

PEACHLAND News

Boat Launch Gets TLC

Peachland's southern boat launch and Doggie Beach was closed during the beginning of December for much-needed repairs.

We replaced the non-floating dock and repaired the damaged lakebed concrete base. The park is once again open and ready for action!



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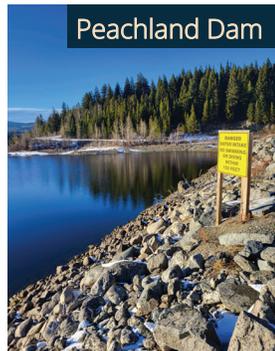


BEFORE

Grants to Help Plan for Peachland's Resilience

The District of Peachland has secured funding support through two funding opportunities to prepare plans that will address climate change impacts and protect our infrastructure in the future. The following projects will be part of this year's Capital Plan thanks to the support of the Province of BC.

- \$150,000 from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund will support the **Peachland Lake Dam and Glen Lake Dam Risk Analysis**. Due to ongoing climate change impacts and increased development, an analysis is needed of the resiliency of both dams.
- \$25,000 from the Asset Management Planning Program will support an update to the District's **Asset Management Plan** (completed in 2011) to forecast the costs and timing of asset renewal and replacement, and to conduct an analysis of risks to infrastructure due to climate change.



Peachland Dam



CONGRATULATIONS to the hundreds of brave souls who came out to watch the dozens of braver souls take the plunge at this year's **POLAR BEAR SPLASH**, Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at Swim Bay. The New Year's Dash & Splash is one of Peachland's most popular events. See what's coming up next inside!



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Phase I of the Peachland to West Kelowna Multi-Use Pathway is under construction! The District received funding through the Province's BC Active Transportation Funding stream and is currently applying for funding for Phase II of the trail which will eventually connect Peachland's Buchanan Road to Goat's Peak in West Kelowna.

Rent a Park for Your Next Event

The District of Peachland offers rentals of select facilities and parks. Facility rentals may be booked for a variety of events including meetings, wedding ceremonies and receptions, banquets, parties, sport tournaments and practices, trade shows, corporate functions, special events and more. For rates and more information, call Recreation at 250-767-2133 or visit www.peachland.ca/park-and-facility-rentals.



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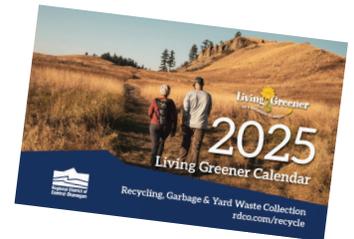
Please keep these items OUT of your recycle cart

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.rdco.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.



Strategic Land Purchase in Trepanier

The District of Peachland has purchased 5180 Trepanier Bench Road. The 1.3 hectare property is located at the northern extent of the Lang Trail and adjacent to Trepanier Bench Park.

It currently contains a small single-family house built in 1973, a barn and a workshop. The property is accessed from Trepanier Bench Road but has frontage on Dryden Road. It is large and relatively flat with a spectacular lake vista. This purchase, for \$1.5 million, adds a strategic asset to the District's land inventory.

The District will review the community's needs and engage with the public before providing a recommendation to Council for future use of the property.



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.



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!

Snow Removal



Residents must remove snow and ice from walkways bordering their properties.



After a snowfall, please avoid parking on street to allow the plows to clear the road.

EVENTS



FREE Family Day Movie & Fun

Monday, February 17
1 to 3 pm
Peachland Community Centre.
Big screen movie, activities and more. 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.

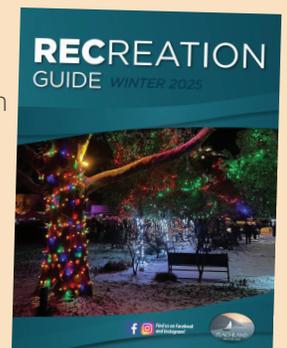
HEARTS Festival

February 10 to 16
A week-long festival celebrating our love of all art forms! Literary, performing and visual events are planned. The Artisans Showcase will be featured at OURSpace in the Historic Schoolhouse, 5684 Beach Avenue on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone welcome! For more information, visit www.peachlandarts.ca.

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/reguide



Mayor's Message

What's ahead in 2025?



Patrick Van Minsel

As we enter 2025, I'm excited to share some priorities your Council is committed to addressing this year. Together, we're building on Peachland's strengths, creating a future that reflects our shared values and aspirations.

One of our significant focuses for 2025 is exploring solutions for sewer expansion. This is a critical issue for our growing community, and we'll be examining options, including the potential for public-private partnerships, to ensure a cost-effective and sustainable approach. A cost analysis report will be presented to the Council at one of our next meetings.

In addition, we're embarking on a review of Peachland's Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP is our blueprint for growth and development, and this review provides an opportunity to ensure it aligns with our evolving needs and priorities. We'll seek your input throughout the process, as your voice is vital in shaping our community's future.

This year also marks progress on several key infrastructure projects. The Protective Services Building remains a priority as we aim to enhance the safety and well-being of our community. Road improvements will continue depending on grant applications, addressing critical areas to improve transportation and connectivity. In this year's budget, we approved the purchase of low-rise barriers (\$85,000) to protect pedestrians from Lipsett Avenue to Turner Avenue.

We look forward to the official opening of Sanderson Dog Park and the Turner Sports Fields, Adventure Playground, plus Family area. These new amenities are milestones for recreation and community engagement, offering spaces where families, athletes, and dog owners can unite and thrive.

Another exciting development is the 104 childcare spaces project next to the Elementary School; shovels in the ground are expected by spring. This project underscores our commitment to supporting families and ensuring Peachland remains a welcoming place for people of all ages.

Lastly, we'll begin exploring the potential relocation of City Hall. This long-term consideration reflects our focus on ensuring our facilities are fit for purpose and ready for the future.

Peachland is more than a place—it's a community built on collaboration, resilience, and pride. I look forward to working together to achieve these priorities in 2025. Thank you for your continued support as we shape our town's bright future.

I am always available to meet. To set up a time and day convenient for you please, email mayorvanminsel@peachland.ca



New Firehall Update

Peachland's only firehall, Station 21, is at 4401 3rd Street, in a building that is over 60 years old and formerly was the Public Works Office. It does not meet health, safety and fire code requirements and is located in the busy downtown area. It is too small to accommodate all vehicles and equipment, some of which is stored elsewhere. This is why Peachland voters agreed in an October 2022 referendum to borrow up to \$17.5 million to fund the relocation and construction of a new Peachland Protective Services Building which would house fire operations and other local emergency services.

Since then, the District has acquired centrally-located land adjacent to Highway 97 at 13th Street for the new building; a location expected to improve response times in the community.

Now, the District is pursuing a design/build contract for the facility, however, project cost estimates have drastically changed since the 2022 referendum.

In order to secure the necessary funding needed to build a suitable fire services building, Peachland Council will need to explore several funding opportunities or partnerships to meet the rising costs of the project.

Watch for consultation opportunities on this project.

Keep informed about District news and events; subscribe to receive email notification of initiatives like this and more at www.peachland.ca/subscribe.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- January 14
- January 28
- 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

