

## Message from Council

Council recognizes that affordable housing is a key factor in building a healthy and livable community, particularly in the downtown area where there is ready access to services and amenities.

On March 22, Council received the RDOS 2021 Housing Needs Assessment Report, a document that reports on the current and anticipated housing needs in all municipalities and electoral areas in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS).

Affordable housing proposals have come and gone over the last few years, but following a March 22 public hearing, Council unanimously approved the rezoning and Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment to allow for a proposed multi-family affordable housing development on the former site of the Summerland RCMP detachment. This approval was an early—though pivotal—step in the development process. We are pleased with the potential that this (and future) affordable residential projects will have in contributing to our efforts to make our Summerland an even better place to call home.



## 2021 One-Day Recycling Depots

One-Day Recycling Depots are back! From 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 24, 2021 – Earth Week
- Saturday, June 26, 2021
- Fall Event - To be determined

Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, styrofoam, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries and lightbulbs, electronics, TV's and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. *Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials.*

### ALL USERS MUST WEAR A MASK AND FOLLOW COVID PROTOCOLS.

Visit [www.summerland.ca/recycling](http://www.summerland.ca/recycling) for more information on how to separate recycling into the above categories.



## Use District of Summerland Compost to Prepare Your Yard for the Spring

You can purchase high quality, sustainable, and safe Class A biosolid compost at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill. It can be applied safely to lawns, flowers, shrubs and gardens. Set the stage for a great planting season!

Please visit [www.summerland.ca/solidwaste](http://www.summerland.ca/solidwaste) for application rates and pricing.



## Vaccinations

Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccination eligibility at [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca). When it's your turn, call to book at 1-877-740-7747 between 7:00am - 7:00pm, seven days a week. **Please follow these pages to keep up to date on all COVID-19 information:**

- <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/InteriorHealth>
- [https://twitter.com/Interior\\_Health](https://twitter.com/Interior_Health)
- <https://www.instagram.com/interiorhealthbc/>

## The ABCs of EVs

Electric vehicle (EV) ownership is rising in B.C. and all levels of government are supporting this clean-energy technology as drivers go electric for affordability, lifestyle, and doing their bit for the environment.



The District of Summerland is investing in the electric future and now offers public EV charging at five locations across the community, including fast chargers. To learn more about electric vehicle ownership, including stories from local Summerland EV drivers and how to use the local charging stations, visit our new webpage: [www.summerland.ca/evcharging](http://www.summerland.ca/evcharging).

## Utility Bill Equal Payment Plan

If you are currently on the utility bill equal payment plan, April is the reconciliation month. The total amount due on your April invoice will reflect the difference between the utility charges to date and the monthly payments received.

If the account has been underpaid, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the May 27 due date to bring the utility account balance to zero. If the account has been overpaid, your account will show a credit, which will carry over to next month's invoice. The May utility invoice will reflect your new recalculated equal payment amount (June 28 due date). Those wanting to be on the Utility Equal Payment Plan have until May 15 to apply.

## Peach Orchard and Rotary Beach Pathway Repairs

Superior Excavation Services Ltd. will resume work on the Peach Orchard and Rotary Beach pathway repairs from March 25 to May 29, 2021. Please do not enter areas that have been closed, as these are active construction sites.



## District Facilities Update

Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Face masks are mandatory. Call to check what hours facilities may be open to the public. Staff is available during regular business hours at the numbers below:

- Municipal Hall - General Enquiries: (250) 494-6451 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
- Development Services: (250) 494-1373
- Utility Billing: (250) 404-4047
- Property Tax/Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable: (250) 404-4055
- Parks & Recreation: (250) 494-0447
- Fire Department (Non emergency): (250) 494-7211
- Works & Infrastructure: (250) 494-0431
- After Hours Emergency 3:30pm - 7:00am Monday to Friday, weekends or Statutory Holidays for Water/Sewer/Roads/Parks/Electrical Utility: (250) 493-0005

## Snow Pack

Snow course survey data is retrieved every month from the beginning of the year until no snow remains. Data is gathered from two locations within the District's watershed and posted on the District website at [www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/snow-course-survey). As of April 1, 2021, the snow survey showed Headwaters at 103% and Isintok at 100% of the historical averages.

Each year following the irrigation season, staff lower the reservoir level to predetermined levels to provide available storage volume to accommodate the coming freshet in the spring. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed at which the snow melts which can increase with significant rainfall. Unfortunately, this is very difficult to predict. In order to manage the risk associated with this, staff complete regular monitoring and maintenance activities of the dams and meet routinely to decide if adjustments to the outlet flow are required to compensate for the expected volume of incoming water.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.

## Giant's Head Mountain Park

Giant's Head Mountain Park and College Road will be open to vehicular traffic on April 15, 2021.



## Curbside Collection –

### Unlimited Yard & Garden Waste Pickup

*Are you filling up your yard & garden waste cart?*

The District will be holding two **Unlimited Yard & Garden Waste Curbside Collection** events in 2021. Try timing major yard work around the two unlimited Yard & Garden Waste collection weeks:

- Spring: week of April 20 to 23, 2021;
- Fall event will be scheduled in the 2021-2022 curbside collection calendar.

1) Fill your Green Yard & Garden Waste Cart and put it out for collection.  
2) Place additional Yard & Garden Waste out beside your cart for collection as follows:

- In "kraft" style yard waste paper bags (see photo);
- In any container that is clearly marked as "yard waste only", has a volume capacity of 95 Litres or less and a maximum weight of 25 kgs;
- Bundle branches, 5 centimetres in diameter and under, with string or twine. Bundles must be less than 1.0 metre long and weigh less than 25 kgs.

NOTE: Paper bags that are ripped or heavily saturated will not be collected.

Materials must be placed out for collection by 7:00am on your regular collection day. An additional truck will collect the extra yard waste after the garbage is collected.



## Notice to Summerland Irrigators

The Works Division will begin turning irrigation services on the week of April 12, 2021. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Works & Infrastructure at (250) 494-0431.



## Planting Trees this Spring?

Call "Before You Dig Partners" at 1-800-474-6886 or go to [www.beforeyoudigpartners.com](http://www.beforeyoudigpartners.com) to request a locate at least three working days before planting. Once the utility lines are marked, remember to carefully dig around lines with hand tools.

# 15th Annual Earth Week Celebration



**Come out and Restore our Earth in Summerland!**

*Pre registration is required for community planting.  
Registration opens Friday, April 9.*

**Community Planting #1**  
Friday, April 23  
10:00am-1:00pm

**Community Planting #2**  
Sunday, April 25  
10:00am-1:00pm

### Wastewater Treatment Plant

This free family activity is to continue to build a dryland and natural habitat around the perimeter of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Register online at [www.summerland.perfectmind.com](http://www.summerland.perfectmind.com), in person at the Summerland Aquatic Centre or by phone at 250-494-0447.

\* Washrooms will not be available during this event.  
COVID-19 protocols will be in effect.

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**For more Earth Week Events, check out our event page at [www.summerland.ca/earthweek](http://www.summerland.ca/earthweek)**

## Canyon View Cemetery Spring Maintenance

We wish to advise the public that the District of Summerland will commence Spring Maintenance at Canyon View Cemetery on May 1, 2021. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District of Summerland Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016 as outlined below. The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the following guidelines by April 30, 2021.

- any offering that is not entirely on the concrete base and at least 50 mm (2 in.) away from the edge of the concrete base;
- offerings that are unsightly, create a safety hazard, or interfere with the maintenance of the cemetery;
- small offerings, such as necklaces, small stones, or marbles, that may become entangled in the maintenance equipment;
- anything that extends or grows into the landscaped area surrounding an interment site or anything that encroaches into a neighbouring interment site;
- pointed or sharp offerings that may present a safety hazard if someone falls.

Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Utilities Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. **Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings.**

**Keep Up To Date:** The District will post community updates to our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please follow our pages to keep up to date on COVID-19 information and more.

Website: [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca)

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