



The waterfront is the place to be on hot summer days to enjoy outdoor activities and the cooling breeze from Okanagan Lake. While recreational amenities at the Summerland waterfront had been showing signs of age and not fully accommodating the community’s increasingly diverse needs, incremental investments made over the last four years have improved safety and accessibility and provided more amenities to draw people to the lake.

Big projects like the rebuilding of the pier with enhanced features, new playground with a zipline, and the off-leash dog park have rightly received a lot of attention. However, smaller details have also added up to make the waterfront safer, more accessible, and enjoyable for everyone. These initiatives include year-round public washrooms, mobility mats at the beaches and a mobility chair at Rotary Beach, lifejacket loaner stations, automated external defibrillator (AED) station, goose-deterrent lights to help keep the beaches clean, landscaping, signage, and expanded parking.

Guided by a Waterfront Concept Plan endorsed by Summerland Council in 2022, the culminative effect of the investments – large and small – has resulted in a remarkable revival of the Summerland lakeshore into a hub of activity while retaining traditional characteristics. There has never been a better time to come on down and enjoy our magnificent waterfront.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Ongoing Projects

Paving projects are underway—Harris Road has recently been paved from Fulton Street to Newton Road. District crews also installed new drainage infrastructure along this section to maximize the lifespan of the asphalt by directing stormwater to a catch basin (pictured right).



Prairie Valley Road near Lister Ave

Roadwork is also taking place on Prairie Valley Road (pictured left) and Switchback Road. Please follow the direction of Traffic Controllers when travelling through these work zones.



Harris Road before paving



Harris Road after paving & storm drainage improvements

Giant’s Head Mountain Park Road CLOSED to Vehicle Traffic!

Effective July 10, 2026, and until further notice, Giant’s Head Mountain Park Road is closed to vehicle traffic. This closure is in effect to protect public safety and to limit the risk of person-caused fires. The Fire Department thanks the public for their co-operation in complying with this closure.



Campfire Ban In Effect

Effective at noon (12:00 PM) on Friday, July 10, 2026 and until further notice, campfires are prohibited within the District of Summerland. This campfire ban is in effect to protect public safety and to limit the risk of person-caused fires. Due to extreme temperatures, dry conditions and the high-extreme fire danger rating, the campfire ban will remain in effect until further notice. This ban does not restrict fires in stoves, barbeques or portable campfire rings utilizing gas, propane, or briquettes.



Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a ticket up to \$2,000. In addition, if the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be responsible for all firefighting and associated costs.

The Fire Department thanks the public for their co-operation in complying with the ban. For more information: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/kamloops-fire-centre-bans.

Agricultural User Meter Readings

Agricultural users are reminded that Summerland is currently in Drought Level 3 – Very Dry Conditions. Under Level 3 restrictions, agricultural, cemetery, park, playfield, and golf course allocations are reduced from 800 mm to 640 mm, while greenhouse allocations are reduced from 1,727 mm to 1,382 mm. To help users track their water use, the District has launched a new [Irrigation Consumption Tracker](#). Simply enter your irrigation meter number to view your current usage. Monthly consumption reports will continue to be available on the District website. To access agricultural water information, including monthly consumption reports, 2026 rates, and current drought levels, click [here](#).

Annual irrigation invoices were mailed at the end of July.

For questions, please contact the Finance Department at finance@summerland.ca or call the District office.

Keeping Our Boulevards Safe and Accessible

The District appreciates the pride residents take in maintaining their properties and helping keep our neighbourhoods attractive. As landscaping projects continue, we'd like to remind homeowners that road boulevards are part of the public road right-of-way and play an important role in keeping our streets safe and functional.

Placing large rocks, boulders, hedges, decorative features, or other obstacles within the boulevard can create a number of safety and maintenance concerns, including:

- Damage to vehicles that accidentally leave the roadway.
- Reduced visibility for motorists at driveways and intersections.
- Less room for emergency vehicles or motorists to safely pull off the road.
- Limited space for pedestrians to walk safely where sidewalks are not available.
- Potential damage to landscaping from snow removal and road maintenance equipment, which requires adequate operating space.
- Interference with roadside drainage and the movement of stormwater.
- Could interfere with emergency access to property.

Before placing landscaping features within or adjacent to a boulevard, residents are encouraged to consider these safety and maintenance impacts and ensure their landscaping complies with District bylaws.

District Bylaws

Residents are reminded that the [Traffic Bylaw](#) requires authorization before undertaking work within the public road right-of-way and prohibits placing materials or objects that may obstruct traffic or create hazards.

The [Good Neighbour Bylaw](#) also includes requirements regarding landscaping within boulevards and places restrictions on the placement of rocks, hedges, larger gravel, and other materials adjacent to roads, curbs, and sidewalks to help protect public safety and municipal infrastructure.

If a Bylaw Officer contacts you regarding landscaping within the boulevard, we appreciate your cooperation in addressing the concern. Working together helps ensure our roads remain safe, accessible, and easy to maintain for everyone. For more information and complete wording of these bylaws, please visit the District’s website www.summerland.ca.

Thank you for helping keep Summerland a safe and welcoming community.

Residential Water Restrictions

We are currently in Stage 1 Water Restrictions

STAGE 1 – Three times a week watering

Even Numbered – if your house number ends in a 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 – a person may use their sprinkler to water lawns, trees, and shrubs on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday only.

Odd Numbered – if your house number ends in a 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 – a person may use their sprinkler to water lawns, trees, and shrubs on Saturday, Monday and Thursday only.

You may use micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shut-off nozzle to water trees, shrubs or vegetables on any day, at any time.

Tune up your irrigation

Water works better when paired with a properly running irrigation system. Fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads. Reduce run times when weather is cooler. Don't know how? Go with a certified irrigation pro!

Make Water Work is a valley-wide campaign that encourages residents to conserve water, reduce outdoor water use, and take the online pledge to support Summerland's standing as a water-wise community. When you take the pledge, you'll be entered to win a \$500 gift card from a local Make Water Work partner and a \$500 Visa gift card to help WaterWise your landscape. Take the pledge makewaterwork.ca/pledge.

Living In Wildlife Country

WildSafeBC recommends that residents walk around their property at least once a year to review how they can reduce providing habitat to potential conflict species. Remove or secure attractants:

- Do not store garbage, food scraps, or other organic waste outdoors. Put curbside carts out on collection morning (no earlier than 5:00 AM), never the night before. Ensure recyclables are clean.
- Protect fruit trees with electric fencing or pick fruit early and remove windfall promptly.
- Avoid feeding birds during bear season (April to November). Keep feeders inaccessible to bears and other wildlife, and do not allow seed to accumulate on the ground.
- Feed pets indoors and keep them inside at night.
- Keep barbecues clean by burning off food residue and emptying grease containers.

You can report all wildlife encounters to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or visit www.wildsafebc.com to learn more!

Fall into Fun With Summerland Recreation

Discover a season full of opportunities to move, learn, and connect—from swim lessons to yoga to tots dance and so much more, there's something for every age and stage! Whether you're trying something new or returning to a favourite activity, our online fall recreation guide is your destination for an active and healthy fall. Browse the guide and register early as popular programs fill quickly. Registration is available online at summerland.perfectmind.com, in person at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre or via phone 250-494-0447.



Summerland Aquatic and Fitness Centre

Annual Maintenance Shut Down

The Summerland Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be shut down from **August 22-September 7** for annual cleaning and maintenance. Both the pool and gym will be closed during this time.

Voyent Alert!



Receive notifications for critical events, wildfires and flooding. Sign up now at www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications.

Sewer Main And Hydrant Flushing

Annual sewer main and hydrant flushing is being performed throughout Summerland until the end of October. Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly. Please use caution when driving by crews working on the road.



Council Adopts New Official Community Plan

Council has adopted Growing Forward 2046: Summerland's Official Community Plan (OCP), a long-term vision to guide community growth and development. Shaped through extensive public engagement, the updated plan reflects community priorities and includes updated policies for housing, transportation, infrastructure, sustainability, and land use.

The OCP provides the policy framework that guides future decision-making and is reviewed at least every five years under provincial legislation. To learn more and view the full plan, visit www.summerland.ca/planning-building/official-community-plan.

Call For Election Officials— 2026 General Local Election

Are you passionate about our community and enjoy connecting with people? The District of Summerland is seeking to hire election officials for the upcoming 2026 General Local Election on **October 17, 2026** and advanced voting opportunities on **October 7 and 14, 2026**. Should you wish to apply, please visit our website www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/employment to view a full list of the job description and job requirements.

Application forms are available on our website or can be picked up at Municipal Hall (second floor) located at 13211 Henry Ave, Summerland, BC.

Working as an election official provides an opportunity to be involved in the community while gaining valuable insight in the election process – apply today! All applications can be submitted via email to elections@summerland.ca or can be dropped off to the Chief Election Officer at Municipal Hall (second floor). Deadline for submissions is **4:00 PM on Friday, September 15, 2026**.

2026 General Local Election

General Voting Day is **October 17, 2026**, with Advance Voting Opportunities on **October 7 and 14, 2026**. All voting opportunities will take place from 8:00 AM—8:00 PM at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room, 8820 Jubilee Road E.



Information for Candidates

Nomination packages are available from now until **September 11, 2026**, online and at Municipal Hall. Completed packages must be submitted between **September 1 at 9:00 AM and September 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM** to the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officers by hand, mail, courier, fax 250-494-1415, or email elections@summerland.ca.

Information for Voters

The District of Summerland will be using the Provincial Voter's List, to ensure you are on the list prior to the election, visit eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/ovr/welcome.aspx#. The deadline for voter registration with Elections BC is August 18, 2026. Voters can register at all voting opportunities.

Non-resident property electors

Is your name on the current list of non-resident property electors? If you are not sure, you can find out by calling the Chief Election Officer at the contact information below. Advance non-resident property elector registrations will be accepted at Municipal Hall by the Chief Election Officer until **August 25, 2026**. If there are more than one registered owners of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector. Non-resident property electors can still register at the time of voting.

Questions? For more information and a list of key dates, visit summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/2026-general-local-elections or contact the Election Office:

Chief Election Officer phone **250-404-4037** or email elections@summerland.ca.

Keep up to date

The District shares community updates through its website and social media channels, including Facebook and Instagram. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland

Sign up for the monthly newsletter online:

www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter

Check out the **Mayor's column** available on the District's website:

www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor-s-minute

Municipal Hall hours of operation: Tuesday - Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays.