

Peachland NEWS



June 2024 Municipal Newsletter



What does **BILL 44** mean for Peachland?

By June 30, 2024, all BC Municipalities are required to amend their zoning bylaws to meet new regulations in Bill 44, the Housing Statutes (Residential Development Amendment Act). Zoning bylaws must allow small-scale, multi-unit housing (SSMUH) on existing residential lots and by, December 31, 2025, official community plans (OCP) must be updated to comply with new legislation. Through the SSMUH legislation the Provincial Government aims to increase housing supply, create more diverse housing choices and, over time, contribute to improved affordability of housing across the province.

In Peachland, the legislation creates different categories that require up to 4 housing units to be permitted on each lot, based on certain criteria including servicing to the property. Approximately 1,013 lots must be rezoned, the vast majority of which are zoned R1.

Stay informed of Zoning Bylaw changes by subscribing for e-notification at:

www.peachland.ca/subscribe.

Get more information about the impacts to Peachland from this new provincial legislation by visiting:

www.peachland.ca/planning-and-development-services



Updated Zoning Bylaw Deadline



Housing Assessment Deadline



Updated OCP Bylaw Deadline

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Peachland Museum Update

Renovations at the Peachland Museum, soon to be the new location of Peachland's Visitor Centre, have proven to be a bit more complicated than initially planned but the District of Peachland is seeing light at the end of the construction tunnel. A big part of the renovation, which began late in 2023, required the removal of hazardous materials like lead and asbestos from the 114-year-old historic building. The scaffolding that Peachlanders have seen around the Museum is for the safety of work crews as they access the soffit and eaves to install new lighting. Critical structural reinforcement upgrades on the second floor and electrical upgrades are nominally complete and work has begun on the new HVAC system. Following that, concrete and landscaping works will begin. These renovations are structural in nature, intending to preserve the historical building and set it up as the new Visitor Centre. The Visitor Centre is expected to open for business later this summer.



INTRODUCING...

Peachland's new Fire Chief, Ian Cummings. Chief Cummings was the fire chief for the Armstrong/Spallumcheen Fire Department where he has spent the past 30 years. Such close proximity has meant Chief Cummings has built professional relationships with Fire Chiefs throughout the Okanagan and has experience working with BC Wildfire and Emergency Management BC.



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Have your say on

FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

in the Central Okanagan



Your input is important!

Help shape what food waste collection in the Central Okanagan could look like

The RDCO is launching Phase Two of engagement and wants your help to shape what food waste collection in the Central Okanagan could look like. Get involved and have your voice heard!

From June 3 to July 2, 2024, complete a survey or share your questions and comments online or in person. By completing the survey, you have a chance to win one of five \$50 grocery store gift cards. Prefer pen and paper? Paper surveys will also be available at municipal office across the region and waste reduction experts will be out in your community at pop-up events throughout the month. Visit yoursay.rdco.com for all the details.



Keep Informed About Water Restrictions

Peachland's outdoor watering restrictions can change depending on the conditions of our watershed. Unless otherwise posted, the community is always on Stage 1 water restrictions. They remain in effect regardless of the abundance of water. But, further restrictions to reduce consumption, which decreases the demand on the reservoirs and water treatment costs, may be enacted at any time. As conditions change, there are 4 stages of water restrictions that may be enacted.

Keep informed by subscribing to receive email notification of changes in water restrictions.

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Get more information at www.peachland.ca/water



Taxes Due Tuesday, July 2

The 2024 Property Tax Notices have now been mailed to all Peachland property owners. Taxes are due Tuesday, July 2, 2024 by 4 pm.

Find payment options, prepayment plan information and more at www.peachland.ca/property-taxes
Questions? Call 250-767-2647.

Remember to claim your **HOME OWNER GRANT** by the deadline to avoid penalties. Visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call toll free 1-888-355-2700 to claim your grant. To avoid a late charge of 10%, payment and Home Owner Grants must be received on or before July 2, 2024.

FREE Yard Waste Voucher

Peachland residents can get FREE vouchers after a FireSmart Inspection to cover yard waste fees at the Westside Transfer Station (2640 Asquith Rd, West Kelowna) as part of Peachland Fire Department's FireSmart Program. Please collect and dispose of yard waste and consider more FireSmart activities for your property.

www.peachland.ca/firesmart



FireSmart Home Inspections

Have your home inspected by a trained FireSmart Representative. Email firesmart@peachland.ca to book an inspection and receive your free yard waste voucher!



PEACHLAND EVENTS

Movie Night in the Park

June 29 9:15 pm

Peachland Community Services is hosting Movie Night in the Park featuring **Kung Fu Panda 4**. Bring your chair or blanket and join us in Cousins Park.



TIME TO BOOK...

your summer swim lesson!
Call 250-767-2133
or visit www.peachland.ca/recguide

Program to Replace Failing Water Meters Begins

The District has begun a water meter replacement program and some Peachland residents can expect to get a knock on the door by representatives from Total Plumbing and Heating or Wiener's Plumbing & Drain Cleaning. Representatives will be driving marked vehicles and have District identification tags. Initially, the District is focused on the Downtown and Ponderosa areas.

Water meter replacements are typically quick, taking between 15-30 minutes per visit. There is no cost to the homeowner to replace the water meter. Meters, first installed in 2005, are at the end of their 20-year lifespan and many are starting to fail.



Questions? Please contact the Operations Department at (250) 767-2108 or email operations@peachland.ca



Canada Day

July 1 - All day

Action packed day of events for all ages.

- **8 to 11 am** Pancake Breakfast - 8 - 11 am 50+ Activity Centre \$10/adult, \$5/child 6-12 yrs, FREE for children 5 and under
- **1 to 8 pm** Games, activities, magic and more in Heritage Park.
- **4:30 to 5:30 pm** Peachland's Canada Day Parade returns for another year of celebration! The parade will take place along Beach Avenue beginning at the 13th Street intersection and finishing at Heritage Park.
- **6:00 pm** Join Mayor and Council in Heritage Park for the official Canada Day opening ceremony and singing of O'Canada. Enjoy a piece of Peachland's free Canada Day cake.
- **6:30 - 9:45pm** Free live music in Heritage Park, featuring **ABBA and Fleetwood Mac Tribute Bands!**
- **10 pm** Enjoy the spectacular fireworks display set off in front of Cenotaph Park (2nd St) along Beach Ave.

Farmers Market

Every Sunday

10 am to 2 pm

Peachland's beautiful outdoor Farmers & Crafters Market runs every Sunday from the end of May to the end of September in Heritage Park on Beach Avenue.



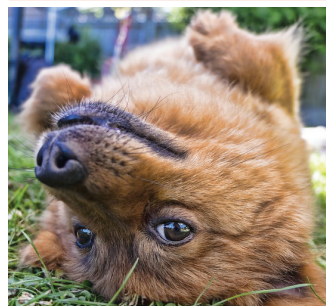
Get details at www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca.

Recycling Depot Pop-Up

Saturday, July 13

10 am to 2 pm

Peachland Community Centre parking lot. Free drop-off of household recycling including glass, plastic bags, electronics and more.



Responsible Dogs

If your dog poops and nobody sees, it is still your job to pick it up! Peachland is governed by the Regional Responsible Dog Owner Bylaw which advises owners that they are responsible for picking up their dog's waste. Help keep Peachland parks clean for all to enjoy! Always pick up your dog's poop.

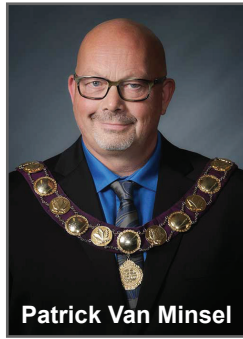


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Mayor's Message

Making good progress on Peachland's strategic goals



Patrick Van Minsel

As I prepare this message, I'm also preparing the Mayor's Address for the June 12 Our Peachland Open House. I'm explaining all the accomplishments we've had so far this term. They include taking new approaches to our budget to emphasize saving for the future, redevelopment of the new Turner Park and the creation of the Sanderson Dog Park and the work underway by the Downtown Revitalization and Climate Resiliency task forces. There is so much more, but Peachland Council is busy looking to the future.

We are focused and committed to thinking outside of the box, particularly when it comes to community infrastructure. The reality is that infrastructure is expensive, and Peachlanders need help to pay for what is required on their own. We believe in the power of community engagement and will be asking for your input and ideas. The development sector will be asked to pay their fair share, we will investigate new kinds of partnerships, and we will think of new revenue streams, but we will make sure our leaders understand our reality.

At every opportunity, we share with our federal and provincial representatives that Peachland is happy to help other levels of governments achieve their goals, but will need help from them to achieve ours.

Council Highlights

Financial Plan & Tax Rates Bylaw

Council adopted the 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw and the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw with a tax increase of 7.74%, representing approximately \$120 more for the typical Peachland home assessed at \$884,000. The budget includes:

- \$600,000 for road remediation projects, plus another \$500,000 from the Growing Communities Fund.
- \$910,000 for Turner Park improvements
- \$81,000 for Fire & Rescue equipment
- \$109,200 for dock pilings and boat launch works
- \$160,000 for Active Transportation Network and pathways
- \$67,000 for website upgrade, plotter and server
- \$650,000 for Bonnie Lane pressure reducing station
- \$145,000 for Law Street reservoir backup generator.

Code of Conduct

Council adopted Peachland's *Council Code of Conduct Bylaw* which defines the ethical standards and expectations for behaviour of Council members in their official capacity, ensures transparency and accountability and provides mechanisms for addressing conflicts.

Strategic Priorities Update

Council was provided with an update on the progress made in achieving the objectives of its 2022-2026 Strategic Priorities. Council established key focus areas in the plan, Fiscal Responsibility, Vibrant Downtown, Infrastructure Improvements, Good Governance and Increase Housing Choice. Completed objectives include adding a formal communications and grant function at the District, new reserve contributions, the Our Peachland annual open house event, and new committees struck to tackle downtown revitalization, climate change resiliency and community accessibility. Council will be provided a further progress report at the end of the year.

2024 tax notices are in the mail; taxes are due Tuesday, July 2, 2024.



Taking every opportunity to share Peachland's goals with all levels of government. Pictured here, Acting Fire Chief Wes Aigro and I with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Emergency Preparedness, Harjit Sajjan at a May 10 federal funding announcement in the Central Okanagan.

Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

- June 25
- July 9
- August 27
- September 10
- September 24
- October 8

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
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Mayor Patrick Van Minsel was happy to help celebrate the signing of the lease agreement for the Historic Schoolhouse, now the home of OUR SPACE, an arts and culture collaborative.



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