

Bald Range Wildfire – Council Approves Additional Recovery Measures

SUMMERLAND – During the September 8 and September 29, 2026 Council meetings, the District of Summerland approved temporary measures to support residents and property owners recovering and rebuilding following the 2026 Bald Range Wildfire.

Fee Reductions and Waivers

On September 8, 2026, Council endorsed temporary fee reductions and waivers for eligible properties where structures or buildings were damaged or destroyed as a result of the Bald Range Wildfire.

The approved measures include:

- A **50% reduction** in Development Permit and Development Variance Permit fees.
- A **50% reduction** in Building Permit, Demolition Permit and Plumbing Permit fees.
- A **100% waiver** of Property Information Request fees.
- A **100% waiver** of Demolition Permit security deposits.
- Prioritization of permit applications related to rebuilding structures and buildings directly affected by the wildfire.

These fee reductions and waivers are subject to established conditions and limitations.

Recreational Vehicles and Shipping Containers

On September 29, 2026, Council approved amendments to the District of Summerland's Bylaw Enforcement Procedures Policy to further support residents recovering from the wildfire. The amendments include:

- Temporarily deferring enforcement of certain zoning and sewer regulations, allowing eligible property owners who lost their homes to use recreational vehicles as temporary accommodation while rebuilding.
- Temporarily deferring certain shipping container restrictions, providing affected property owners with additional storage options while recovering from wildfire damage and rebuilding.

These temporary recovery measures will remain in effect until **December 31, 2028**, subject to eligibility requirements and ongoing rebuilding activity.

For more information on the District of Summerland's Bald Range Wildfire recovery efforts, including eligibility requirements and available recovery measures, please visit: <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/eoc/bald-range-wildfire-home/bald-range-wildfire---re-entry>

The District recognizes that recovery and rebuilding following a wildfire is a significant undertaking. These temporary measures are intended to provide additional flexibility and support to eligible property owners while rebuilding their homes and properties.

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