



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## District of Summerland – April 29, 2024

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**OCP Amendments for Downtown** – In Committee of the Whole, Council received a detailed briefing on proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan required for the implementation of the Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan. The changes will provide a roadmap for ongoing updates to bylaws and policies to encourage residential densification and support the transition of downtown into a vibrant neighbourhood by the year 2042. Council consideration followed two earlier public open houses attended by approx. 120 members of the community.

**Peach Orchard Beach Temporary Dog Park** – A delegation of community representatives in the vicinity of the temporary dog park presented their concerns with the pop-up park and recommended it be removed and relocated to a different location in the community. Later, Mayor Doug Holmes gave notice of a motion to explore alternative locations for a temporary pop-up fenced dog park, including unused farmland within the ALR, and that a request for expressions of interest be issued to determine interest from land owners in leasing private land to the District for a temporary pop-up fenced dog park. The motion will be discussed at the May 21, 2024, council meeting.

**Financial Process Items** – Council received a presentation from its external auditors, BDO Canada, and later provided first three readings of the tax rate bylaw, followed by approval of the 2025 budget timeline. Together these items wrap up the 2023 fiscal plan, confirm funding for the 2024 plan, and set the table for the preparation of 2025 work to come. The auditor indicated that in 2023 the District of Summerland achieved more of its capital projects and associated spending than virtually any other community they have evaluated this cycle, and that Council and staff should be proud.

**Source Water Protection Plan** –With the recent completion of a source water assessment that identified activities and risks in the Trout Creek watershed, Council is now initiating a source water protection plan to influence land use activities in the watershed upstream of the District’s drinking water intake. Council approved the creation of a Technical Advisory Committee of key stakeholders to support the preparation of the protection plan. In addition, Council further directed staff to engage the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) as a strategic partner with the District in leading the engagement sessions. Under this concept, PIB would co-lead all planning which exceeds the UNDRIP requirements and provincial laws for engagement of indigenous peoples.

**Wharton Street Revitalization** – A resolution was brought forward from discussions held in committee of the whole into the regular Council meeting to authorize the Wharton Street revitalization project. Plans include the burying of power lines, pedestrianization of Henry Ave from Wharton to Main Street, drainage

and paving, a new entry plaza into the park from Henry Ave with the cenotaph moving to make it a prominent feature of the park entrance. Council directed that the work be funded by grant funds, Development Cost Charges, monies held in the Parks Reserve, borrowing, accumulated surplus, and the Capital Works Reserve.

**Deer Ridge Sewer** - A resolution was brought forward from discussions held in committee of the whole into the regular Council meeting regarding the extension of community sewer services to Deer Ridge. Currently, District bylaws require that once a sewer is installed in a designated sewer service area, a resident has 60 days to tie into the sewer. However, Council directed staff to explore options to provide residents of the Deer Ridge area additional time given the availability of contractors, financial planning required, and in some cases, residents recently making significant investments in the septic systems. Based on the options provided, Council directed that residents be provided a period of three years to tie into the new sewer once it is completed (should it be approved), after which time a new 'sewer availability fee' will be administered of \$18.36 a month to pay for the maintenance of the new sewer adjacent to the property. The new fee would only apply to those who choose not to connect, with others paying the regular monthly sewer fee who do connect, and who enjoy the full service of sewer services in their area.

**Shared Dock Request – Lakehouse Development** – Council denied a variance request to build an oversized dock in front of the Lakehouse Development at 3420 Landry Crescent. This was the second time an application has come from the development, with this most recent request reducing the number of boat slips to 28 and reducing the length of the original concept. Council thanked the proponent for their thoughtful changes to the application which were responsive to many of the concerns relayed previously however there was concern the new proposal was still a sizable structure in a visual location, and that the lake has become congested with boats associated with increased density on lakefront properties.

**Note:** These highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings. The summary is not inclusive of all, agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the District of Summerland website at <https://www.summerland.ca> or contact Corporate Services at 250-404-4037



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