

# Peachland NEWS



August 2024 Municipal Newsletter

## Peachland Families Rejoice!

### Funding Announced for 104-Space Daycare Centre

Peachland families can rejoice! The District of Peachland is the recipient of funding through ChildCareBC's New Spaces Fund to build a new 104 space child care centre in Peachland, adjacent to Peachland Elementary School.

The Aug. 8 announcement that the District of Peachland was successful in its application is welcome news by Peachland Council, which made improving access to childcare one of its top strategic priorities.

"A healthy community that can retain and attract families to Peachland requires access to quality childcare that parents and grandparents can count on," remarked Mayor Patrick Van Minsel. "This is now made possible through the Province's generous funding support to fully fund a new child care centre next to Peachland Elementary."

This project is to construct an all-new inclusive and accessible all-ages child care centre in Peachland on lands under purchase agreement by the District, adjacent to the Peachland Elementary School.

The new child care centre will be socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and help to build a more complete community



Peachlanders and special guests including Hon. Anne Kang, BC Minister of Municipal Affairs celebrated the special announcement on August 9.

around the school. The carefully selected site is located in one of Peachland's only available walkable and mixed-use neighbourhoods. Aside from being directly adjacent to Peachland Elementary school, it is also within a short walk to public transit, the Peachland library, Peachland's only grocery store and existing multi-family affordable housing developments. Adjacent to the site is another large undeveloped parcel that was recently rezoned for multi-family housing and will be geared toward attainable long-term rental units.

The new child care centre will support a

comprehensive all-ages model, that will be built to meet or exceed BC Building Code and energy efficiency requirements, operate using green hydro-electric energy, and be designed and constructed for universal accessibility.

The District of Peachland gratefully acknowledges the support of the Province of B.C. through its ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund and the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. Peachland would not have been able to achieve this milestone without this support.

### Keep Hydrated Out and About in Peachland

During extended periods of high temperatures, it's important to stay cool and hydrated. When on Beach Avenue, take a break under the trees at the Splash Pad in Heritage Park, open from 7 am to 8 pm during the summer. The Peachland Community Centre and Swim Bay have public drinking



fountains and a bottle fill station. Lambly Park, Highway 97 & San Clemente Avenue, has a water fountain, bottle fill station and a dog water fountain.



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# CAPTURE PEACHLAND Photo Contest

## WOW PEACHLAND!

You blew us away with over 300 entries in our CAPTURE PEACHLAND Photo Contest. The contest ran from June 17 to July 29 with participants invited to enter as many times as they wanted. Prizes to be awarded are:  
1st Place: \$250 Gift Certificate to any Peachland business  
2nd Place: \$100 Gift Certificate  
3rd Place: \$50 Gift Certificate  
Council will select the winners and reveal the winning entries at its Regular Council Meeting August 27.



## Wondering about Peachland beach water quality?



We routinely take samples for testing from Swim Bay, our busiest park. Working with Interior Health, we monitor the water quality and will notify the public when it is considered unsafe for swimming. As long as testing has been conducted, approximately 10 years, the District has NEVER had unsafe levels of E. coli at Swim Bay. This year, Peachland's testing has indicated E. coli levels are VERY LOW in the park. Get more information at [www.peachland.ca/water](http://www.peachland.ca/water).

# FIRE BAN ON

Outdoor fires are banned in the Central Okanagan to prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. Fireworks are also banned, unless specifically permitted by a local fire department. Violators could receive a fine and be charged the cost of the fire suppression efforts. Report an illegal campfire by calling **250-469-8577**



Visitors to Peachland Parks are reminded that **NO SMOKING** is allowed, including on beaches.



# Please, Stay Out of Turner Park

We get it, it's a wonderful place to walk and hang out, but Turner Park (6114 Turner Ave.) is closed for a reason. We're transforming the park into soccer fields and it takes time to establish the new turf. Take the pooch to nearby Sanderson Park as an alternative (5900 Sanderson Ave.) and access adjacent nature trails for that walk instead.

*Parks Staff have noticed increasing dog poop deposits in Peachland parks. These encounters are rarely pleasant. PLEASE, ALWAYS pick up after your pet!*



# Stage 2 Water Restrictions Now In Effect



Effective JULY 9, 2024, the District of Peachland implemented Stage 2 Water restrictions to reduce outdoor water consumption and decrease the demand on Peachland's reservoirs.

## STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS - TWICE A WEEK

- Even numbered addresses - watering permitted on Saturdays and Tuesdays
- Odd numbered addresses - watering permitted on Sundays and Wednesdays
- Automatic sprinklers - midnight to 6 am on permitted days
- Manually controlled sprinklers - 6 am to 11 am and 6 pm to midnight on permitted days
- Watering not permitted between 11 am and 6 pm
- Hand watering of gardens is permitted at all times

For more information on water restrictions and water conservation, visit [www.peachland.ca/water-conservation](http://www.peachland.ca/water-conservation).



# PEACHLAND EVENTS



**Beat the Heat Roller Skate**  
Saturday, August 24th  
Peachland Community Centre  
Learn to skate: 12 to 1 pm  
Family Skate: 1 to 3 pm  
13 years+: 3 to 5 pm

Bring your indoor roller skates or rent a pair (\$5 @ the door). All safety gear is provided.  
Prices: Youth \$10; 13+ \$15  
1 hour learn-to-skate lesson \$7  
Register: [peachland.ca/recguide](http://peachland.ca/recguide)

**Peachland's Got Talent**  
August 31st  
Showtime 7 to 9 pm  
Enter to win cash prizes!  
All ages invited to apply.  
Performances take place in Heritage Park. Reserve your spot at [www.peachlandarts.ca/talent-show](http://www.peachlandarts.ca/talent-show)



**Farmers Market**  
Every Sunday  
10 am to 2 pm  
Peachland's beautiful Farmers & Crafters Market runs every Sunday from the end of May to September in Heritage Park on Beach Avenue. Get details at [www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca](http://www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca).



**Recycling Depot Pop-Up**  
Saturday, September 14  
10 am to 2 pm  
Peachland Community Centre parking lot.  
Free drop-off of household recycling including glass, plastic bags, electronics and more.  
[www.rdco.com/recycle](http://www.rdco.com/recycle)



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## Newest Peachland Mural Complete on Fourth St. Place

The newest mural to brighten Peachland is now complete. It's on the wall of Fourth Street Place, home of the Peachland Wellness Centre and the Peachland Food Bank. It was recently completed by artis Jean Bradbury.



Artist Shelby Willis completed this mural on the Peachland Fire hall in 2023

**I PLEDGE TO**

**CHOOSE DRY-CLIMATE AND NATIVE PLANTS**

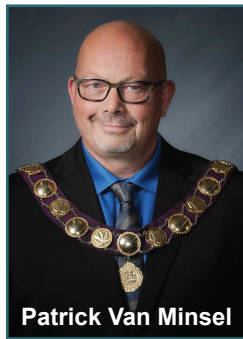
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Take the pledge at [MakeWaterWork.ca](http://MakeWaterWork.ca)



## Mayor's Message

# We Couldn't Have Done it Without You



Patrick Van Minsel

I couldn't have been happier to announce the funding support we received to build a new child care centre in Peachland (see page 1). I knew it was the answer to many families' wishes; all of Council did. This was a top priority for Council because we heard the message loud and clear from families throughout our election campaigns. Parents and grandparents asked for help to find adequate, dependable and convenient child care.

Once elected, this Council unanimously agreed, no parent should have to take their child to another community for child care like Peachland parents were challenged with for years.

For us, this journey started ten months ago at a minister meeting at the UBCM Conference in Vancouver, where Council expressed Peachland's need for childcare spaces in our community. As a council spokesperson, I have travelled to Victoria and met with ministers on multiple occasions since, spreading the word about this project's importance to Peachland families.

Now, a new centre will be built in a centralized location in our community, and we have given our thanks and tremendous appreciation to the Province and to the Federal Government. It is time to thank you, the residents of Peachland, and our District staff. This project hinged on the consistent pressure from troubled parents to address this challenge and the persistence of staff in applying for funding support, as well as arming us elected officials with the right tools to lobby for much need attention for our community. The families of Peachland showed us the need was great and wasn't going away and staff proved to us they have the expertise and tenacity to achieve great things.

In the coming months, we will begin a competitive process to build the new child care centre. Although we cannot provide a detailed timeline at this time, we anticipate shovels in the ground early in the new year.

On behalf of your Peachland Council, I thank the residents of Peachland for their perseverance and I request your continued attention in the coming months as we seek to answer a few more wishes for Peachland.

## Upcoming Regular Council Meetings



- August 27
- September 10
- September 24
- October 8
- October 22

Regular Council meetings begin at 6 pm in Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street. The public is welcome to attend or can watch live and archived meetings via webcast.  
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## Council Highlights

### 25th Anniversary of Peachland Car Show

Council received a presentation on the Peachland Classic Car Show held May 19 which was hosted by the Peachland Chamber of Commerce. The event was the 25th anniversary of the Peachland car show and was an outstanding success with over 200 classic cars registered. Fundraising events held during the year were extremely lucrative and organizers raised \$36,000+ in sponsorships, sales and fees to offset the \$23,000 in expenses and leave funds for next year's event.



Mayor's Pick  
Morley McDonald  
1951 Ford F150

### Lipsett Avenue Rezoning

Council gave third reading to a Zoning Amendment Bylaw to rezone 6137 and

6147 Lipsett Avenue to allow the development of 34 multi-family residential units in a strata townhouse development. The application will be scheduled for final adoption once the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure gives approval and several covenants are registered.

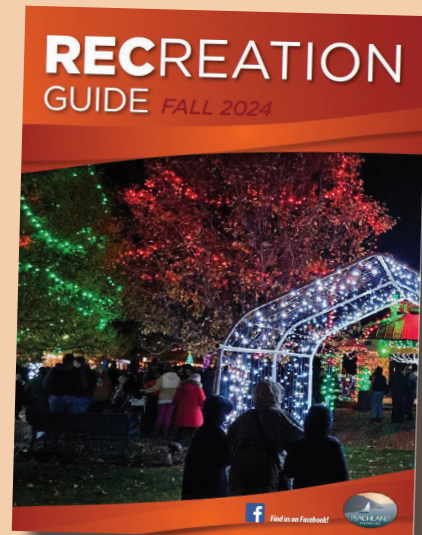
### Clements Crescent Development

A Form and Character Development Permit with variances was authorized for 5481 Clements Crescent to allow the construction of a 98-unit multiple-family residential building. Variances for building height, parking and road construction were approved. The six-storey residential building will be shifted further north, away from the existing residential neighbourhood to accommodate the development of a childcare facility (see page 1). The development fits in with Council's goal for increased housing choice in Peachland.

## Fall Rec Guide

Copies of the Peachland Fall Recreation Guide will be in the mail on August 16 to Peachland residents and will be online on August 14.

Registration for Peachland residents starts on August 22 and for non-residents is August 23. Both start at 8:30 am online and 12 pm in person.



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