

PEACHLAND News

2025 Budget Open House

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

Peachland Mayor and Council invite you to attend this 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 are on the books and what is in the strategic plan for Peachland's Future.



www.peachland.ca/finance for more information

Speculation Tax Notices Coming for Peachland Homeowners



Effective January 2024, Peachland property owners must complete a **Speculation Tax Declaration** each year. The Province announced the expansion of the tax to Peachland and other areas of BC in November 2023, with the tax taking effect for the 2024 taxable year.

Peachland property owners will receive a declaration letter by the end of February, and must complete the declaration by March 31. Most Peachland homeowners will be exempt from the tax because they live in their homes, but all homeowners still need to fill out the declaration every year. Taxes are applied if you do not live in the home you own in a speculation tax area, but there are exemptions. The tax is designed to discourage housing speculation or vacant homes.

Learn more about the Province's Speculation Tax at www.gov.bc.ca/speculationtax

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.



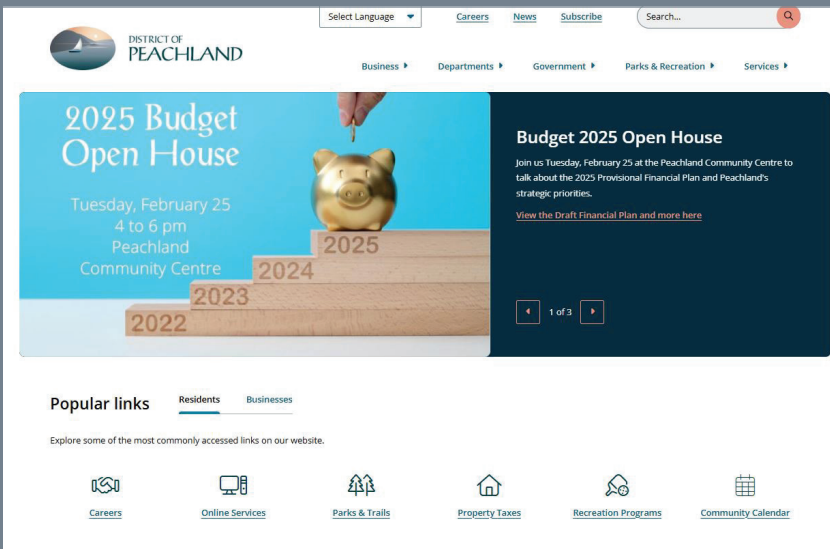
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New Website Steps Up Engagement



The District of Peachland launched an updated website on Friday, February 7, taking a key step forward in enhancing communication and engagement with the community. The District's new website at www.peachland.ca offers improved accessibility, enhanced user experience, and a modernized look to better serve residents, businesses, and visitors.

The redesign focuses on accessibility to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, can easily navigate and access the information they need. Features such as improved readability, intuitive navigation, and compatibility with assistive technologies have been prioritized to create a more inclusive online experience.

While the updated website offers many improvements, it remains a work in progress. The District is actively developing and refining its content and features to ensure it continues to meet the diverse needs of its users.

Enjoy exploring the new website and please share your thoughts with us at info@peachland.ca.

Please keep these items OUT of your recycle cart

Recent audits of curbside residential recycling in the Central Okanagan showed too much 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.



Details at www.rdcoc.com/recycle

Visit the website or Peachland Municipal Hall to find the 2025 Living Greener Calendar, a collection of information to support sustainable living in the Central Okanagan.



Make it easy to find your pickup schedules and search how to dispose of hundreds of items by getting the FREE Recycle Coach App.



Peachland Fire & Rescue wants you to



BE PREPARED



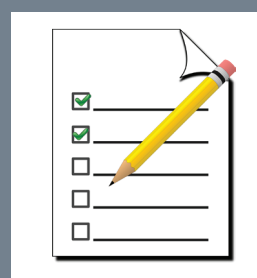
During major incidents or emergencies, Peachland's emergency plan is supported by the regional emergency program through the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) and, in turn, by the Province through Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. In our region, local programs are developed in a collaborative manner and a single plan for the RDCO ensures the highest level of support to residents. This plan has been used many times over the years in times of wildfire, flooding and other major incidents.

Even the best plans by your local government can only predict so much. It is up to you to be prepared for emergencies and sign up to receive email notification of emergency activations in your community.

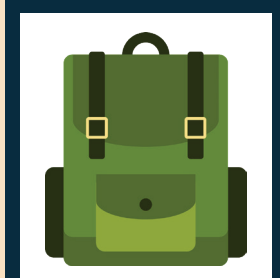
www.cordemergency.ca/email-updates



Know the Risks



Make a Plan



Get a Kit

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WWW.PEACHLAND.CA/SUBSCRIBE





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

Got a FOOD TRUCK?

Applications will be evaluated and successful applicants will be awarded vending positions for various locations in Peachland for the Summer of 2025. Applications received after February 28 will be eligible for locations, if any remain, on a first come first served basis. Visit www.peachland.ca for more information and to access the application form, or call the Planning Department at 250-767-3707.



Did you say
DISCOUNT ?

SAVE \$20

If you renew or purchase your dog licence for 2025 by February 28, 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!*

Supporting Guides By Going Blue

Peachland Community Centre and the Heritage Park Gazebo will be lit up in blue on **February 22** in support of the Girl Guide's Guiding Spirit Across BC initiative. The Guides light up local landmarks blue to celebrate World Thinking Day, a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect girls and young women and celebrate the good deeds of Girl Guides around the world.



EVENTS

FREE Family Day Movie & Fun

Monday, February 17
1 to 3 pm

Peachland Community Centre.
Big screen movie, mini putt, race course, crafts and inflatable axe throwing! Popcorn by donation to the Peachland Ambassadors. FREE, all ages welcome.

For more information call Recreation at 250-767-2133.



Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 26
Practice kindness and wear pink to show you stand against bullying. Make it your mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives.

St. Pawtrick's Day Dog Parade

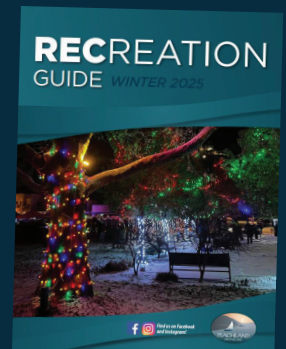
Saturday, March 15
11 am

Peachland Community Centre Parking Lot
Bring your dog for a dog parade, vendors and fun. Everyone welcome. Call 778-479-2843 for more information.

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.

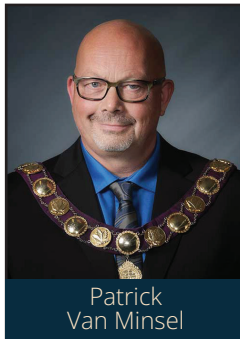
Registration is now open for all programs. Try something new this Winter. There is something for everyone in the new Peachland Recreation Guide. More information at www.peachland.ca/regguide



Mayor's Message

SPIRIT OF PEACHLAND

Do you know a Peachlander who deserves a civic award?



Patrick Van Minsel



2023 Citizen of the Year Madeleine Nixon

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 2024 awards for excellence in many categories, lifetime service awards, the Citizen of the Year and Freedom of the City awards and much more!

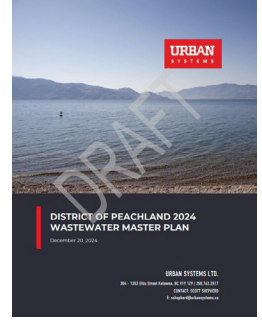
Nomination Deadline is Friday, March 1, 2025 at noon. Criteria and nomination forms are available at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street, or online at www.peachland.ca/civic-awards. For more information, please call 250-767-2133.

Selections will be based on the nominees' achievements and contributions in 2024.

Council Highlights

Draft Wastewater Master Plan

Council was presented information on the Draft *Wastewater Master Plan* (WWMP) for the municipality, which provides a comprehensive evaluation of the municipality's wastewater infrastructure. It is an update to the District's existing phasing plan for system expansion into established neighbourhoods and was funded through a Canada Community Building Fund grant. The WWMP ensures that the District's wastewater system meets current operational needs while preparing for future growth, regulatory requirements, and phased expansion. The plan focuses on capacity, condition, and compliance, followed by an updated phasing and costing plan. It concludes with a section on communications and engagement. Council had questions around the approach for phasing and public consultation.



Taking the input from Council into account, the consultant, Urban Systems, will proceed with the communication plan focusing on support for establishment of Local Area Service (LAS) and potential grant applications; a LAS is a cost sharing process for implementing neighbourhood infrastructure works and is divided by all benefiting property owners. The next round of communications will involve targeted outreach to residents in the areas identified in the draft report as priority zones for sewer installation, ensuring they are informed about the phases of work including potential milestones and expected costs.

A final report and presentation to Council will be made at a Regular Council meeting once the public outreach and engagement phases of the workplan are completed, which is anticipated to be by June 2025.

Zoning Amendment 4607 Princeton Avenue

Council adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2333 to rezone 4607 Princeton Avenue from Rural Residential to Multi-Unit Residential – Medium Density to allow construction of a residential development with up to 26 units. In September 2024, Council granted a three-month extension to the rezoning request, which has been instream since June 2020.

Get more information at www.peachland.ca/agendas-minutes

Peachland Council

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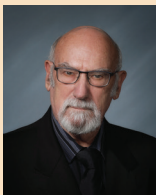
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 11
- February 25
- March 11
- March 25
- April 8
- April 22
- May 6
- May 20
- June 10
- June 24

Regular Council meetings begin at 6 pm in Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street.

The public is welcome to attend or view live and archived meetings via webcast.

www.peachland.ca/council

