

Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy and, with that in mind, I would like to thank every resident of Summerland who turned out to vote in the October 17 local elections. And thank you to every candidate who put their name on the ballot for either mayor, councillor, or school board trustee. Summerland is a better place for your participation in the democratic process.

As we embark on a new term, I would like to recognize out-going councillors Marty Van Alphen and Janet Peake for their many years of service to the community.

Your new Council is comprised of myself as mayor, incumbent councillors Erin Trainer, Doug Patan, Richard Barkwill and Adrienne Betts, and new councillors Amie Harbor and Taryn Davis. We are a Council deep in experience with an injection of new energy. We are a diverse group; each of us brings different backgrounds, skills, accomplishments, and perspectives to the table. We are not always going to see eye-to-eye and occasionally we may need to remind ourselves to remain respectful, be open and honest with each other, and work in a spirit of co-operation. If we do that, together with our capable and dedicated municipal staff, I see the makings of a very productive term of Council.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

2026 Municipal Election Results

Congratulations to Summerland's new Council who will serve for the next four years! Effective November 3, 2026, Summerland's Mayor is Doug Holmes and the six Councillors are Richard Barkwill, Adrienne Betts, Taryn Davis, Amie Harbor, Doug Patan, and Erin Trainer.

Local Election Statistics

Voter turnout in local general elections, 2008-2026

YEAR	ELIGIBLE VOTERS	ESTIMATED VOTERS	TURNOUT
2026	9,791	4,317	40%
2022	9,881	3,587	36%
2018	8,990	4,099	46%
2014	8,695	4,446	51%
2011*	8,276	2,994	36%
2008	8,430	3,884	46%

*2011: Mayor elected by acclamation

Bald Range Wildfire Recovery – Updates and Support

District of Summerland recovery efforts and initiatives continue to advance for residents who were impacted by the 2026 Bald Range Wildfire.

Stay informed

If you were impacted, email recoverymanager@summerland.ca to request to be added to our recovery-specific email newsletter.

Wildfire debris cleanup

If your property has wildfire debris, please contact 236-915-2002 or debrismanager@summerland.ca to discuss your cleanup needs. This information will help us plan for debris management and explore cleanup assistance.

One-on-one recovery support

Free, personalized recovery support is now available through Samaritan's Purse Canada for households who lost their homes. Contact recovery@samaritan.ca or call Kelly Dixon (403-614-8848) or Kandy White (236-622-2000).

Post-wildfire hazard assessment

A preliminary Level 2 Post-Wildfire Natural Hazard Risk Analysis report is available on our recovery webpage. Everyone evacuated during the wildfire is encouraged to read the report.

More information and assistance

The Recovery Centre remains open at Giant's Head Elementary School, 10503 Prairie Valley Road – check the website for hours or call 250-863-2946. For general recovery questions, email recoverymanager@summerland.ca.
Visit the Bald Range Wildfire recovery webpage for resources, rebuilding measures, available resources and community events : https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/eoc/bald-range-wildfire-home/bald-range-wildfire---re-entry.

Remembrance Day—November 11

Please take time on November 11 to honour and remember those who proudly served our country.

The Summerland Legion Branch #22 will host its annual Remembrance Day service:



- 10:25 AM – Parade form up on Wharton Street
- 10:40 AM – March to Cenotaph
- 11:00 AM – Ceremony begins
- 12:00 PM – Summerland Legion
- 2:30 PM – Entertainment at the Legion
- 5:00 PM – Legion Dinner

Tickets: $25 each

Veterans and their caregivers attend free (tickets must be picked up in advance).

Donations for the Food Bank Christmas Hampers will be gratefully accepted at the Legion until December 15.

Over 50 commemorative banners featuring the Summerlanders' Veterans of WWI and WWII are displayed on streetlight standards throughout town. Take a moment to view these powerful tributes.

District offices, Arena, Aquatic & Fitness Centre, and the Landfill will be closed on November 11 in observance of Remembrance Day.

Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens Breakfast



The Summerland Fire Department is inviting the community to come together in the true spirit of the season for the 39th Annual Toys and Toonies for Tots and Teens Breakfast — a long-standing and heartwarming local tradition.

Date: Saturday, November 28
Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: Second Home Café, 13299 Henry Ave, Summerland

The Fire Department will be serving pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs. Thank you to our generous sponsors, True Grain Bakehouse for their pastries, Summerland Sweets for their delicious syrups, Nesters Market and Summerland IGA for an assortment of juices, milk and some sweet treats. Breakfast is by cash donation or new unwrapped gifts. All funds received go toward purchasing gifts for children and teens in need in Summerland.

Firefighters will also be "Shaking the Boot" for donations the night of the Festival of Lights.

Moving In or Out of Summerland?

If you're signing up for a new utility account or moving out, you can submit your request online at www.summerland.ca/city-services/utility-billing/new-accounts--moving, by email at utilities@summerland.ca or in person at the Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, Summerland.



Make Fall Fun: Get Active with Summerland Recreation!

There's still time to try something new, stay active and have fun this fall! Many Summerland Recreation programs offer pro-rated registration, so you can join even after a session has started.

- **Looking for swimming lessons?** New sessions begin every 4–5 weeks, making it easier to find a schedule that works for you.
- **Calling all youth!** Our monthly Youth Nights, proudly sponsored by Plan H, offer a fun and welcoming space to hang out with friends, enjoy activities and meet new people.



Explore available programs and register today at summerland.perfectmind.com.

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandRec for program updates, schedules and upcoming events!

Climate Adaptation Plan Community Open House

How can Summerland prepare for climate risks and build a more resilient community? We want to hear from you!

Join us for our first **Climate Adaptation Plan Community Open House on Thursday, November 26, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at the George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre.

This is your opportunity to share your ideas, ask questions and help shape the future of our community. You'll be able to:

- Learn about the key climate risks facing Summerland.
- Share your ideas and help identify actions to adapt to these risks.
- Meet the team developing the Climate Adaptation Plan and ask questions.
- Find out how to stay informed and participate in future opportunities to build community resilience.

Your input matters! Join us and help shape a more climate-resilient Summerland.

Refreshments will be provided.

Keep Up to Date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel
www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland
Website: summerland.ca
Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC
Instagram: www.instagram.com/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

New Web Resource Explores Biological Control

A new resource on the Okanagan Invasive Species Online (OISO) website provides information on biological control of invasive plants in the Okanagan. Invasive plants outcompete native species, reducing biodiversity and habitat value, and can be very hard to eradicate once established. Biological control reunites invasive plants with their natural enemies, predominantly insects. It is a tool for achieving a balanced and healthy plant community by suppressing invasive plants to a more manageable level.

Visit the OISO webpage to learn how biological control works, find answers to common questions, and determine whether your property is suitable for this approach. You'll also find profiles of biological control agents available in the region.



Visit www.oiso.ca/biocontrol to learn more.

Free Youth Night – Pizza & Pool



When: Wednesday, November 25
Where: Aquatic Centre

Activities included:
Pizza & crafts from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Pool admission 7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

Free admission for ages 12-17 sponsored by Plan H. Regular admission rates apply for all other users. No tickets or pre-registration are required.

Winter Curbside Cart Collection



With winter on its way, follow these guidelines for successful curbside collection:

- Ensure the areas around and under your carts are clear of snow.
- Place carts as close as possible to the road, without obstructing the snow removal operations, street, sidewalk or bike lane.
- Do not place carts behind or on top of a snow bank.
- Ensure there is proper spacing around the carts:
  - 1m (3ft) of space on all sides;
  - 3m (10ft) of clearance above; and
  - 1.5m (5ft) of space from a vehicle.

Sani-Station Seasonal Closure



The Trout Creek Sani-Station will close for the season on Monday, November 9, 2026.

Are You Prepared for an Unexpected Power Outage?

Power outages can happen unexpectedly due to storms, accidents, or wildlife, so it's important to be prepared year-round. Create an emergency kit with essentials like flashlights, a battery-powered radio, first aid supplies, food, water, and tools to support your household for at least 72 hours. Store it in an accessible location and check it annually to replace used or expired items.

Along with supplies, make an outage plan and share it with your family so everyone knows what to do. Consider how you'll manage without phone service, blocked roads, or closed stores to stay safe and self-sufficient during disruptions.

What to Do If You See a Fallen Power Line

A power line that's fallen on the ground, is hanging too low, is damaged or is contacting another object is a danger. A downed line is an emergency and it's important to know what to do if you come across one.

Never touch or try and move a downed, damaged or low-hanging power line because it may still be live, even if it's not sparking or making any sound. Be sure to stay back at least 10 metres (the length of a city bus) and contact **9-1-1** immediately and ask for the fire department.