



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

District of Summerland – December 12, 2022

Committee of the Whole – Updated costing for a new Recreation centre was presented, coming in at \$49M based on a Q3 2024 start including contingencies and including cost escalation through the forecast construction period. Next steps include decisions on the timing and wording of a public referendum. Council also received a presentation on the initial public feedback on the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan. Next steps include creating two different site designs with associated costing for consideration by Council.

Delegation – Parkdale Place Housing Society (PPHS) – PPHS presented a request for District support of an 81-unit affordable housing complex on Dickson Avenue. Council subsequently directed staff to demonstrate support for the project by waiving of Development Cost Charges, building permits and tipping fees (for demolition of the existing buildings), as well as covering the costs of off-site improvements with all support totalling no more than \$1.5M. Council noted that supporting affordable housing in the community is a priority. PPHS is firming up support of their partners in preparation of spring application to BC Housing.

Primary Care Feasibility Study - Council received a site analysis for a Summerland team-based primary care clinic, which is widely acknowledged to be part of the solution to attract and retain physicians and allied health care providers to the community. The study revealed that the most feasible option is for the centre to be constructed in tandem with the Parkdale Place Housing Society's (PPHS) proposed affordable housing development on Dickson Avenue. Council was provided several recommendations to support the concept including further advocacy with senior levels of government and demonstrating financial support to assist PPHS as they prepare their BC Housing application.

Fees and Charges – Council was presented with bylaw changes necessary to eliminate the 10% utility discounting program, replacing it with a 2% late payment

penalty, and increasing water rates by 4.86% to for the water utility portion of the Giants Head Road redevelopment. After a detailed analysis of many options, Council decided to redirect funds that had been earmarked to supplement the electrical reserve in 2023 to instead support residents. The one-time assistance means that Summerland's residential account holders will see a \$200 credit on their electricity bills in the first quarter of 2023. Other bylaw changes included a new \$10 fee for freedom of information requests, an increase to pet licenses, and new charges for second unmetered water services used for domestic use.

Subdivision and Servicing (SDS) Bylaw – Council received a presentation from staff regarding the proposed SDS bylaw changes. Council acknowledged the importance of the project, which will increase certainty for development in the community, and consistency in standards with other communities in the region. First three readings were provided by Council.

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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