

Message from Council

In June, the District's flags were lowered to half mast for 215 hours following the discovery of the remains of 215 Missing Children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. Our deepest condolences to the members of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and all Indigenous communities who struggle with the lasting impacts of the residential school system.

We—District Council and staff—are deeply saddened by the profoundly disturbing treatment these young lives endured, even in death. Every Child Matters.

Council also reached out to Chief Gabriel and the Penticton Indian Band Council as they struggle with the legacy of residential school trauma. We will continue with regular Council to Council meetings and activities to learn the Truth about the impacts of colonization, gain an understanding of the value of traditional ecological knowledge and ways, and actively work on Reconciliation.

As we move into step 3 of B.C.'s restart plan, please continue to follow public health orders so we all experience an enjoyable and memorable summer and can look forward to the next step in September. Environment Canada is forecasting a hot, dry summer: Stay well.

Isintok Lake Closure

Construction to replace the outlet pipe in the Isintok Dam will proceed this summer. The water level is currently being lowered to allow for fish salvage and a construction start in late July. Between mid July to late October, access to the Isintok lake and forest recreation site will be **closed**. Signs will be posted and accesses will be blocked. The District appreciates your patience with this closure.

Did you know? Bylaw Information



Summerland Sanitary Landfill

All loads need to be secure and tarped going to the landfill and other destinations within the District of Summerland. Please refer to Solid Waste Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-007, section 2.5 and Traffic Bylaw

2368, section 6.02 regarding unsecured and/or uncovered loads.

Bike Lanes

Parking and/or stopping in bike lanes is prohibited within the District of Summerland. For more information, please see Traffic Bylaw 2386, section 5.05, 1(n) on prohibited parking.

For more information about the District of Summerland's bylaws, please visit: <https://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/bylaws-policies/bylaws>

Do you have a question about the District's bylaws?

Please submit your inquiries to: bylaw@summerland.ca



2022 Permissive Tax Exemptions

2022 Not-For-Profit Permissive Tax Exemption (PTE) applications are now available.

Not-for-profit organizations that provide a service to the community may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes if the facility they operate from is owned or leased by the organization. This reduction in property taxes payable is considered a "Permissive Tax Exemption". Potential applicants can find eligibility criteria, along with the required application on the District of Summerland website at: www.summerland.ca/pte

All applicants will be requested to attend a council meeting as part of the 2022 PTE application process.

The Permissive Tax Exemption submission deadline is July 30, 2021.

Please access the District website or contact:

David Svetlichny, Director of Finance, at (250) 404-4045 if you have any questions or require further information.



Pay it forward

Send a positive text message to five different people right now.

Property Tax Notices

The 2021 Property Tax due date was July 2, 2021 at 4:00pm. Unpaid 2021 Property Taxes (including unclaimed Home Owner Grants) are now subject to a 10% penalty effective July 3, 2021.

You may still claim the HOG online at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or phone 1-888-355-2700 to speak with a live agent.

Retroactive home owner grant applications are accepted up until December 31st each year.

The District of Summerland offers a Pre-Authorized Payment Program for property taxes - eleven (11) equal payments will be withdrawn from your bank account, starting August 15th each year.

The final twelfth (12th) payment will be the difference between the actual amount of the current tax bill and pre-payments collected, plus interest earned up to the tax due date.

To participate in this program contact the property tax department at propertytaxes@summerland.ca for an application form or visit our website www.summerland.ca/city-services/property-taxes to download a pdf copy of the application form.

Do Not Place Batteries in your Garbage or Recycling Carts — Take to Landfill for Safe Recycling

Batteries and other hazardous materials are extremely dangerous and should never be put in garbage or recycling bins. They can easily cause explosions, fires, and harm to workers. Recently, there was a fire at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill because a product containing a lithium battery was disposed of in the garbage. Luckily, the fire was quickly extinguished and no one was injured.



Please dispose of batteries and products with batteries properly, and do not put something that is a fire-starter into your garbage or recycling bin.

Sewer Main & Hydrant Flushing

The District of Summerland is performing annual sewer main and hydrant flushing throughout Summerland until the end of October. Annual maintenance ensures that sewer mains and hydrants are working properly. Please use caution when driving by crews working on the road.



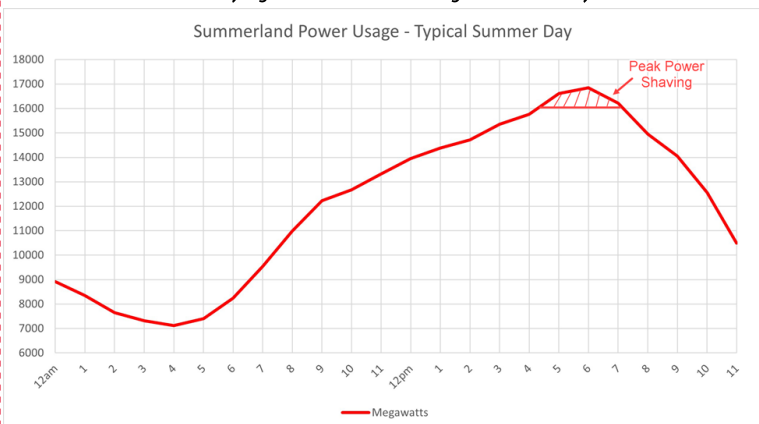
Summerland Power Usage

As an electrical utility owner and operator, Summerland is continually looking for ways to reduce the cost of providing energy to our residents. One of the simplest ways we can do this is to shift our power usage to off peak hours.

In summer months our community has the highest usage between 4pm-7pm. Reducing power usage at that time saves money for the Municipality, and ultimately Summerland residents.

Here are some tips to reduce your energy usage during peak times:

- Run your electric laundry machine/dryer after 7:30pm. Your dryer is one of the largest energy appliances in your home
- Turn your air conditioner off between 3:30pm - 7:30pm
- If your oven is electric, consider using a smaller appliance like a toaster oven or slow cooker
- Program your dishwasher to run outside of the peak hours
- Turn off unnecessary lights and let natural light illuminate your house



Drought Management

The Province has noted that drought conditions are affecting many streams and rivers across the southern half of the province, resulting in very low water flows, particularly in the south Okanagan and Vancouver Island regions. For this reason, the District asks that everyone monitor their water use and only use what is needed.

As of May 1, there was no snow remaining at the Headwaters snow survey site while the Isintok snow survey site was at 70% of the historical average; however, no snow remained at either survey sites as of May 15. The District is fortunate to have sufficient raw water storage and all of the District's reservoirs continue to spill as of June 16. Due to the replacement of the Isintok Outlet Pipe and the required storage reduction in July, the water in this reservoir is currently being used for the District's demand while storage in Thirsk and the upper reservoirs are being maintained for use later in the summer.

The District is always in Stage 1 water restrictions and asks that residents use water responsibly to help mitigate the need for further restrictions throughout the summer. The status of the District's water storage is evaluated regularly, and changes to restrictions may occur at any time.

For more information on conservation and drought conditions in the Okanagan please visit Okanagan Basin Water Board or Okanagan Water Wise.

<https://www.obwb.ca/drought/>
<https://okwaterwise.ca/>

Summerland Outdoor Fitness Park Opens - Memorial Park

The nature-infused location at Memorial Park is the site of the new 1,100 square foot Summerland Outdoor Fitness Park.

Eight pieces of multi-purpose fitness equipment provide options to improve strength, co-ordination, cardiovascular fitness and flexibility. Equipment has no weights and is powered by users.

Active Lifestyles is one of Council's Strategic Priorities: ensuring community design and services that enhance inclusive, barrier free participation and promotion of physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Enjoy, Summerland!



Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre



Summer Swim Lessons

Session 1 - Jul 5-16

Session 2 - Jul 19-30

Session 3 - Aug 3-13

Session 4 - Aug 16-27

Registration is now open for all sessions.

Register online at summerland.perfectmind.com or by phone 250-494-0447



CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND YARD & GARDEN WASTE CONTAMINATION

The District has seen a large increase in the amount of unacceptable materials in residents' **BLUE RECYCLING** and **GREEN YARD AND GARDEN WASTE** carts. Please ensure that only allowable materials are placed in each of your **BLUE RECYCLING** and **GREEN YARD AND GARDEN WASTE** carts, and that garbage is placed in your **BLACK GARBAGE** cart for curbside collection. Even small amounts of unacceptable materials could cause the District to be fined for contamination in the Recycling or the entire Yard and Garden waste materials collected for the day to be non-compostable and the load to be buried in the landfill.

Some items that do not belong in your **BLUE RECYCLING** and **GREEN YARD AND GARDEN WASTE** carts:

- Diapers – place in black garbage cart
- Propane and butane canisters, bear spray, knives and sharps, ammunition, lighters, lithium-ion batteries, etc.- take to the landfill for proper disposal/recycling (Explosion/Fire/Injury Risk)

Recycling and Yard and Garden Waste carts found with unacceptable materials at collection time will be tagged for contamination and left unemptied.

For more information on what can and can't be placed in your Recycling and Yard and Garden Waste carts visit www.summerland.ca/solidwaste.

Sample of contaminated Yard and Garden Waste collection:



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.

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Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

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