

## Message from Council

While I cannot speak for all of Council, I had a (very pleasant) reminder over the last two afternoon meetings on hearing first quarter updates from the senior management team.

We heard updates on a wide range of projects and initiatives - from the repairs to the lakeshore walkway to the off-leash dog park; the Isintok Dam to Giants Head Road projects; the proposed Recreation and Health Centre to the Downtown Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Council members receive information, debate and discuss motions, and (sometimes with some difficulty) we make decisions. But it is up to staff to implement the decisions of Council. It is easy to forget that the decisions we make over a few hours translates to weeks, months, and even years of work for District staff. Our thanks to each one of you for your dedication to serving the people of our beautiful town.

Although it was alarming to learn that Interior Health considered Summerland 'an area of high COVID-19 transmission' at the end of April, Council welcomed the decision to open vaccinations to all residents 18 and older. The District is continuing to post links at [www.summerland.ca](http://www.summerland.ca) to direct you to trusted resources about the efficacy of the vaccine and the steps to take to get your 'shot in the arm' - physically and colloquially. Thank you, Summerland, for doing your part to slow the case count; redoubling your efforts has markedly reduced our case count. (Watch Council meetings at [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca).)

## Isintok Dam Construction

Construction to replace the outlet pipe at Isintok Dam will proceed this year; it reached the end of its service life and has been leaking through the dam structure for some time. This project has been approved by Infrastructure Canada for up to \$1,815,860 in Federal/Provincial funding.

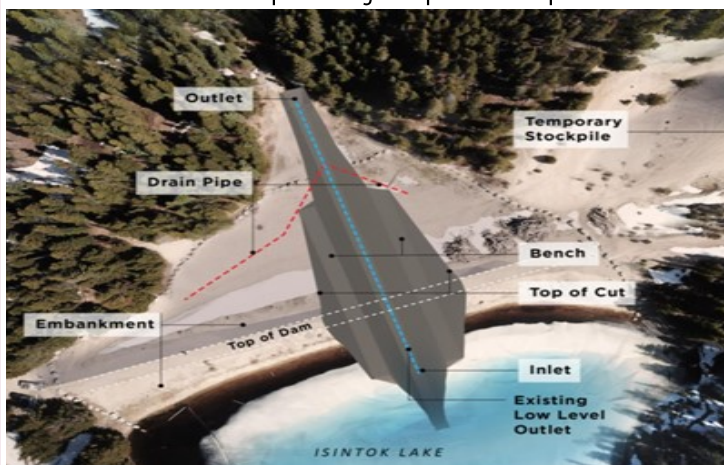
Construction will consist of the replacement of the existing pipe with a larger high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe, new inlet and outlet concrete structures, and riprap erosion protection on the upstream face of the dam. The replacement of these components will provide flood resilience in the dam and its infrastructure, bring the structure up to current dam safety standards, and provide water security to the District of Summerland for many years.

During construction further geotechnical information will be gathered to confirm the feasibility of raising the height of dam in the future. Geotechnical information will also be gathered to assist in the future spillway upgrades that are required to widen the spillway in order to meet current Dam Safety regulations.

The water in the Isintok Reservoir will be lowered through June and July to allow for fish salvage and construction to commence in late July. To ensure that there is adequate water available for Summerland through the remainder of the growing season, Thirsk and the upper reservoirs will be kept full for use while construction is underway. Access to the Isintok Reservoir will be closed during this time and the District will provide regular updates to the public.



Isintok Dam 30" concrete pipe  
Oct. 1959



## Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices were mailed May 21. If you have not received your property tax notice please call the Finance department at: 250-494-6451 or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca).

The due date for property taxes, including eligible home owner grants (HOG), is Friday July 2, 2021 at 4:00pm. Any payments for outstanding current taxes or home owner grants received after the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty.

**Homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall.** Starting in 2021, residents must apply for the HOG directly to the Province of BC, by phone: 1-888-355-2700 or online at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant).

Payments for property taxes may be made in person by cheque, cash, debit, or post dated cheque. You may also pay your property taxes at your financial institution or through online or telephone banking. **Please note that credit card payments are not accepted.** Postmarks are not considered as date of payment so do not wait until the last day to post your payment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we strongly encourage residents to make their payments via online banking, mail or by dropping their payments in the outside drop box to the left of the front doors at Municipal Hall to help limit social contact.

## Energy Tips for Clothes Drying



Install an outdoor clothesline or an indoor clothes rack.



Dry full loads whenever possible, don't overload the machine and make sure to clean the lint trap after every load.

A clogged lint trap can increase energy use up to 30% and may be a fire hazard. Make sure clothes are wrung out well before putting them in the dryer.

Use your dryer's "cool down" cycle – usually the "permanent-press" setting. No heat is supplied in the last few minutes, but drying continues as cool air is blown through tumbling clothes.



For optimum efficiency choose an ENERGY STAR® model with a sensor that automatically shuts off the machine as soon as the clothes are dry.

## Peach Orchard Pathway Repairs

Repairs to the Peach Orchard and Rotary Beach Pathway are progressing, joining the path from the dog beach through to the south end of Rotary Beach.

Work is expected to be completed by mid-June.



Erosion protection measures have been built into the project to reduce the impact of high water levels. Root barriers have also been installed next to trees to maximize the longevity of the asphalt path. This project was partially funded by the Province through Disaster Financial Assistance.

## Saturday, June 26, 2021 One-Day Recycling Depot

Do you have recyclables that don't belong in your curbside recycling cart? Come to the One-Day Recycling Depot on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 8:00am to 3:00pm at the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound at 8820 Jubilee Road.

The following items are accepted:

- Glass jars and non-refundable bottles
- White and coloured styrofoam
- TVs, small appliances, electronics
- Residential batteries and lightbulbs
- Simple plastics (e.g. plastic bags and overwrap)
- Fancy plastics (other flexible plastic packaging)

**NOTE:** Please separate Simple & Fancy plastics prior to arrival.

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.

## District Facilities Update

Some District facilities have begun gradual re-opening plans. Face masks are mandatory. Call to check on hours facilities are 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

Let's Make **SUMMERLAND**  
Canada's Most Active Community!  
June 1-30, 2021



Summerland has a chance to win \$100,000 by being Canada's Most Active Community!

Track your physical activity minutes from June 1-30 on the ParticipACTION app or track physical activity for yourself, your family or an organization on the ParticipACTION website and help us become the Canada's Most Active Community!



## Summerland RECREATION GUIDE

[www.summerland.ca/recreation](http://www.summerland.ca/recreation)

The Summer 2021 Recreation Guide is subject to change, based on Provincial Health Orders

**SUMMER 2021**  
Registration starts June 8



## No Dirt or Sod in Yard & Garden Waste

The District is requesting that curbside and landfill users do their best to minimize the amount of dirt disposed with their yard and garden waste. Sod and dirt are to be separated and disposed of at the Landfill.



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

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

Facebook: [facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

Sign up for our Online Newsletter:

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