

Peachland NEWS



February 2024 Municipal Newsletter

Task Force to Tackle Downtown Revitalization



Introducing your Downtown Revitalization and Implementation Strategy Task Force. From left, Curtis Urlacher, Sarah Kendrick, Linda Craven, Darlene Thornton, Daniel MacKinnon, Alena Glasman, Greg Sewell, Chelsea Jeal, Patrick Van Minsel, Janice Liebe, David Collins, Shayn Moritz and Graham Todd. Task force members Judi Tyabji and Mike Kent are missing from the photo. Also not pictured are Alternates Kym Martin, Darlene Romanko, Deb Maxwell, Ken James and Terry Condon.

The Downtown Revitalization and Implementation Strategy (DRIS) Task Force held its inaugural meeting on January 25. The Task Force will meet seven times between now and September, developing a realistic "how to" document to help support future growth in Downtown Peachland. The Task Force includes business owners, landowners, Peachland residents and recreation and culture representation. These volunteers are dedicating some time to advise Council on how to re-establish priorities for new, economically viable development downtown. Supported by consultant Urban Systems, the Task Force will consider a land use economic evaluation, discuss visioning and urban design principles and develop a draft implementation strategy. The public will be asked to provide input along the way. The draft DRIS is anticipated to be ready for Council's consideration this September. The District was pleased to receive a \$35,000 grant towards this project from the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior.



COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

The District was awarded \$150,000 by the Union of BC Municipalities to assess Peachland's community completeness in housing, transportation, daily needs and infrastructure. The Complete Communities Assessment will support the completion of the DRIS and is expected to be complete in August.



Budget Open House

Tuesday, February 27
4 to 6 pm
Peachland Community Centre

Peachland Mayor and Council invite you to attend the 2024 Budget Open House to discuss the provisional budget for 2024 and beyond.

Council has proposed a 7.74% increase. Find out how that impacts you, what capital projects you can expect this year and what is in the strategic plan for Peachland's Future.

THE BEST WAY TO STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT DISTRICT NEWS

[WWW.PEACHLAND.CA/SUBSCRIBE](http://www.peachland.ca/subscribe)



District of Peachland
5806 Beach Avenue,
Peachland, BC V0H 1X7
info@peachland.ca
Phone: 250-767-2647
After Hours Emergency
888-804-0666

Keep informed about Peachland news and events. Sign up to receive our e-news at www.peachland.ca/subscribe



or find us @districtofpeachland



Fuel Mitigation in Peachland Forests to Aid Fire Prevention

Residents may have noticed activity in the forested areas above Forest Hills or Sanderson Park this month as the District of Peachland conducts fuel mitigation projects. These projects on District-owned lands are prescribed in Peachland's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, developed by a registered professional forester and approved by BC Wildfire Service. The project is fully funded by the Community Resiliency Investment Program through the Union of BC Municipalities. The work by Cabin Resource Management is done with no burning; all material will be chipped and hauled away. Residents are asked to respect posted signage and avoid areas where work is being done.



For more information or to book a FireSmart inspection by a trained FireSmart Representative, visit www.peachland.ca/firesmart

OPEN BURNING

Please read this BEFORE lighting that brush pile!

In Peachland, permits are required before any OPEN BURNING can be done, and these fires are only allowed on a residential property that is 1 hectare (2 1/2 acres) or more. Also, you can NEVER burn compostable materials like leaves, grass or pine needles. Permits are granted after every reasonable alternative to remove wood debris has been pursued. Only cured, dried wood can be burned and only on proper venting days when open burning is allowed. Find out more at www.peachland.ca/open-burning2 or www.rdco.com/outdoorburning.



DISCOUNT?



SAVE \$20

If you renew or purchase your dog licence for 2024 by February 29, you can save \$20 off the licence fee. All dogs in the Central Okanagan that are three months or older must be licensed. Find out more at

www.rdco.com/dogs

Please always be courteous; pick up your dog's poop!

Got a FOOD TRUCK?



Applications are being accepted now until the end of February for outdoor food and retail vending in Peachland.

Applications will be evaluated and successful applicants will be awarded vending positions for various locations in Peachland for the Summer of 2024. Applications received after February 29, 2024 will be eligible for locations, if any remain, on a first come first served basis. Visit www.peachland.ca/outdoor-vendor for more information and to access the application form, or contact Sarah Summers at ssummers@peachland.ca or 778-760-5177.

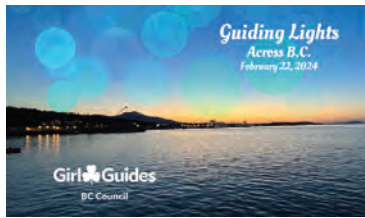
UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Day Movie & Fun February 19

FREE Family Day Movie & Interactive Animal Presentations! Join us at the Community Centre for a showing of Sing 2 on the big screen! The Little Reptile Queen will be providing interactive animal presentations featuring hedgehogs, snakes, geckos, tortoise, a parrot and more. Popcorn concession by the Ambassadors, crafts and other activities! Movie runs 2:10 – 4:00 pm. Call to reserve your spot in the Animal Presentations, space is limited! 250-767-2133.

Thinking Day February 22

Girl Guides of Canada celebrate World Thinking Day and landmarks will light up in blue to celebrate Guiding Lights Across BC. Watch for local amenities lit up in blue! Details: www.girlguides.ca.



Pink Shirt Day February 28

Show your support to end bullying. Wear pink in solidarity and watch for opportunities where you can help the cause. www.pinkshirt.ca

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast March 1

From 7 to 9 am, Mayor and Council will be donning aprons and hats to serve up breakfast to the valuable volunteers of Peachland. Organizations are encouraged to book a table. Please RSVP by Feb. 24. Call 250-767-2133.



Heart Beat...HeARTS Festival shows us the Rhythm of Life



The Annual HeARTS Festival will take place from February 12 to 18, celebrating our love of all art forms! Literary, performing and visual arts events are planned. Enjoy exhibits, workshops, prizes, entertainment and more! The Artisans Showcase will be featured at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street, on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

A Special Evening of the Arts will be held on Friday, Feb. 16 and will include a special dedication to the newly-established Our Space School for Peachland Arts, Culture and Ecology located in the Peachland Historic Schoolhouse. A dedication and ribbon cutting with Mayor Patrick Van Minsel is planned. Get details at www.peachlandarts.ca.

Preparing for Provincial Zoning Changes



Peachland staff are working to align Peachland's Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, to meet new provincial regulations, as all BC municipalities will need to do by June 30, 2024.

On Nov. 1, 2023, the Province announced changes as part of the *Homes for People Action Plan* to help create more housing options within BC communities by establishing a more efficient and effective process. Municipalities will be required to amend their zoning bylaws and official community plans to support the Province's vision of more homes for families, seniors, young people and more. Municipalities WILL NOT be allowed to hold public hearings for rezonings for housing projects that are aligned with the OCP.

Keep informed of changes to Peachland's OCP and Zoning Bylaws by subscribing to receive e-notification of District news at www.peachland.ca/subscribe. You can find more information on the *Homes for People Action Plan* on the Provincial Government's website: www.gov.bc.ca.

Please keep these items OUT of your recycle cart

Recent audits of curbside residential recycling in the Central Okanagan showed high levels of contamination in our recycling carts. The more contamination, the more potential of financial penalties! To avoid increased costs for the service, familiarize yourself with what can, and can't, go in your BLUE BIN.

NO plastic bags or wrap



NO clothes or fabric



NO scrap metal



NO glass (or pickles, for that matter)



NO books



NO foam containers

Make it easy to find your garbage and recycling pickup schedule and search how to dispose of hundreds of items by getting the FREE Recycle Coach App for mobile phones or tablets.



Details at www.rdc0.com/recycle

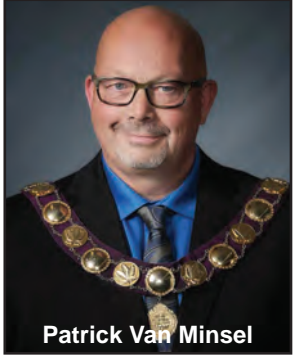
Mayor's Message

Best Birthday Present Ever!

The other day, I was at the Peachland Elementary School. I find myself there often representing Peachland Council and it is always an enjoyable time. But I left this particular visit with a heavy heart. I had been chatting with Principal Wendy Briggs and our conversation moved to how Peachland families are coping with today's financial strains. There are Peachland students without access to computers or laptops, she told me. The school does what they can for these students but it is a real set back for some of our youngest citizens.

I was there to join the West Kelowna Warriors in encouraging Peachland Elementary students to take in the special "Peachland Warriors" game on Jan. 27. I was happy to promote this fun event for Peachlanders, but I realized there was something I could do that may have a bit more impact on these young citizens.

I'm hosting a birthday party for myself and inviting all my friends, neighbours, local business people and volunteers to join me. I've partnered with the Peachland Wellness Centre and in lieu of gifts, I'm inviting my guests to donate money so we can purchase computers and laptops for students.



Patrick Van Minsel



2023 SPIRIT OF PEACHLAND

Does Someone You Know Deserve a Civic Award?



Each year, Mayor and Council are honoured to recognize outstanding Peachlanders for service to their community at the annual **Spirit of Peachland Civic Awards** celebration in May. Nominations are now open for awards for excellence in many categories, lifetime service awards, the Citizen of the Year and Freedom of the City awards and much more!

Nomination Deadline is Friday, March 1, 2024 at noon. Criteria and nomination forms are available at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street, or online at www.peachland.ca/civic-awards. For more information, please call 250-767-2133.

Selections will be based on the nominees' achievements and contributions for the year of 2023.

You're invited to

Patrick Van Minsel's Birthday Bash, a Fundraiser for Kids



February 23, 2024
6 pm start
Edgewater Pub & Grill
Free appies served 6 - 9 pm
1 complimentary beverage per guest
Karaoke, Live Music & Silent Auction

Donations gratefully accepted by the Peachland Wellness Centre Society will go to supporting our local elementary students. (Charitable donation receipts for donations over \$50)

Please visit www.eventbrite.ca for tickets (free, but we need numbers), search "Patrick Van Minsel" and reserve a spot to join me at my birthday bash to help our Peachland kids. It will be the best birthday present ever.

- MAYOR Patrick Van Minsel

Preparing for climate change



Peachland Council's

CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY TASK FORCE

Making a difference

www.peachland.ca/council-committees

Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

- January 23
- February 13
- February 27
- March 12
- March 26
- April 9
- April 23

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



Visit www.peachland.ca/council
Contact Council at council@peachland.ca or call 250-767-2647



District of Peachland
5806 Beach Avenue,
Peachland, B.C. V0H 1X7
info@peachland.ca
Phone: 250.767.2647
After Hours Emergency:
888-804-0666 and 604-815-6071

Keep informed about Peachland news and events. Sign up to receive our e-news at www.peachland.ca/subscribe



or find us @districtofpeachland