

Message from Mayor and Council

March is here and spring is just around the corner. We will soon be enjoying warmer days, more daylight hours and additional outdoor activities—sports, gardening, and generally enjoying outdoor spaces.

Council adopted the District Five Year Financial Plan in late February which sets out a 4% property tax revenue increase in 2022. This revenue is used to maintain service levels to Summerland residents, set aside funds for future infrastructures expenses, and cover the costs of capital projects, among other things. Council also elected to provide Grants-in-Aid to support a number of non-profit organizations whose programs or services contribute to a healthy and accessible community.

Council is hopeful that the mid-February easing of COVID-19 public health restrictions are an indication of what we will hear over the coming weeks. In the meantime, thank you for the efforts so many have made to help the community feel safe, supported and appreciated.

Alternative Approval Process – Loan Authorization – Giants Head Road Upgrades – Bylaw 2022-005

The District of Summerland is proceeding with an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for Loan Authorization – Giants Head Road Upgrades – Bylaw 2022-005. The bylaw proposes to borrow up to \$6,464,500 to be repaid over a 25-year term to complete the Giants Head Road Upgrades Project. The question posed to the electors by this AAP is whether the District can proceed with long-term borrowing (25 years) to finance this project.

The AAP will begin on **Thursday, March 10, 2022** and will close at **4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022**. The results of the AAP will be reported to Council by the Corporate Officer at the **April 25, 2022** Regular Meeting of Council.

If you are opposed to the District using long-term borrowing to finance the Giants Head Road Upgrades, you may **submit an Elector Response Form to indicate your opposition**. If you are in favour of the long-term borrowing to finance this project, you **do not** need to submit any forms or comments.

Elector Response forms are available for pick up at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, during regular business hours, starting **March 10, 2022** and are available on the District website listed below.

More information regarding the AAP and the Giants Head Road Upgrades Project may be found by contacting the District's Corporate Officer at **250-404-4037** or kkinsley@summerland.ca or by visiting the District's website at <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/elections/alternative-approval-process?pname=Alternative%20Approval%20Process>

Sani-station reopening in March

Weather dependent, the Sani-station located at the Trout Creek pullout will reopen the week of **March 14, 2022**.



SAVE THE DATE!

Summerland's 16th Annual
Earth Week Celebrations!
April 19-24

Earth Day Planting Celebration
April 24
10:00am-12:00pm

Event details and schedule will be released mid March at www.summerland.ca/EarthWeek.

Nominate your Snow Angel

If you would like to have someone acknowledged with a certificate from the Mayor for being a helpful Snow Angel, please submit the nomination form via email to info@summerland.ca or bring it in to Municipal Hall by **March 13**.



Pay it forward

Practice self-kindness and spend 30 minutes doing something you love today.

Spring sweeping

The Works Division Crews will be heading out soon to sweep Summerland's 315 kilometres of roads, which is equivalent to driving to Salmon Arm and back! Crews start in the lower town area and work their way up to the higher elevations. This takes about two months and is a two-step process, with the Crews first removing the heavier sand with the front broom articulating sweeper, loader, and dump truck. The second step is to pick up the remaining finer particles with the vacuum sweeper which takes several passes until each road is clean. This is a slower process as the vacuum sweeper requires more time to cover the same area. If you see or hear the sweeper in your area, please give us a helping hand by moving your vehicle if it is parked on the street.

Looking for committee member volunteers

Committee members volunteer their time and expertise and are essential to the success of Council Committees. The District of Summerland currently has openings on the following Committees:

Community Climate Action Advisory Committee (2-year Term; meets at least quarterly minimum)

Assists Council in an advisory capacity on the District's community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets and accompanying objectives related to Climate Action, as identified in the Official Community Plan.

Water Advisory Committee

(2-year Term)

This committee makes recommendations to Council regarding water issues – including the upcoming review of the Water Master Plan, Water Emergency Response Policy, and the Drought Management Plan.

More information and application forms can be found on our website www.summerland.ca/committees. Submit completed applications to corporateofficer@summerland.ca by **March 31, 2022**.

Council will review all applications received and make appointments at a meeting in April.

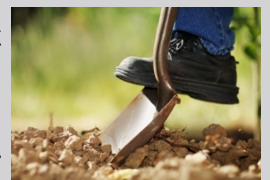
Notice to Summerland irrigators

The Works Division will begin turning irrigation services on the week of **April 11, 2022**. Irrigators who wish to have their irrigation turned on prior to this date will be required to complete an Advanced Irrigation application form and pay \$50.93 plus GST per property at Municipal Hall, 13211 Henry Avenue, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.



Be safe—call or click before you dig

Whether your project is big or small... call or click before you dig! You may be planning to install fence posts, placing a foundation for a deck, planting bushes or trees, or even building a house. If you are disturbing the ground, you may run the risk of cutting into an underground service that may cause potential for loss of life, personal injury, damage to property, or disruption of service(s). Please call **1-800-474-6886** or visit <https://www.bc1c.ca/> at least three working days in advance of your project to request underground locates; the service is free.



Spring 2022 Recreation Guide is now available online at www.summerland.ca/recreation

Looking for a fitness program that will get you moving? Wellness program to relax your mind and body? The Spring 2022 Recreation Guide has something for everyone. If you have any question about our programs, give us a call.

Please register early, as minimum registration numbers are required one week prior to start date or program will be cancelled.

Registration online at summerland.perfectmind.com, by phone 250-494-0447 or in person at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre.



Secure your landfill loads

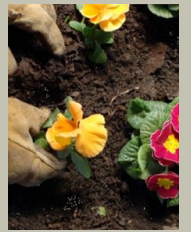
The public is reminded that all loads being taken to the Summerland Sanitary Landfill must be secured and covered. Loads that do not meet these requirements will be charged double the rate for garbage or double the highest rate for any material contained in the load, whichever is greater, with a minimum charge of \$10.00.



The Landfill is open 8:30 AM- 4:15 PM Monday to Saturday, closed Sundays and statutory holidays.

District of Summerland compost

High quality, sustainable, and safe Class A biosolids compost is available for purchase at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill. Biosolids compost is valued for its high organic matter content and strong structure that drains easily and promotes healthy root growth. The Class A government designation means that the product can be sold with no restrictions. It can be safely applied to lawns, flowers, shrubs and gardens.



Using District of Summerland compost in the spring is a great way to set the stage for the planting season. Head up to the Summerland Landfill with your containers/bags and shovel to get your premium compost at 4 cents/kilogram or wood mulch and topdressing at 6 cents/kilogram, minimum charge \$2.00. A 25% discount will be applied for loads over 1 metric tonne.

Compost is approximately \$37.50/pick-up (with 25% discount) and approximately \$25/half pick-up (no discount). Landfill staff are available to load your truck if needed on Monday— Friday 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM (loader **not** available between 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM for lunch).

Compost can be used for new tubers, bulbs, plants, shrubs and trees, new lawns, plant beds, established lawns, seeds or seedlings, and containers and planters. Be sure to water after to allow nutrients to disperse into soil. For more information on biosolids compost applications, please visit <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling/green-organic-waste-compost>

The District will be scheduling a spring **Saturday compost loading day**; a loader and operator will be available to load your truck. Watch for the date on Facebook, community boards, or on your ReCollect Service Alert/Information email.

Waterfront Concept Plan survey

The public online survey is now open until **March 23**. We want to hear about how you use Rotary Beach, Peach Orchard Beach and "Horse" Beach, what you value about the parks and amenities, and your top priorities for the future.



Visit www.summerland.ca/waterfront-concept-plan to complete the survey and for project updates.

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 <https://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland>.

website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for our monthly online newsletter:

<https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe>

BC Transit information

Did you know? As of January 1, 2022 Route 70 Kelowna/Penticton has 4 round-trips daily, Monday through Friday and Route 30 Summerland/Penticton has an additional Saturday service and mid-day trip Monday through Friday.

Route 70 tickets/coupons are accepted upon bus entry, as well as cash (exact change only) and the cost is \$5.00. Tickets and monthly passes can be purchased at Summerland Municipal Hall, Summerland Aquatic Centre, and at the RDOS office on Martin St. in Penticton. Route 70 stops at two bus stops in Summerland.

For more information, please visit <https://www.bctransit.com/south-okanagan-similkameen/schedules-and-maps/route-overview?route=70>



Recycle BC—milk and plant-based beverage containers

As of **February 1, 2022** milk and plant-based beverage containers will be part of the BC deposit program. Residents can receive the deposit refund when the container is returned to a participating return location.



For more information, please visit <https://recyclebc.ca/milk-plant-based-beverage-containers-join-deposit-system-feb-1/>

Snowpack readings

Snowpack readings are taken monthly from January until the snow is melted. Average snow depth and average water equivalent (amount of water contained in the snow) are recorded and are compared to the historical average, measured over 59 years. February measurements are down from January, given the warmer than normal temperatures and limited precipitation. Given the elevations at these locations, more snow is expected over the next few months.

Snowpack readings from February 1 measured 76% of historical average for the Summerland Reservoir and 77% for the Isintok Reservoir.

For further information, please visit www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey.

Use of home generators

Home generators are convenient for backup electricity in case of an outage. A backup generator may only be connected to your home's electrical system through an approved transfer panel and switch that has been installed by a qualified electrician. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet as serious injury can result when the current produced by the home generator is fed back into the Summerland power grid. **This can endanger the lives of utility employees working to restore the power.**

To operate a generator safely:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure that the generator operates outdoors in well-ventilated conditions, well away from doors or windows, to prevent exhaust gases from entering the house.
- Use properly rated extension cords to connect lights and appliances directly to the generator or have a qualified electrician hard wire it to your home following the Canadian Electrical Code.

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