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### **SUMMERLAND SELECTS SITE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PROVINCE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

At a Special Meeting of Summerland Council today, Summerland Council agreed to submit the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's gravel pit site on Highway 97 for consideration by the province as a potential location for a provincial correctional facility. This property is located within District of Summerland boundaries.

This site will be part of the South Okanagan application/submission to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and is in response to a request for assistance to identify a suitable site for a provincial correctional center from former Solicitor General Rich Coleman. The site is located north of Christante Ave. and west of Highway 97 and is currently being used by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as a gravel pit. It was one of the sites which were discussed at a public information meeting held by the District on March 7, 2011.

Mayor Perrino stated 'The issue of locating a correctional facility in Summerland has been a divisive issue for our community; however, Council believes that this site makes sense in the long term, is already owned by the Province, and will be the least intrusive on our community. Council has agreed to submit this site for provincial consideration as part of a joint submission to bring a correctional facility to the South Okanagan.'

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