

MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL

Left to Right: Councillor Robert Hacking, Councillor Lloyd Christopherson, Councillor Orv Robson, Mayor Janice Perrino, Councillor Marty Van Alphen, Councillor Bruce Hallquist and Councillor Peter Waterman



Summerland's new Council was sworn in on December 5, 2011. Their first Regular Council meeting took place on December 12, 2011.

Meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (unless there is a holiday on the Monday then it moves to the Tuesday or a meeting is otherwise cancelled). Committee of the Whole meetings are held at 8:30am and Regular meetings are held at 7:00pm in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall. The public is welcome to attend Council or Committee meetings. Agendas and adopted minutes for all meetings are available at Municipal Hall and are posted on our website. You can also view meetings live by clicking on the *Council Meeting Video* located on the front page of our website. Shaw Cable broadcasts the evening Council meetings Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

If you would like an item placed on the agenda, please submit your request in writing along with your contact information to the Corporate Officer by the Wednesday before the meeting date. To contact Council, please refer to our website, send a letter to Municipal Hall, or call 250-494-6451.

The Mayor is committed to keeping Council open and accessible. Council's plans include working diligently to preserve and promote our agricultural land, our business community, tourism capabilities and to provide adequate housing for all of our families.

Council's new theme: **Summerland. . . Come Grow With Us**
Families, Business, Agriculture

BUSINESS LICENCES



The 2012 Business Licence renewals are due Jan. 27th. If you operate a business in Summerland for profit or gain (even if it is from your home) you must have a valid licence. This ensures that proper approvals from the Fire Dept., Interior Health (if necessary) and zoning regulations are adhered to. Anyone with a Business Licence automatically becomes a member of our Summerland Chamber of Economic Development & Tourism. In Summerland there are currently 670 licensed businesses. InterCommunity Licences, to operate in surrounding areas, are also available to qualified businesses that have a regular licence. Look for a stamped 2012 Licence displayed in the places you are dealing with. For inquiries regarding Business Licences call Municipal Hall at 250-494-6451.

Please support our local businesses!

All About Dogs

All dogs in Summerland must be licensed by the age of six months. Unless you are authorized to run a kennel, no more than three dogs are allowed per household.



Garnet Perrino

Licences cost \$40 per year, but if your dog is spayed or neutered the cost is \$20. Renewals have now been sent for 2012 and are due by Jan. 27, 2012. Dogs must be leashed while on a highway or other public places and secured or tethered while in a building, on property or in a vehicle. They can run freely at the Doggy Beach anytime or at Peach Orchard Beach from approximately October to April. Owners are required to pick up after their dogs, so please carry plastic bags with you or find one in a District Doggy Bag stand. The District contracts out Dog Control Services. If you've found or lost a dog, have a complaint about one barking or being aggressive, or see a dog at large, call **Dog Control at 250-494-6446.**

A Few Council Hi-Lites...

Check our website for full Council Minutes, Agendas and Live Broadcasts of meetings. Municipal Hall also has paper copies available. Shaw TV broadcasts on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00am.

- ... Council directed staff to apply for a Provincial Grant that could provide up to 80% of the cost to design and construct a **multi-use trail between Lower Town and Trout Creek**. The estimated cost of \$860,000 will provide a trail/walkway from Lakeshore Drive at Hwy 97 to the Illahie Campground at Thornber Street. Council will make a decision on whether or not they proceed with this project once the grant information is confirmed.
- ... Effective the January 2012 billing (which you will receive at the beginning of February), **residential electrical rates will be increased by 4%** to match the Fortis rate increase passed on to the District. The average household will see a \$3.60 per month increase. Due to Fortis restructuring some of their rates, commercial customers will see a decrease.
- ... There will also be a **3% sewer user fee increase effective January 2012**. This will result in approximately a .57 cent monthly increase to the average residential home. The 13 year old Wastewater Treatment Plant is beginning to require more maintenance and increased operating costs.
- ... A **5% water rate increase will be in effect January 2012**. This will add approximately \$1.75 per month to the average household. Recent capital expenditures on the water system have depleted virtually all of our water capital reserves and it is necessary to rebuild them.

SNOW PLOUGHS HARD AT WORK

There are approximately 500 km of roads to be cleared in Summerland which is the equivalent of driving to Revelstoke and back. Public Works has seventeen crew members and on an average snowy day, a crew of eight operate equipment (four trucks, the salter, the side caster, the sweeper and the ATV) as well as two workers clearing sidewalks manually. During a heavy snowfall (3" or more) fourteen crew members are on snow removal duty as additional equipment, including the grader and loaders, are required to widen out the main roads. The Public Works Crew is on call seven days a week. They have four trucks equipped with sanders and ploughs and each is responsible for a designated route. It typically takes eight hours to complete a route once, providing all goes well. If snow continues to fall, crews must return to the priority areas of their route, therefore certain side streets may not be cleared until the next day. Delays can also be caused by equipment failure. We have a smaller truck for salting the downtown core and certain residential intersections. On snow days, trucks are out by 6:00am and heavy snowfalls prompt crews to start downtown at 5:00am before traffic increases. Residential streets are the last to get attention, but those without sidewalks are ploughed to assist pedestrian use. We appreciate your patience as our Public Works Crew works diligently to clear Summerland's roads throughout the winter.



PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Summerland Legion has received \$10,000 in funds from CMHC to commission a Need and Demand Survey regarding affordable housing for seniors, disabled persons of low income and for families. The District of Summerland will be co-hosting a public meeting with the Legion on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30pm at the Legion on Rosedale Avenue. Please plan on attending to learn about any concerns or future plans and to give your input. For more information contact Dick Knorr from the Legion 250-494-1616.



Recycling this month will take place on your regular garbage day January 10th-12th and January 24th-26th. Calendars have been mailed!

Summerland Library New Hours:

Tues. 10am-8pm
Wed. 10am-6pm
Thurs. 10am-6pm
Fri. 10am-5pm
Sat. 10am-5pm



By giving a donation to the 2012 Dry Grads, you can have your Xmas tree picked up from your house by the Grads and the Summerland Fire Dept. Please call (250) 494-7211 Ext 3. to make arrangements. Pick up dates are Sunday, January 8th or Sunday, January 15th.



Energy Saving Tips From Our Electrical Utility Division

- Turn off kitchen and bathroom fans immediately after use as ventilation fans can extract all your homes heat in 2 to 3 hours.
- Have your furnace cleaned once a year.
- Avoid heating unused rooms by closing the doors.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE BC HYDRO SMART METERING PROGRAM AT THIS TIME.