



2026 Local General Election Information

The 2026 Local Government Election will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. The following candidates are running for three elected positions:

One (1) Mayor:
DENNISON, Lake
HOLMES, Doug

Six (6) Councillors:
PATAN, Doug
HARBOR, Amie
TRAINER, Erin
MCWATTERS, Dee
BARKWILL, Richard
BETTS, Adrienne
BESLER, Brad
PEAKE, Janet
DAVIS, Taryn

Two (2) School Trustees for School District No. 67, Electoral Area 2:
VAN ALPHEN, Linda
STEPANIUK, Robert
BRAR, Manpreet

When Can I Cast My Vote?
There are three opportunities to vote in the election:

Advanced Voting Opportunities: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 & Wednesday, October 14, 2026 both located at Summerland Arena Banquet Room (2nd Floor) 8820 Jubilee Road East

General Voting Day: Saturday, October 17, 2026 located at Summerland Arena Banquet Room (2nd Floor) 8820 Jubilee Road East

Polls are Open: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Are You Registered to Vote?
Most eligible voters are already registered through the Provincial Voters List. If you are not registered, you may register at the time of voting by presenting the required identification.
To vote, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on October 17, 2026
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Have lived in British Columbia for at least six months immediately before registering
- Meet the residency or non-resident property elector requirements
- Not be disqualified from voting under applicable legislation



Need More Information?
For information about voting, voter registration, accessibility accommodations, or election procedures, visit www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/2026-general-local-elections
Or contact Kendra Kinsley, Chief Election Officer
Telephone: 250-404-4037
Email: elections@summerland.ca

Bald Range Wildfire Recovery Centre—Reminder

Support and information continue to be available for residents as our community moves through the recovery process.

The Recovery Centre is located at Giant’s Head School (East Entrance) - 10503 Prairie Valley Road, Summerland, and is open during the following hours:

- Tuesday–Friday: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Please note that days and hours may vary. Please check our website for the latest updates before visiting: www.summerland.ca/city-services/eoc/bald-range-wildfire-home/bald-range-wildfire---re-entry.

Contact: 250-863-2946 or devserv@summerland.ca

Additional Recovery Measures

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;
- Deferral of certain zoning and sewer regulations to allow eligible wildfire-affected homeowners to use RVs as temporary accommodation while rebuilding.
- Deferral of certain shipping container restrictions to provide additional storage options during recovery and rebuilding.

For more information on the District’s recovery efforts, including eligibility requirements for recovery measures, please visit: www.summerland.ca/city-services/eoc/bald-range-wildfire-home/bald-range-wildfire---re-entry.

Summerland Landfill Update

The landfill has reopened. The temporary operating measures remain in place while crews continue to recover from wildfire-related impacts and restore site capacity. The landfill is open from for residential materials only.

Yard waste is being accepted, including:

- Regular yard waste
- Trees and brush impacted by the wildfire, which will be placed in separate piles

Temporary Curbside Collection

Temporary curbside collection also remains in place and the calenda is available on summerland.ca.

Burnt Materials

Burnt materials and ash from fire-damaged structures will also be accepted by appointment. If you are bringing fire debris, please review the required information and paperwork before arriving. Some loads require specific documentation, and arriving unprepared may result in delays.

For information regarding Landfill Fire Debris Management, please visit: www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/summerland-sanitary-landfill/demolition-renovation-construction and scroll down to the Burnt Structures section.

Wood Waste—New Sorting Requirement

Wood waste must now be separated into two piles:

- Clean Wood: Unpainted wood and pallets
- Contaminated wood: Painted or stained wood, plywood, pressboard and other wood containing glue

This requirement will be strictly enforced. Separating clean and contaminated wood will improve diversion and help reduce the risks associated with managing wood waste and wood chips.

Tires

Tires are not accepted. Residents can take unwanted tires to participating local tire dealerships that accept them free of charge through the BC Tire

Stewardship program. This provides a free recycling option, while tire disposal at the landfill is subject to a fee.
More about BC Tire Stewardship: tsbc.ca/.

Fees & Charges

For information about landfill fees and charges, please see the applicable Fees and Charges bylaw [here](#).

Compost

Bulk sales of compost and top dressing are on hold for the time being as staff loading is not available. Customers may self-load compost.

We expect increased traffic and higher volumes of waste as landfill operations expand.

Please allow extra time for your visit and be patient with landfill staff as they work to safely manage incoming materials.

Contact: 250-494-0431 or works@summerland.ca.

Fall Irrigation Shut Off

Irrigation services will be turned off for the season beginning **Tuesday, October 13**. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation extended will be required to complete an Extension Irrigation application form and pay \$65.81 plus GST (\$69.10 total) per property.

Extension Irrigation application forms are available on our website www.summerland.ca/city-services/works-and-utilities-department/wu-forms or from the Cashier at Municipal Hall. Please submit completed application form and payment by cash, cheque, debit or credit card to the Cashier at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday to Friday, no later than **Wednesday, October 7**.

Sani-station closed for the season

The Trout Creek sani-station will be closed for the season Monday, November 9, 2026.

“Small Dog” Area Trial at Peach Orchard Dog Park

The District is evaluating the use of a designated “small dog” area within the Peach Orchard Dog Park. As part of this evaluation, a fenced “small dog” area will be in place **for a three month trial**, with the fencing scheduled to be removed on December 1, 2026. Feedback collected during the trial will then be compiled and shared with Council to help inform future decisions regarding the space. Dog park users are encouraged to share their experience and **feedback** throughout the trial **by emailing** recreation@summerland.ca.

Remove an Invasive Tree – Get a Free Replacement Tree

Invasive trees are a growing concern in the South Okanagan. Four species are considered regional priorities: tree of heaven, Russian olive, Siberian elm and black locust. These fast-growing trees spread quickly, outcompete native plants and can harm wildlife habitat, biodiversity, soil and water systems. **The earlier they’re removed, the better.** Residents are encouraged to remove invasive trees from



their properties before they become established and more difficult and costly to manage. For safe removal and effective root control, it is recommended to hire a professional arborist. Treatment may include deep stump grinding or applying herbicide to the freshly cut stump.

Remove an invasive tree and you may be eligible for a FREE replacement native tree or shrub! Eligible residents can apply at www.oasiss.ca/homeowners.

This project is funded by the South Okanagan Conservation Fund.

Be Bear Smart

There have been many reports of bears roaming parks and neighbourhoods. Please be cautious when outdoors and while recreating in our natural areas.

Bears are preparing for their winter slumber. Garbage, bird feeders and tree fruits can attract bears to your yard, family and neighbourhood. Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.

Tips to prevent attracting bears to your property:

- **Garbage** - properly secure your garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.
- **Compost** - use finished compost, leaves, grass or wood chips to cover up fruit or other food waste in your composter. Properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.
- **Fruit trees and grapes** - make sure to harvest fruit immediately. Remove all windfall fruit. If you own an orchard, electric fencing is encouraged.
- **Pet food, birdfeeders and gardens** are all attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors. Bring your birdfeeders in for the summer, supplementing them with natural flowers and birdbaths.
- **Barbeques** - To keep your barbeques safe, make sure that they are properly cleaned, covered and don’t leave utensils out overnight.

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 about how to protect the species around you.



Seasonal Closure Until April 15, 2027

Outdoor Park Washrooms Closed on October 16, 2026.
College Road Giant’s Closed to vehicular traffic from October 30, 2025.
Head Mountain Park Road Closed to vehicular traffic from October 31, 2025.
Year-Round Washrooms at Peach Orchard Beach Park, Giant’s Head Mountain Park , and Veterans’ Memorial Square remain open.

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: Tuesday - Friday 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays.

DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND

HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Swimming, candy, games and prizes at the Summerland Aquatic Centre!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH, 2026

6:30 - 8:30PM

Early Bird Tickets: \$6.50

After Oct 20th: \$9.00

Tickets for purchase at the Aquatic Centre

All children under 7 and those who are unable to complete a swim test must be accompanied by an adult (ticket required for accompanying adult)

Open Burning Permits

For all residents that hold open burning permits, it is renewal time! Open burning season is from October 15 to April 15 for owners of agricultural properties with over two acres. Permits—for the purpose of burning orchard prunings—are issued by the Fire Department year round and are valid on a four-year cycle. Please visit the Fire Department anytime to renew or obtain a new permit. Approval **MUST** be obtained each time you burn; call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211 to verify the venting index and confirmation to burn. **Open burning on residential properties is strictly prohibited.**

Fire Prevention Week—October 4-10

This year’s theme “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower” focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer. More info, visit: www.nfpa.org.

