

Message from Mayor and Council

The last month of 2021: Where did the year go?

Council began 2022 budget discussions in late October, a process that began even earlier for the senior management team and runs through to late April 2022 with the adoption of the 2022 Property Tax bylaw. There are a few particular budget decisions to be made by Council including next steps for the Solar + Battery Project, how to manage the Fortis electrical rate increase, and which COVID-19-related revenue losses and expenses can be drawn from 2020's COVID-19 Restart Grant. Budget discussions are open to the public, and we welcome your engagement; please visit summerland.ca (Community Updates) for the full schedule.

Last month the District received a Climate & Energy Action Award in the Corporate Operations category in recognition of the implementation of our Low Carbon & Renewable Energy Project. The District was selected to receive the award because: "the District applied with a clear and concise narrative, showing measurable successes and a wide array of actions and benefits; and Summerland demonstrated outstanding leadership from both staff and elected officials". Climate & Energy Action Awards are presented at the annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention by the Community Energy Association, Province of BC, UBCM, BC Hydro, FortisBC and the Real Estate Foundation of BC. (The actual award was delivered to municipal hall in November.)

On behalf of Council, thank you for your continued vigilance in keeping wellbeing top of mind—not just for you and your family, but for your neighbours and the entire community. We wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Winter home heating tips

Here are some steps you can take to heat your home more efficiently and help you avoid high winter bills.

Baseboard heating

Baseboard heaters can account for up to 50% of your home's overall electricity use. A few simple tips—turn them off in rooms you're not using, keep them at an ideal temperature, and ensure they're kept clean—can help keep your costs down.

Draftproofing your home

If your home is losing warm air to the outside and letting cold air gust in, heat is being wasted. You can reduce heat loss by up to 10% by sealing gaps and cracks, applying weatherstripping, checking for drafts in your home, installing outlet and switch insulator pads, and using window coverings effectively.

Using a space heater

Most portable space heaters use a lot of electricity. To make the most of portable heaters, follow these tips:

- Use it in a small or enclosed space
- Place it in the corner of the room
- Keep doors to the room closed to keep the heat in
- Turn off when you leave the room



No matter what kind of space heater you're using, it's important to keep safety top of mind. Ensure it won't tip over by making sure the floor is level, keep blankets and fabric away, and never go to sleep with the heater on.

General fund budget discussions

General fund budget discussions will be January 18-20, 2022 followed by an open house on February 3, 2022.

Toys & Toonies for Tots & Teens

The Summerland Fire Department and CIBC Staff, along with its many helpers, are once again sponsoring its annual drive for Toys and Toonies.

In order to ensure the safety of our community and ourselves, we've made necessary modifications to our campaigning that we'd like to share with you. Cash donations, as well as "new" unwrapped toys will be accepted at one of the following locations noted below:

Summerland Fire Hall & Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Closing date: **DECEMBER 15, 2021**


All gifts are distributed under the direction of the Summerland Food Bank.



Important utility information


Due to the office being closed for the holidays, the **due date** for this month's utility bills will be **Wednesday, December 22, 2021**.

If you are moving, please email utilities@summerland.ca or visit our website to provide details.



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Holiday Closures



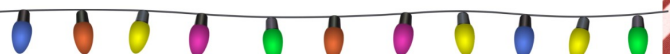
Municipal Offices
Closed at 2pm Thursday, December 24 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Closed Dec 24 at 1pm.
Closed Dec 25 & 26.
Closed on Dec 31 at 3pm.
Closed Jan 1.

Summerland Arena
Closed Dec 24 & 31 at 3pm.
Closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1.

Fire Hall Office
Closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1.
Please always call 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Landfill
Closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1.



CHECK OUT OUR HOLIDAY SKATE & SWIM SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5 & 6 OF THE WINTER 2022 RECREATION GUIDE.

Dog and business licence renewals



Dog and business licence renewals will be mailed out mid-December and are due January 31, 2022. If you do not receive your renewal in the mail or if you no longer require it, please call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca.

2021 Light Up Summerland

A three-day event held over three weekends—December 4, 11, & 18. It will include a self-guided drive by event complete with a map of Summerland's best light displays at the core of it. For more information on Light Up Summerland 2021, please visit <http://summerlandlightup.com/>.



Pay it forward

Practicing an attitude of gratitude can make a huge impact in your life and those around you. One of the ways to start is by writing a gratitude list in the morning and again in the evening.

Summerland Recreation Guide available online now.



Christmas tree pick-up

With a donation to the 2022 Dry Grad Class, you can have your Christmas tree picked up from your house by the Summerland Fire Department. Carry on the Christmas Spirit and do a good deed for Dry Grad 2022 and the environment. Trees will be chipped and composted by the Summerland Fire Department and the District of Summerland.



Pick-Up Dates will be:

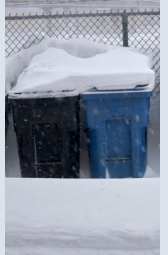
Sunday, January 2 and Sunday, January 9, 2022

Starting December 15, you may call the Fire Department to schedule a pick-up. Phone 250-404-4087 or email sfd@summerland.ca.

Collection delays

The District of Summerland curbside collection contractor will make every attempt to pick up waste material during winter conditions. However, their top priority is resident and employee safety. In the event of collection delay:

- Please place your cart(s) out each day following the delay until collection can be completed safely.
- When service is resumed, the contractor will collect any extra accumulated material, at no extra charge, equivalent to the amount that would have been collected if service had not been temporarily interrupted.



How to dispose of green propane tanks?

Hint, it's NOT by putting them in your recycling or garbage!

Register online at summerland.perfectmind.com or in person at the Summerland Aquatic Centre.

www.summerland.ca/recreation



Curbside Collection reminders, service alerts and solid waste information

Visit www.summerland.ca/curbside, scroll to the bottom, choose the 'Get a reminder!' option, and select your preferred method of communication. This will sign you up for both collection day reminders and service alerts/

information. If you only want to be notified of alerts and information, select 'Service alerts only'. Be sure to fill out your information correctly to ensure a reminder.



Snow will soon be falling in earnest, which means winter is almost here. You're gearing up for the last few uses of your propane tank as the end of grilling season is soon approaching.

Empty propane tanks must be disposed of adequately to protect yourself, waste collectors, landfill staff, and other landfill users.

The slightest rupture of these containers can cause compressed gas to explode, catch fire, or release toxic and corrosive gases.

Improper disposal of propane tanks can be extremely dangerous!

Empty propane tanks, refillable and non-refillable, are accepted at the Summerland Sanitary Landfill in the Household Hazardous Waste area for no charge.



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Phone: 250-494-0431 or email: works&infrastructure@summerland.ca

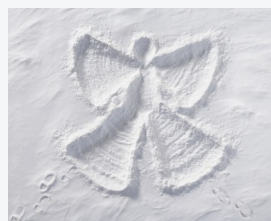
Be a "Snow Angel" this winter

When there is snow and ice, getting around can be difficult and dangerous, especially for seniors and those with limited mobility. The Snow Angel program is all about neighbours helping neighbours. Simply shovel snow or adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear whenever it snows.

The key to building a strong community starts on your street and with people that live around you.

Residents are encouraged to complete the nomination form found on the District's website or at Municipal Hall and let us know if a Snow Angel came to your rescue. The Mayor will acknowledge them with a certificate and their name will be entered into a draw. One lucky Snow Angel will win a prize.

Call Municipal Hall 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca if you require more information. Spread kindness like confetti and make a difference in your community!



Snow removal

Please help our snow removal crew by parking your vehicle(s) off the road. When clearing your driveway, stockpile snow on the right side when facing the road. This prevents the snow you removed from being ploughed back in front of your driveway.



Sidewalk Clearing

Municipal bylaws require that you remove the snow and ice from public footpaths and sidewalks bordering your property (business or residential).



Any snow or ice that accumulates on residential property must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow event ends. Commercial zoned sidewalks must be cleared from all snow and ice no later than 10:00AM each day.

Failure to do so could result in a fine. We ask that you use a de-icing "CMA" for sidewalks, please do not use salt as it can cause damage. Please help to keep Summerland's sidewalks safe for all that use them.

Keep up to date

The District posts 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

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

Sign up for our monthly online newsletter:

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

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