

# Peachland NEWS



May 2024 Municipal Newsletter

Join Mayor and Council at the 2nd annual

## OUR PEACHLAND OPEN HOUSE & BBQ

Wednesday,

**June 12, 2024**  
**4 to 7 pm**

Peachland Community Centre  
4450 6th Street

*EVERYONE'S WELCOME!*

*Free food, games, giveaways, kids' activities and informational displays on a variety of Peachland services and initiatives. Don't miss out!*



**MAYOR'S ADDRESS**  
**5:30 pm**



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## Stage 1 Water Restrictions



### DID YOU KNOW ... ?

Peachland is always on Stage 1 water restrictions. They remain in effect regardless of the abundance of water. Restrictions reduce consumption which decreases the demand on the reservoirs and water treatment costs. As conditions change, there are 4 stages of water restrictions that may be enacted. The status of the District's water storage is evaluated frequently and changes may occur at any time.

Get more information at [www.peachland.ca/water](http://www.peachland.ca/water)

### STAGE 1 RESTRICTIONS ALTERNATE DAYS

- Even numbered addresses water on even calendar days
- Odd numbered addresses water on odd calendar days
- On permitted days:
  - \* automatic sprinklers - 12 am to 6 am
  - \* manually controlled sprinklers - 6 am to 11 am and 6 pm to 12 pm
- No watering permitted between 11 am and 6 pm

### BILL-44

*How is Peachland preparing for BC's sweeping planning legislation changes?*

*Find out on Page 2*



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# What does BILL 44 mean for Peachland?



In November 2023, the Province of BC announced sweeping new planning regulations as part of the *Homes for People Action Plan* created to encourage more housing options within BC communities by establishing a more efficient and effective process.

By June 30, 2024, all BC municipalities are required to amend their zoning bylaws to support the Province's vision. By December 31, 2025, Official Community Plans must be amended to reflect new legislative requirements and the updated zoning bylaws.

Municipalities WILL NOT be allowed to hold public hearings for rezonings for projects that align with the OCP and predominately offer residential development.

Planning staff are analyzing Peachland properties and will update the Zoning Bylaw to present a draft for Council's consideration, with adoption required by June 30. Following that, the District must update its Official Community Plan to reflect new legislative requirements by December 31, 2025.

The District has a head start in meeting other new provincial

requirements. Peachland's short-term rental/bed & breakfast regulations already require a business licence and suites must be located within the homeowner's principal residence, ie: no short-term rental of the entire home or garden suite.

Peachland already has a *Housing Needs Assessment*, completed September 2023. This living document will be routinely updated.

Find out more about the changes coming and how the District of Peachland will keep you informed by visiting

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

Stay informed, register @

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## FREE Yard Waste Voucher

Peachland residents can get FREE vouchers 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](http://www.peachland.ca/firesmart)

Pick up a voucher at Municipal Hall  
5806 Beach Avenue



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
**FireSmart**



## FireSmart Home Inspections

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



## Update on Turner Park's Upgrade

The Turner Park Upgrade project is well underway with more construction expected to begin this Summer in the upper tier of the park. Improvements completed to date include new player benches and upgraded baseball dugouts, upgraded backstop, and upgraded park fencing along Turner Avenue. The playing field has been seeded and is closed to the public as the turf takes hold to a degree allowing for competitive sports. Council agreed to apply some of the Growing Communities Fund grant it received to upgrade the playing field. The remainder of the upgrade project will begin this summer and will include:

- New set of viewing bleachers for the baseball diamond
- Removal of the old playground and replacement with new
- Connection of the washroom to the sanitary sewer system
- Accessibility improvements to the washroom building
- Removal of the sports box asphalt and fencing, replacement with grass
- Improvement of the parking area
- Irrigation installation
- Accessible pathway installations
- Public benches, waste receptacles and accessible picnic tables
- Vegetation and shade structure installations



Turner Park Playground design selected by Peachland Elementary students.

The Turner Park Upgrade project is funded through a portion of the \$2.7 million received in April from the Province's Growing Communities Fund and a Jays Care Foundation grant. Turner Park is expected to be fully open, with the field ready for competitive soccer, in the Spring of 2025.

Turner Park will not reopen to the public this Spring as initially anticipated. The park is fenced to keep people and pets from entering and possibly damaging the turf which will be tended throughout this growing season by Operations staff, ensuring it is in prime shape for its first game!

# PEACHLAND EVENTS

## Peachland Classic Car Show

Sunday, May 19

25 years in the making, the Peachland Classic Car Show is here to stay! Organized by the Peachland Chamber of Commerce and a dedicated group of volunteers, the show will feature something for everyone. Get event details at [www.peachlandclassiccarshow.ca](http://www.peachlandclassiccarshow.ca).



## Peachland Art Group Annual Showcase

Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26

10 am to 4 pm

Peachland Community Centre. This year's annual showcase and sale, "Fakes & Forgeries, including fabulous interpretation of history's most significant art eras. Admission is by donation. \$5 lunch plate with no charge sweets.



## Farmers Market

Opens Sunday, May 26

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](http://www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca).

## Recycling Depot Pop-Up

Saturday, June 8

10 am to 2 pm

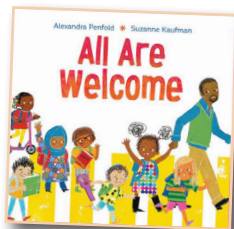
Peachland Community Centre parking lot. Free drop-off of household recycling including glass, plastic bags, electronics and more.



## Story Walk in Lambly Park

May 3 to 20

In partnership with Okanagan Regional Library. Bring your children and walk, run or roll your way along the Fitness Trail and read ALL ARE WELCOME. Stop by the Peachland Library when you finish to receive a Story Walk fun pack!



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# Who's a good dog...

# a VERY good dog?



## PEACHLAND, PLEASE MEET CHAMP!

He's the newest member of Peachland's Goose Patrol! Does your dog also like to put birds on the run? You and your pooch might be prime candidates for the Goose Patrol, a successful pilot program in 2023. We're looking for volunteer dog owners to patrol local parks and beaches to help scare away migratory birds without harming them.

A single Canadian Goose can poop up to two pounds a day and this waste constitutes a risk to human health and makes parks and beaches less enjoyable. Peachland conducts regular cleanup of waterfowl waste at its parks and is a member of the Okanagan Valley Goose Management Program. A variety of techniques are used in Peachland including scarecrows, reflective tape, irritant laser, distasteful liquids in grassy areas and noisemakers. The Goose Patrol is another tactic in the fight to keep our public parks cleaner.

Birds can be scared, but not harmed. Dogs will need to be on leash while they patrol and will be given a high-visibility scarf to identify them. Goose Patrol members may be allowed access to parks outside of regular hours. All volunteers will be vetted through an interview process. Interested dog owners can contact the Operations Department at (250) 767-2108 or email [operations@peachland.ca](mailto:operations@peachland.ca) for more information or to volunteer.



*Patricia & Charlie, seasoned patrollers, hit the beach.*

**PLEASE DON'T FEED THE GEESE**  
*(or any wildlife, for that matter)*

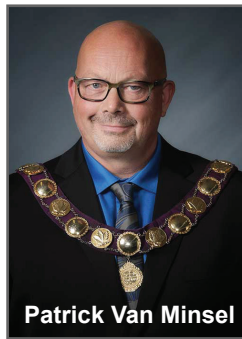


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## Mayor's Message

# Here's why you should plan to attend on June 12



Patrick Van Minsel

If you were there last year, thank you for attending our first ever OUR PEACHLAND Open House and Barbecue. When we were planning it, we didn't know what to expect, often open houses don't have a great turnout. But I kept encouraging us to expand it from the simple, passive gatherings we're used to into a community celebration and discussion. That's what we got! Council and staff were extremely pleased with the turnout (over 400 people) and the questions and feedback we received. Now we're making it an annual event and will challenge ourselves each year to make it better than the last.

At this year's OUR PEACHLAND event (see front page), we're asking you some good questions: What should we do about parking on Beach avenue? What is the most important issue facing Peachland today? How will we adjust our Official Community Plan to meet new Provincial zoning changes?

Volunteers from our Council committees on downtown revitalization, climate resiliency and community accessibility will present information on their activities. We're bringing you emergency preparedness information, volunteer opportunities, contests to win great prizes and all the information you could want from our municipal departments, projects and initiatives. Our regional partners have also enthusiastically agreed to attend and provide information on dog control, waste reduction, regional parks, the Peachland Library and water conservation. New this year, you'll see information booths from Peachland community groups who are always seeking new ways to connect with residents. I will also be sharing an update on Council's strategic goals during the Mayor's Address at 5:30. Find out what we have accomplished so far.

That's why you should attend ... for the free food, prizes, fun for the kids in a safe, beautiful space where you can learn a little (or a lot) more about OUR PEACHLAND.



## Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

- May 7
- May
- June 11
- June 25
- July 9
- August 27

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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or call 250-767-2647

## Council Highlights

### Peachland Water Supply Workshop

Council took a deep dive into Peachland's water supply and its future resiliency in a workshop to discuss *Peachland Creek Water Supply Analysis Under Future Climate Assessment*. The assessment finds that Peachland's water supply is reliable into the 2050s or 2060's even with continued customary high-water usage, a sustained high-growth scenario and climate change effects. The projection of periodic water service shortfalls after that period is made with no restrictions on current use and no new water supply introduced. Council discussed the need to focus on water conservation and the increasing water restrictions or water rate changes to help preserve Peachland's water resources.

### Code of Conduct

Council gave first three readings to 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.

### Privacy Management Program

With the increasing importance of data privacy in the digital age, Council approved the *Privacy Management Program Policy PRO-194* which establishes comprehensive guidelines and practices to safeguard people's personal information.

### Liquor License Jac's On The Beach

Council gave approval, and extended the hours, for a liquor license application for a new restaurant in downtown Peachland, Jac's On The Beach. Council saw no issues and even recommended that requested operating hours for the new restaurant be extended to 11 pm (12 am closing).

### Communications Policies

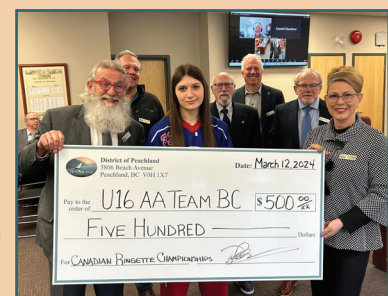
Council approved the *Corporate Communications Policy PUB-180* and the *Social Media Policy PUB-185*. The policies establish guidelines for effective communications by the District with the overarching intent to provide timely, transparent, accurate, consistent and appropriate information to Peachland's stakeholders and encourage involvement in local government.

Peachland Mayor and Council were happy to support two young Peachlanders in their pursuit of excellence.

Council provided a donation of \$500 to Aiyana Bremner to help her travel and enter the 2024 BC Ambassadorial pageant in July.



Council also presented a cheque to the U16AA BC Ringette Team and local athlete, Danica Wright to help her travel to New Brunswick to compete at the Canadian Ringette Championships.



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