

Peachland NEWS



December 2024 Municipal Newsletter



Classic Car Show



New Childcare Facility for Peachland

2024 What a Year!

Peachland enjoyed tremendous support in 2024 from our provincial and federal governments and engaged the community like never before, hearing from all ages and actively involving Peachland volunteers in improving our community. Read about the successes in this month's Mayor's Message (page 4).



Students' Playground Vote



Climate Action Plan



Our Peachland Open House



Downtown Revitalization



Budget Open House



Photo Contest



Fundraiser for PL Elem.



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2025 Budget Open House

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
4 to 6 pm
Peachland Community Centre

Peachland Mayor and Council invite you to attend the Draft 2025 Budget Open House to discuss the provisional budget for 2025 and beyond.

The draft budget includes a property tax increase of \$111 (on an average assessed home) or 6.65%. Find out what capital projects you can expect this year and what is in the strategic plan for Peachland's Future.



www.peachland.ca/finance



Business Licence Renewal

Peachland business owners have until December 31 to renew their annual business licence. This includes home-based businesses, short-term rentals and non-profits. Non-profits are charged a nominal rate of \$1/year for the licence which establishes requirements for fire and life safety inspections.

New businesses must submit an application form and fee and the first year licensing fee is waived if approved.

Visit www.peachland.ca/business-licensing to find the application and more information. Questions? Contact us at bylaw@peachland.ca or call 250-767-2647.

Winter Holiday Closures

Peachland Municipal Hall, 5806 Beach Avenue, will be closed for the holidays beginning Wednesday, December 25, with normal operations resuming Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Residents can access District of Peachland information and online services by visiting www.peachland.ca.

Police and fire services will remain in operation during the closure, as will essential services including snow removal and water and sewer services.

For urgent road, water, sewer or parks matters, please contact 888-804-0666



The Peachland Community Centre will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, 2024 and Jan. 1, 2025.

It will open during the Christmas break for Pickleball Drop-in as follows:
Dec. 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 and Jan. 2 and 3
• 9 to 11 am: Level 1.0 to 2.5
• 11:30 am to 1:30 pm: Level 2.5 to 3.5
• 2 to 4 pm: Level 3.75+

Regular hours resume on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025.

Holiday Waste Collection Schedule



Expect some changes to your curbside waste collection this holiday period. Garbage, recycling and yard waste will not be collected on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 or New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

As a result, curbside pick-up moves ahead one day for those with Wednesday, Thursday or Friday collection during the last week of December and the first week of January. Put your bins out for collection the day following your typical pick-up day during these two weeks.

Don't get on the naughty list!
Keep these out of your recycling cart:
* ribbons & bows * foil gift wrap
* padded envelopes * toys * lights * batteries *

10th Annual Christmas Tree Chipping for Charity

Free Hot Chocolate & Fire Trucks on Display

Date: January 4th, 2025
Time: 10 am – 2 pm
Location: Peachland Community Centre



NOR-VAL RENTALS

The Peachland Fire and Rescue Service has teamed up with Nor-Val Rentals for our Annual Christmas Tree Chipping for Charity Event.

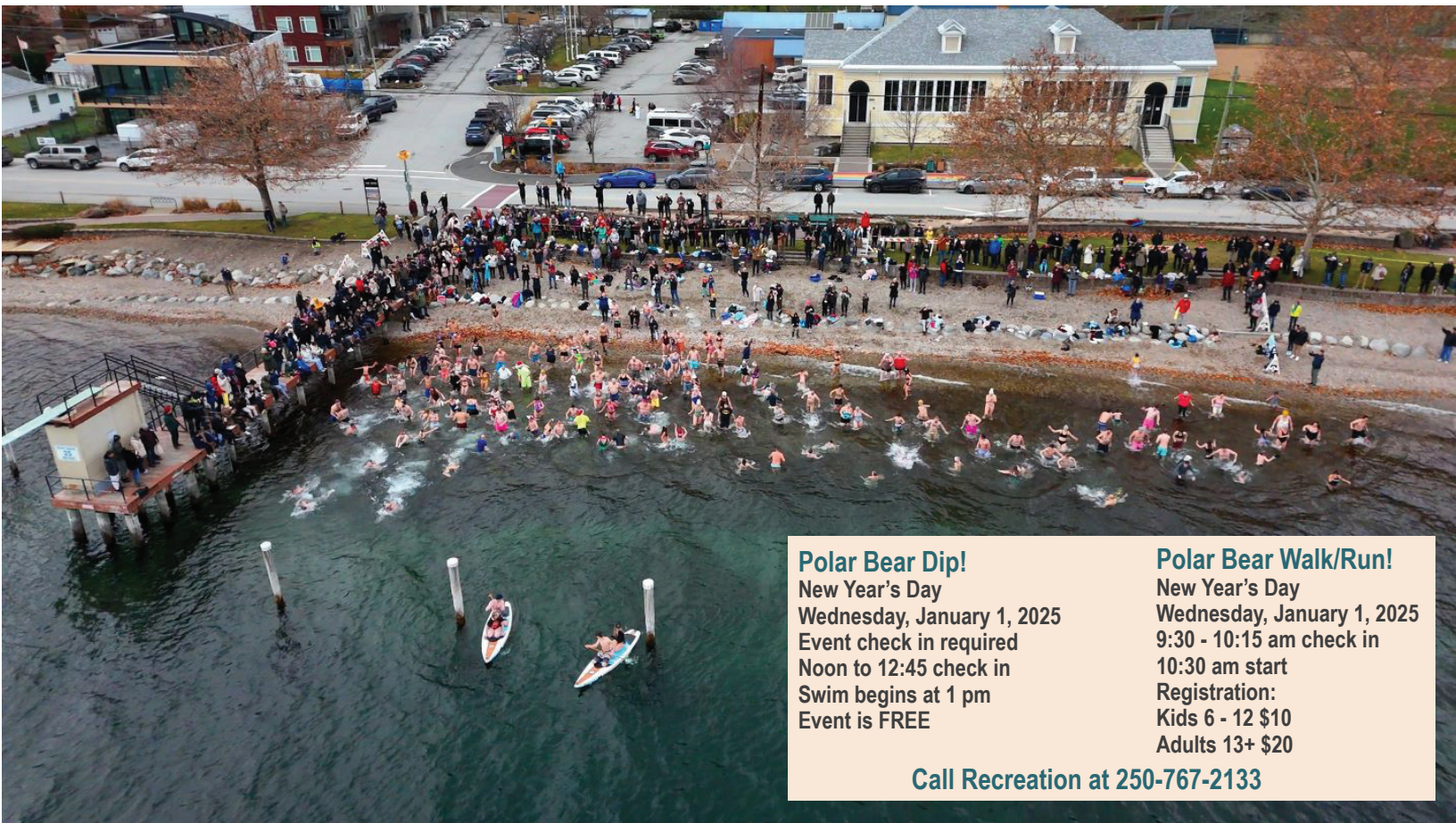
We will be offering Christmas Tree Chipping and Disposal by donation. In addition, for a minimum donation of \$5.00 the Fire Department will come to your home and pick up your tree for disposal.

Please contact the Peachland Fire Dept. for pick up and donation information (E-transfers available). Phone (250) 767-2841 or email fireclerk@peachland.ca

Residents are reminded to remove all decorations and tinsel before your tree is picked up.

All proceeds will be going to Muscular Dystrophy of Canada.

Please take advantage of the environmentally friendly service and your donation will go to a worthy cause.



<p>Polar Bear Dip! New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Event check in required Noon to 12:45 check in Swim begins at 1 pm Event is FREE</p>	<p>Polar Bear Walk/Run! New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2025 9:30 - 10:15 am check in 10:30 am start Registration: Kids 6 - 12 \$10 Adults 13+ \$20</p>
<p>Call Recreation at 250-767-2133</p>	

PEACHLAND EVENTS

Christmas Eve Caroling With Peachland Fire Department Tuesday, December 24 6 to 8 pm

This year is the 50th anniversary of this event! On Christmas Eve, Peachland Fire & Rescue members will be driving fire trucks throughout the community, singing carols and collecting donations. Take a few minutes to head outside and check the decorated trucks and listen to the music when they come down your street. A friendly wave or cheer is always appreciated by the Fire Department Members. Donations to the Food Bank are gratefully accepted. Merry Christmas!



2025 Living Greener Calendar Available Now

Peachland Municipal Hall
The Living Greener Calendar provides you with information on your curbside collection schedule for recycling, garbage, yard waste, depot locations, community events, and disposal locations.



Pick up your copy at Peachland Municipal Hall, 5806 Beach Avenue, or find it online at www.rdco.com.

WINTER 2025 Recreation Guide

The Peachland WINTER 2025 Recreation Guide is now available online or you can pick up a copy at the Peachland Community Centre.

Registration is now open for all programs. Try something new this Winter. There is something for everyone in the new Peachland Recreation Guide.

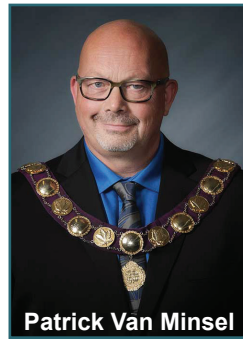
RECREATION GUIDE WINTER 2025

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Mayor's Message *2024 Year in Review*



Patrick Van Minsel

In the second year of our mandate, I am pleased to announce that many of Peachland Council's strategic goals have been successfully achieved. Some of these accomplishments took considerable time to develop as we collaborated with provincial and federal representatives to secure support and funding. Other achievements have been made possible through the volunteer efforts of our community members.

Throughout this process, the municipal staff of Peachland have played a crucial role in driving our initiatives forward. It's rewarding to witness the dedication of so many residents in Peachland working to improve our community. I want to thank everyone who contributed to making 2024 a successful year. Here are just a few highlights from the year:

- Secured \$12,200,000 in funding from Childcare BC's New Spaces Fund to construct a new childcare center with 104 spaces adjacent to Peachland Elementary School.
- Actively pursuing federal funding to eliminate barriers to increasing our housing supply, focusing mainly on affordable housing and climate resiliency, both crucial components of Council's vision.
- Secured \$500,000 to construct a trail connection between Peachland and West Kelowna.
- Undertook asset management and conducted capacity reviews of our sewer, water, and road infrastructure to help plan for the future. We are now seeking funding for a comprehensive Asset Management Plan for Peachland.
- In June, we held our second annual "Our Peachland" Open House, another great success. This event is quickly becoming one of the most well-attended in Peachland.
- Council's three new committees—the Downtown Revitalization Task Force, the Climate Action Task Force, and the Accessibility Advisory Committee—met throughout the year. A Peachland Accessibility Plan has been created, and soon, in the new year, we anticipate a Downtown Revitalization Implementation Strategy and a Climate Action Plan for our community.
- Phase II of the Peachland Seniors' Support Society's affordable housing project on 5th Street broke ground this year. Council saved our taxpayers \$1,100,000 by re-negotiating this project with BC Housing.
- Council invested more in roadwork this year, spending over \$1,150,000 to renew Princeton Avenue and Somerset Avenue roads.
- We were pleased to sponsor the Peachland Chamber of Commerce's new community event on the Sunday of May long weekend. The Peachland Classic Car Show was successful and will become a lasting tradition.
- We began constructing Phase I in Turner Park, transforming the old sports box into an accessible picnic area and children's playground with upgraded washrooms. This phase also adds much-needed sports fields (baseball and soccer).
- We began constructing an off-leash dog park at Sanderson Park, a \$100,000 investment.
- Council started a Youth Council in cooperation with our local school. This gives our youth input into the future of Peachland. Monthly meetings are held at Council Chambers.

CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY

Peachland's Climate Action Task Force has developed a survey to find out how the District and residents can work together to limit climate pollution and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Responses will be compiled and used to help inform Peachland's Climate Action Plan.

The survey deadline is December 31, 2024.



You could win a 72-Hour Emergency Kit for Two!

USE THE LINK OR QR CODE TO ACCESS THE SURVEY

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJCW2D2

Council Highlights

2025 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

Council was presented the 2025 Provisional Budget which includes a property tax increase of \$111 for an average assessed home in Peachland, or 6.65%. The tax increase is necessary to fund ongoing operational expenses and services and to contribute a portion to reserves for future expenditures. Get budget details at www.peachland.ca/finance.

2024 CITIZENS SURVEY RESULTS

Council received the results of the 2024 Citizens Survey and will use the information gathered in upcoming strategic planning sessions. The full results can be viewed on the District's website at www.peachland.ca/citizenssurvey

INTERIM HOUSING NEEDS REPORT

Council endorsed the District of Peachland Interim Housing Needs Report, a legislated requirement. The intent of the report is to provide an evidence-based approach to understanding community growth and the need for various housing types.

PUBLIC STATEMENT - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

A Special Council Meeting was called to discuss a letter sent to Council from CUPE Local 608 representing District of Peachland municipal employees. After an In Camera Session on the matter, Administration provided a statement in response to the letter. The District of Peachland is in negotiations with CUPE Local 608 for a new contract for the 39 full time, part time and casual employees of the District of Peachland. The current collective agreement between the District of Peachland and Local 608 expired June 30, 2024. The full public statement is available on the District's website at www.peachland.ca/1601.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

District of Peachland Mayor and Council



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. www.peachland.ca/council * council@peachland.ca * 250-767-2647



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