

Peachland NEWS



Winter 2024 Municipal Newsletter

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Budget Open House

Find out more at www.peachland.ca/finance

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.

Tuesday,
February 27
4 to 6 pm
Peachland
Community Centre
4450 6th Street



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2023 SPIRIT OF PEACHLAND

Nominate that outstanding someone
for a Civic Award; Celebration in May

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 will open in February for the following awards:

- Wedding Anniversary - 50th, 60th or 70th
- Freedom of the Municipality - Presented for 100th birthday or 75 years as a resident.
- Excellence Awards - Resident, group or youth demonstrating significant service or achievement in a specific category including Arts, Culture, Sports, Recreation, Heritage, Environment, Volunteerism, Community Spirit and more!
- Unsung Hero - Resident whose quiet actions have had a significant impact on others.
- Lifetime Service - Resident or group demonstrating 15+ years of dedicated service to the community.
- Youth Citizen of the Year - Student demonstrating outstanding leadership or making significant contributions to youth and or the community.
- Citizen of the Year - Peachland resident making the greatest contribution to the improvement of the community.



*SHELLEY SWEENEY
Peachland's 2022 Citizen of the Year*

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.



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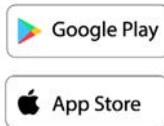
Please keep these items OUT of your recycle cart

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.



Details at www.rdco.com/recycle

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.



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.

Outdoor Vendor Applications



The initial intake period for outdoor food and retail vending applications is open now until the end of February.

Applications received during this time 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. If you are interested and want to know where the vending locations are or what is required to apply, visit our website at 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.

Sidewalk & Pathway Snow Removal

Peachland residential and commercial property owners are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks and footpaths bordering their property. The Peachland Operations and Parks Department removes snow from sidewalks adjacent to civic buildings, selected parks and pedestrian accesses. Please ensure the sidewalk fronting your property is free of snow and ice.



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

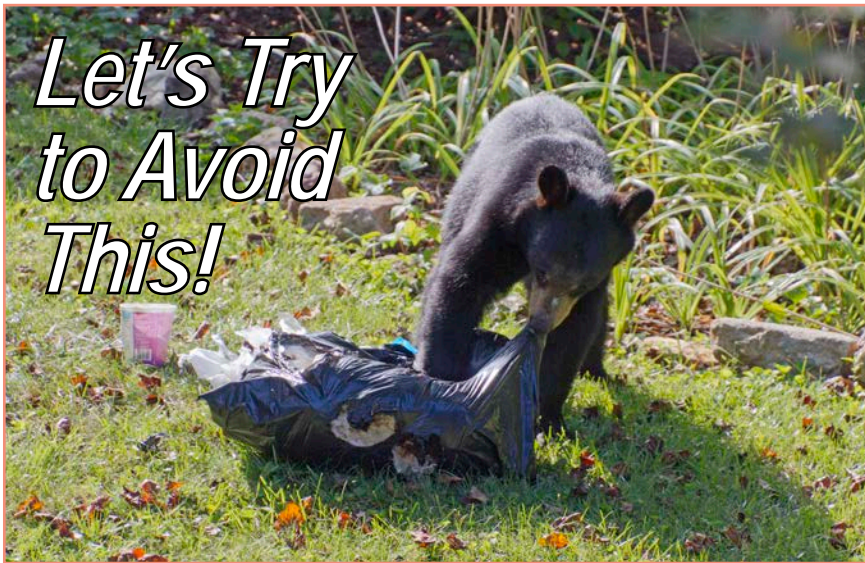
Please always be courteous; pick up your dog's poop!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual HeARTS Festival
 February 12 to 18
 A week-long festival 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! Get details at: www.peachlandarts.ca



Let's Try to Avoid This!



The Central Okanagan is located in prime bear habitat. Bears are typically active from March to December and may be searching for non-natural food sources. While conflict encounters are uncommon, it is important to be alert and follow these tips:

- Put your bins at the curb on the morning of collection only
- Keep your containers in a secure location such as a garage or shed
- Freeze smelly items until garbage pickup day
- Rinse recycling material to eliminate residue and odours
- Wash your carts periodically with a bleach solution
- Collect ripe fruit from trees and off the ground
- Feed pets indoors and keep all food bowls inside
- Clean your BBQ grill after each use
- Avoid using bird feeders during bear season

Please report sightings of bears, cougars, or wolves in urban or residential areas, or wildlife in conflict, to the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277. Visit www.wildsafebc.com for more information

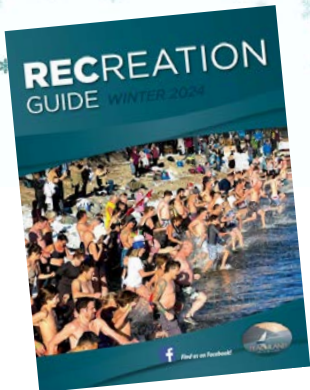


Family Day Movie & Fun
 February 19
 Join us on Monday, February 19 from 1 to 3 pm at the Peachland Community Centre for our FREE Family Day Movie & Fun event. Watch a movie on the big screen, play some games and enjoy some goodies! Free face painting and more. For more information call 250-767-2133.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
 March 1
 On Friday, 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.



Winter REC GUIDE Available Now



Registration is now open in a variety of exciting programs and activities for all ages!

Find sports, creative arts, drop-in activities and much more!

www.peachland.ca/recguide

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.

You can find more information on the *Homes for People Action Plan* on the Provincial Government's website:

www.gov.bc.ca

Mayor's Message

What's ahead for Peachland?



Patrick Van Minsel

A new year has begun but I'm happy to report that we are already well underway on key projects to support Council's strategic goals. Here are some highlights:

- We are anticipating financial support through the federal Housing Accelerator Fund for the removal of barriers to increasing our housing supply, with a special emphasis on affordable housing and climate resiliency, both key elements of Council's vision. We were already working on development application process improvements, making this a serendipitous funding opportunity.
- We are close to partnering with other levels of government to secure much needed childcare spaces in our community.
- We are undertaking asset management in earnest with the development of an Infrastructure & Engineering Department to conduct capacity reviews of our sewer, water and road infrastructure to help plan for the future.
- We'll hold our second annual "Our Peachland" Open House in June - don't miss this important engagement event.
- We're collaborating more with the citizens of Peachland with three new committees, the Downtown Revitalization Task Force, the Climate Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force and the Accessibility Advisory Committee. These committees will provide valuable advice to Council in these areas.
- Phase II of the Peachland Seniors' Support Society's affordable housing project on 5th Street will move forward this year with demolition and construction expected to start soon.
- Road rehabilitation, budgeted at \$1.15 million, for the upper Peachland areas will be completed.
- We look forward to supporting the Chamber of Commerce in the development of a new community event on the Sunday of the May long weekend.

It's going to be an exciting 2024! As always, we would love to hear your thoughts. Email us at council@peachland.ca.

- MAYOR Patrick Van Minsel

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



How Accessible is Peachland?



Drop off your completed survey at the District of Peachland Office, 5806 Beach Ave. or the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street.

The District of Peachland Accessibility Advisory Committee is seeking your input to inform the development of a plan to improve accessibility and inclusivity in our community. To help identify barriers it is imperative to hear from diverse voices of persons with disabilities and the people caring for persons with disabilities.

PEACHLAND ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY

1. Do you, or the person that you are filling out this questionnaire for, identify as a person with a disability (someone with an inability to participate fully and equally in society as a result of the interaction of an impairment and a barrier.)

Yes No

2. What is your age: 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

3. How often do you encounter accessibility barriers in Peachland?

Very Often Occasionally Rarely Never

4. Please share the types of accessibility barriers that you have encountered in Peachland.

5. Have you ever had difficulty accessing information or services provided by the District of Peachland because of a disability-related barrier?

Yes No

6. In your opinion, what are the top accessibility priorities that the District of Peachland should focus on?

7. Do you have additional comments or suggestions for improving accessibility in Peachland?

8. Would you be interested in participating on a Committee with a focus on Accessibility in Peachland?

No Yes, please leave phone # _____



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