Holmes, Councillor Adrienne Betts, Councillor Janet Peake, Brenda Hamilton (Rotary Club), Jo Ann Hildebrandt (Rotary Club), and Paul Barber (Rotary Club).*



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