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**Trails, Cycling Network and Sidewalks Master Plans for Summerland
OPEN HOUSE**

The District of Summerland supports a vibrant and livable community through providing access to recreational amenities and strategic planning for infrastructure development.

The District is planning for the future by developing three new plans:

- Trails Master Plan
- Cycling Network Plan
- Sidewalks Master Plan

The District is hosting a second **Open House** on **December 6** at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a drop-in session with attendees welcome to come and go when they please.

The open house will be focused on presenting the draft plan and collecting feedback from community members to better understand their priorities related to trails, on-street cycling facilities and sidewalks. The community is also encouraged to provide input on draft policies and actions for each proposed network.

These Master Plans will guide the development of future trail, bicycle and sidewalk routes, infrastructure, amenities and policy direction in Summerland.

The key objective for all three plans is the promotion of active transportation for both recreation and commuting purposes. Active Transportation includes any form of human-powered transportation. Walking and cycling are the most popular and well-known forms of active transportation. However, the definition extends much further to include the use of a wheelchair, stroller, or mobility aid, among others.

“Transportation decisions affect our community’s health, environment, and economy,” says Mayor Toni Boot. “The Cycling, Trails and Sidewalk Master Plans will identify opportunities for the District to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and work towards a more sustainable transportation system that reduces traffic congestion and encourages residents and visitors to choose active modes of transportation.”

The Trails, Cycling and Sidewalk Master Plans are targeted to be completed by January 2019.

For those unable to attend the Open House, the materials and an **online survey** will be available on the website at www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation on December 6 and the survey will be open until December 13.

For more information, contact Summerland Recreation at 250.494.0447.

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