

# Peachland NEWS



March 2024 Municipal Newsletter

## Thinking of a Short-Term Rental?



In the District of Peachland, short-term rental (anything under 30 days) of a private room or a suite in a home is regulated under the Zoning Bylaw as Bed and Breakfasts. There are two types of Bed and Breakfasts:

1. Traditional Bed and Breakfast with an individual room and a shared living facility, and
2. Suite Bed and Breakfast

Short-term rental of an entire dwelling, including a garden suite or recreational vehicle, is not allowed in Peachland.

The operator of the bed and breakfast must have a business license and the rental must be operated at the licensee's principal residence.

It is important that short-term rentals do not adversely affect the community. A short-term rental must meet specific health and safety standards. The property will require a building and fire inspection before a business licence is issued.

Find out more at

[www.peachland.ca/bed-and-breakfast](http://www.peachland.ca/bed-and-breakfast)



## Let's Celebrate Peachland's Best! Civic Awards

Each year, Mayor and Council are honoured to recognize outstanding Peachlanders for service to their community at the **Spirit of Peachland Civic Awards**

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 15, 2024. Criteria and nomination forms are available at the Peachland Community Centre or online at [www.peachland.ca/civic-awards](http://www.peachland.ca/civic-awards). Call 250-767-2133 for more information.

## FREE GALA EVENT

Everyone is invited to the free awards celebration **Friday, April 26** beginning at 6:30 pm

at the Peachland Community Centre

Help celebrate award-winning citizens and enjoy music, entertainment, food and beverages. Please RSVP to 250-767-2133 for catering numbers.



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# Changes to Parcel Taxes

Residents will notice changes to Parcel Taxes on their 2024 property tax notice as the District introduces new parcel taxes, concludes others and rolls some into general taxes.

On February 27, Council gave first three readings to these parcel tax bylaws:

- \$40.48 - Regional District of Central Okanagan Westside Regional Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2413, 2024 – for the provision of the transfer station service in West Kelowna available for Peachland residents,
- \$129.07 - Phase 1-D and Phase 2 Sewer Collection Specified Areas Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2414, 2024 – to facilitate repayment of debt by 2023,
- \$199.60 - Water Treatment Plant Debt Servicing Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2415, 2024; this is a 25-year debt undertaken in 2022.
- \$50.00 - New Fire Hall Project Implementation Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2416, 2024, a new parcel tax to finance the planning and design of the new fire hall.

Four debts have now been fully recovered and will not be brought as parcel taxes in 2024; Downtown Revitalization, Turner Park Debt Servicing, Beach Avenue Sewer Collection System, Sewer Force Main.

Four parcel taxes will be transferred to the General Tax levy. The parcel taxes were put in place to build reserves for asset renewal and capital expenditures. These are ongoing needs and should be levied based on property assessments, in line with the Community Charter. The General Capital Asset Renewal, Sewer Capital Asset Renewal, Water Capital Asset Renewal and Water Capital Improvement parcel taxes will be transferred to general taxes for 2024.

## Yard waste pick up resumes March 1



Collection of curbside yard waste pick up resumed the week of March 1.

The Living Greener Calendar provides you with information on your curbside collection schedule for recycling, garbage, yard waste, depot locations, community events, and disposal locations. Visit [www.rdco.com/recycle](http://www.rdco.com/recycle).

While we're on the subject of yard clean up...

### Please clean out your culvert

Culverts that go under a driveway, are the homeowner's responsibility, culverts going under a road are the road maintenance contractor's responsibility. This means it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure their driveway culvert is kept in good condition and free from debris to allow water flow.

### Consider booking a free FireSmart Inspection

Peachland Fire Rescue Services encourages residents to become FireSmart! FireSmart™ Canada develops practical, effective, and science-based programs that empower residents to take small steps around their home and property that reduce the negative impacts of wildland fire.

For more information or to book a FireSmart inspection by a trained FireSmart Representative, visit [www.peachland.ca/firesmart](http://www.peachland.ca/firesmart) or contact us at 250-767-2841 or [firesmart@peachland.ca](mailto:firesmart@peachland.ca)



## Farewell, Chief Craig!

Council and staff bid a fond farewell to Fire Chief Dennis Craig who accepted an Assistant Fire Chief position with the Kelowna Fire Department. We wish you all the very best in your new endeavors, Dennis! Recruitment for a Peachland Fire Chief is now underway.

# 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/](http://www.peachland.ca/)



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
**Saturday, March 30**  
 Cousins Park comes alive each Easter with the Boys and Girls Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket! Games, treats and fun for all ages. Cousins Park is located at Beach Avenue & 6th Street.



## Composter/Rain Barrel Sale

**March 1 to 31, 2024**  
 RDCO & OBWB are partnering once again for the annual composter and rain barrel pre-sale in March. Composters \$45, rain barrels \$105, delivered directly to you in time for gardening season in late April. Place your order at [www.rdco.com/compostersale](http://www.rdco.com/compostersale) or call 250-469-6250.



## Peachland Graffiti Features a Pig Roast & Sock Hop!

**Saturday, April 20**  
 5 to 9:30 pm  
 Peachland Graffiti, a kickoff to the Peachland Classic Car Show will be hosted at the Peachland Community Centre and feature a pig roast and sock hop! Presented by the Peachland Chamber of Commerce, the event is the precursor to the Peachland Classic Car Show on Sunday, May 19. Find ticket information and details at [www.peachlandchamber.com](http://www.peachlandchamber.com).



# Water Restrictions Bylaw Updated

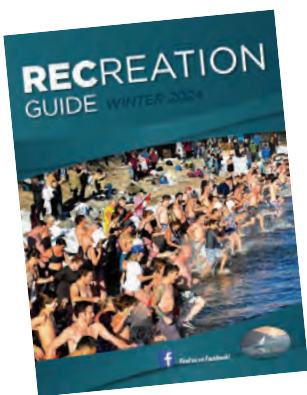


Council approved a Water Restrictions Bylaw that now allows Stage 2 Watering Restrictions to be initiated by the Director of Operations, rather than requiring a Council resolution to enact. This is particularly necessary due to limited Council meetings planned for the summer months when restrictions are more likely to apply.

### Stage 1 restrictions are always in effect in Peachland.

These restrictions require properties to water as follows: even - numbered addresses on even calendar days and odd-numbered addresses on odd calendar days, allowing for watering 3-4 days of the week. Stage 2 restrictions would reduce outdoor watering to twice a week; with even numbered addresses permitted to water on Saturday and Tuesday and odd-numbered address on Sunday and Wednesday. With drought conditions possible this year in the Okanagan, water restrictions may be required depending on the availability of water in Peachland's primary source for potable water, Peachland Lake. Further stages of water restrictions would still need to be enacted by Council.

# Keep Active This Spring



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

Find programs to keep the kids busy this Spring Break or give pickleball a try!

Sports, creative arts, drop-in activities and much more!

[www.peachland.ca/recguide](http://www.peachland.ca/recguide)

**POP-UPS**  
 10am until 2pm  
 2nd Saturday of each Month

Mar 9th	Jul 13th
Apr 13th	Aug 10th
May 11th	Sep 14th
Jun 8th	Oct 12th

Peachland Community Centre  
 4450 6th Street,  
 Peachland BC

For one day only, free of charge you can drop off your:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Styrofoam packaging (white or coloured)
- Plastic bags and overwrap
- Other flexible plastic packaging
- Electronics

*\*Household/residential recycling only*

Staff will be on hand to answer all your questions on recycling how to's.

For more info visit [rdco.com/recycle](http://rdco.com/recycle) or call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250.469.6250





## Mayor's Message

# Welcome roadwork on the horizon



Patrick Van Minsel



What I'm sure will be happy news for many residents, spring will bring some welcome roadwork in Peachland, with some of our upper roads getting some TLC.

This year, will be targeting arterial and collector roads and, as the budget stretches, look at some local road improvements as well. The assessment of priority areas is underway to see how far we can stretch our 2024 roads rehabilitation budget of \$1.15 million (\$550,000 carry-over from 2023 plus \$600,000 from the 2024 budget request).

Princeton Avenue is a Council priority and problem areas will be considered for some road rehabilitation in 2024. Also noteworthy, some of this year's budget is reserved for Thorne Road as part of the rezoning file Z22-04, the District is contributing up to \$59,000 towards improvements.

Sidewalks expansions are not planned for 2024, however Council did provide preliminary approval in the 2024 budget to start an active transportation reserve fund of \$30,000/year, saving up for sidewalk infill and expansions.

We'll report what roads are up for rehabilitation as soon as the assessment is complete. Keep informed; subscribe for e-notification at [www.peachland.ca/subscribe](http://www.peachland.ca/subscribe).



THANK YOU to the residents who joined us at the 2024 Budget Open House on February 27 at the Peachland Community Centre. We received some excellent input and welcomed the chance to speak face-to-face with fellow Peachlanders.

# Council Highlights

## 2024 Civic Grants

The District of Peachland received 11 Civic Grant applications for a total request of \$81,150. Grants to the following community organizations will be provided in 2024:

- Peachland Wellness Centre \$15,000 plus gratis use
- Peachland Watershed Protection Alliance \$1,000 plus gratis use
- Peachland Citizen on Patrol/Community Police \$4,150
- Peachland Ambassador Society \$8,000
- Peachland Historical Society \$26,000
- Peachland Fall Fair \$3,000 plus gratis use
- Peachland Chamber of Commerce \$2,000 plus gratis use
- Canadian Home Builders \$1,000
- Okanagan Folk School Society \$3,000
- Peachland Community Arts Council \$15,000
- BEEPS \$3,000

## SILGA Convention

Peachland Mayor and Councillors will attend the Southern Interior Local Government Association's 2024 Convention in Kamloops from April 29 to May 3.



## March Meeting Schedules for Council Committees

- Downtown Revitalization & Implementation Strategy Task Force Meetings in March have been cancelled; will resume in April.
- Peachland Climate Sustainability & Resiliency Task Force Wednesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 27 beginning at 3:00 pm.
- Accessibility Advisory Committee Thursday, March 21 beginning at 5 pm.

## Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

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| • March 26 | • May 14  |
| • April 9  | • May 28  |
| • April 23 | • June 11 |

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.



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