



CAO Report – May 25, 2021

It is Spring “GoByBike BC Week” from May 31 to June 6 and we have a \$700 provincial grant, carried over from 2020. With these funds, the District will be providing promotional material through our social media channels. School Kits and Team Tracking Kits will also be sent to schools and organizations this week. Registration is free and lots of great prizes will be available. For more information and to register visit GoByBikeBC.ca/summerland.

Another action-oriented opportunity for residents is the “ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge”, which runs for the month of June. The District received a grant of \$850.00 from ParticipACTION that will be used to promote the Community Fitness Challenge and offer Free Public Swims. However you are active—gardening, dancing, on your bike or skateboard, or hiking local trails—track your active minutes in the ParticipACTION mobile app. Canada’s most active community will be awarded \$100,000 to support local physical activity initiatives. In addition, one amazing community in each province and territory will be recognized and receive a cash prize to support local physical activity initiatives. The Community Better Challenge encourages Canadians to get outside, explore their local community and get fit - all at the same time. Full details will be released on May 27.

2021 Property taxes were mailed on Friday May 21 and are due on July 2. Due to a procedural change, all British Columbians must apply for the Homeowner Grant through the province of BC; you can no longer apply at Municipal Hall. During this property tax season, and given our continuing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID 19, the District will be limiting physical access into Municipal Hall to ensure the safety of residents and staff. In consideration of physical distancing, if you choose to pay your taxes in person, please be aware you may be asked to wait outside of municipal hall.

All District payments, including property taxes, can be made conveniently through online banking. We encourage residents to explore this option.

Respectfully submitted,

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