

Peachland NEWS



November 2024 Municipal Newsletter

Fun for all ages at the

Christmas Light Up! Dec 6

Welcome the festive season with a glittering celebration by the lake in Heritage Park

See inside for full schedule

One of Peachland's most POPULAR EVENTS

Calling all Peachlanders! Please take this CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY

Peachland's Climate Action Task Force has launched a survey to find out how the District and residents can work together to limit climate pollution and prepare for the impacts of climate change. The Task Force, made up of volunteer residents, will develop a Climate Action Plan for Peachland and are in need of your input.

This survey is an important part of the Task Force's public consultation process. It asks questions about experiences with climate change in Peachland and about concerns and ideas for what can be done. Responses will be compiled and used to help inform Peachland's plan. A draft of that plan will be shared with the residents for further feedback before preparing a Final Draft for Peachland Council's consideration.

The more the merrier! The Task Force hopes to hear from as many Peachlanders as possible to hear a diversity of voices. The more engagement from the community, the stronger the plan will be. Responses will be anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself as someone who wants to become more involved or wants to receive email updates on our work.

Preparing for climate change

Peachland Council's
CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE

Making a difference
www.peachland.ca/council-committees

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJCW2D2

Even if you do identify yourself, your responses will be separated from your contact information so that those responses then become anonymous within the full set of data collected by the survey.

FOLLOW THE LINK ABOVE OR USE THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE SURVEY



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Peachland Receives Grant for Pathway to West Kelowna

The District successfully applied for a grant of up to \$500,000 to fund construction of a new trail that will connect Peachland to West Kelowna's Goat's Peak when fully complete. Phase I of the Peachland to West Kelowna Multi-Use Trail will be constructed in 2025 and the District is already applying for funding for Phase II. When both phases are complete, the new trail will be 2.8 km long, starting just north of the intersection of Highway 97 and Buchanan Road and ending near the Seclusion Bay underpass in West Kelowna. It will provide a safe, protected multi-use pathway, allowing essential active transportation between the two communities. This trail section will provide a critical link in a 250 km multi-purpose trail system that will span the Okanagan Valley. Three trail systems are close to connecting communities from Sicamous in the north to Osoyoos in the south with the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail, the Okanagan Rail Trail and the Trail of the Okanagans. A fully connected trail system is expected to have a profound economic impact for the region and communities along the route and would vault the trail system to one of international significance.



Deadline for Civic Grant Applications for 2025 is Nov. 22

Non-profit organizations that contribute to Peachland's quality of life can now apply for Civic Grants for 2025.

The purpose this grant program is to assist citizens in organizing themselves around community issues and projects by providing them with a grant of up to \$1,000. Grants are for a one-year period, and organizations must apply each year for a Civic Grant. An application for a Civic Grant may be submitted by any organization which:

- Has been in operation no less than 6 months in the District of Peachland.
- Is based in Peachland.
- Has membership from within the District of Peachland or surrounding areas.
- Has the majority of its members as voting members.

- Is in good standing with its licensing authority.
 - Has made an application to the Central Okanagan Foundation and has received a written response from the COF, or any other granting organization.
- Applications are due by 4 pm on Friday, November 22, 2024. Grant applications are considered by Peachland Council during 2025 budget deliberations. Programs and services will be evaluated on the basis of need, appropriateness, and demonstrated effectiveness. Approved grants are distributed after July 15, 2025. Visit www.peachland.ca/civic-grants for application forms. Completed applications should be emailed to corporateservices@peachland.ca. Questions can be directed to Corporate Services at 250-767-2647.



Plenty of Time for Yard Waste Clean-Up

With the great autumn weather upon us, Peachland residents still have time to get their yards cleaned up in time for winter. Curbside yard waste collection continues until the end of December. Bi-weekly fall yard waste pickup ends Tuesday, December 31 this year. That is the last day in the Central Okanagan for the curbside yard waste pickup program until collection resumes March 3, 2025.

Residents are reminded to put yard waste out for collection by 7 am on the morning of pick-up. Please do not overload your carts (max 100 kg) and ensure the lid can close to prevent spillage. To determine your yard waste collection week, you can refer to the Living Greener Calendar, or download the [Recycle Coach App](#).

All yard waste collected curbside is given new life by composting and reusing it, so it's important to keep what you put in your cart to yard waste only. Plastic bags, flowerpots, rocks, sod, kitchen scraps or garbage need to be left out. Material collected is composted and turned into the soil enhancer GlenGrow, which you can use in your garden come spring.

Accepted items include:

- PUMPKINS (non-painted only in yard waste cart)
- Leaves
- Wood chips, bark
- Pine or other tree needles
- Garden plants
- Grass clippings
- Fruit droppings
- Branches and pruning's up to 5 centimeters (2 inches) in diameter and less than one meter (3 feet) in length

For additional yard waste carts and collection options, contact your municipality or visit rdco.com/yardwaste



Peachland Christmas Market Day!

Saturday, November 30

9 am to 3 pm

50+ Activity Centre
5672 Beach Ave

Peachland Chamber of
Commerce
5878C Beach Ave

Peachland Community
Centre
4450 6th St

Peachland Wellness Centre
4475 4th St

Peachland Little Schoolhouse
1898 Brandon Lane

Peachland United Church
4421 4th St

This annual event is a highlight of the season! Stroll through **Candy Cane Lane** for this unique shopping experience of artisan wares held at multiple locations in the downtown area.

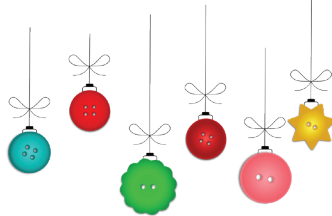
Support our community groups as you find those unique gifts for someone special on your holiday list.

PEACHLAND EVENTS

Christmas Light Up Schedule

Friday, December 6
5 to 7:30 pm

Fun for all ages starting at the Peachland Art Gallery and ending at Heritage Park for the countdown to the lights and after party!



Time	Event	Location
5 - 6 pm	Open house & refreshments	Peachland Art Gallery 5684 Beach Ave
5 - 6 pm	Children's Party Crafts, face painting, singalong	Boys & Girls Club 5684 Beach Ave
6 - 6:15 pm	Walk with us in a Glow Parade to Heritage Park	Heritage Park Beach Ave & 1st St
6:15 - 6:30 pm	Welcome and Official Light Up Countdown	Heritage Park
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Live music, glitter tattoos, hot refreshments, bouncy castle. Visit with Santa and more!	Heritage Park

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 7
9 am - 11 am

At the Peachland Community Centre. Delightful for the young and young at heart! A delicious pancake breakfast followed by crafts, entertainment and a special visit with Santa. Call 250-767-2133 to register, adult supervision required. Adults: \$14, Children 4 to 9: \$12, Children 1 to 3: \$6.



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Christmas Social

with *Marty Edwards*

FREE

Join Marty for a very special **Christmas Celebration** as he performs *Seasonal and non-Seasonal Favourites*.

Enjoy Goodies & Music!

Everyone Welcome at no Charge!

Presented by ...
The Peachland Recreation Department

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th
9:00am - 10:00am & 10:30am - 11:30am
Peachland Community Centre
4450 6th Street ~ 250.767.2133

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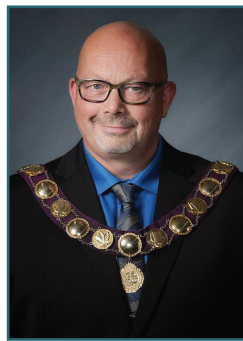


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Mayor's Message

Making Progress



This time of year, as winter holidays and a new year approach, is a good time to take stock of where we are with our Strategic Priorities for Peachland.

I keep a whiteboard in my office with the Strategic Plan taped to it and update it often with any steps forward we have made on the action items. When it was first revealed, our strategic plan seemed daunting with up to 10 initiatives listed under each of our strategic categories of "fiscal responsibility", vibrant downtown, infrastructure improvements, good governance and increase housing choice.

But the plan taped to my whiteboard is starting to look very marked up indeed as we make progress on our goals. Some projects are taking longer as we seek funding support from other levels of government, like our Protective Services Building and the relocation of our Municipal Hall, but we have had many successes that have benefited Peachland.

In 2023, we began setting up our new approaches to engagement with Peachlanders, hiring a communications and grants specialist and launching an annual Community Open House and a monthly newsletter to help keep our residents informed and involved. We established new task forces to address specific strategic priorities on Downtown Revitalization, Climate Action and Accessibility and all our task forces will soon be providing Council will reports full of recommendations for improvements to our community. We put a period on the discussion of Beach Avenue heights and supported the development of Our Space, a cultural centre in the Historic Schoolhouse.

In 2024, we announced the upcoming construction of a new Childcare Facility for Peachland and a new Supportive Housing Complex for seniors on 6th Street. Construction began on Phase 1 of Turner Park and the Sanderson Dog Park and we invested in additional road improvements that saw Princeton and Somerset Roads get much-needed TLC.

There is still much to do, but it does make me feel good seeing the tangible marks of progress on the plan taped to my wall. Take a look at Council's vision by visiting www.peachland.ca/council and keep watching for what we'll do next.

Upcoming Regular Council Meetings



- November 12
- November 26
- December 3
- January 14
- January 28

Regular Council meetings begin at 6 pm in Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street. The public is welcome to attend or can watch live and archived meetings via webcast.

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Council Highlights

BCAT GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Van Minsel rose and reported that, at its In-Camera meeting on October 22, 2024, Peachland Council passed the following motions:

- That Council amend this year's 2024 budget in the amount of \$1,176,636 for grant and reserve funding and corresponding project expenditures, including \$400,000 from the Community Growth Fund and \$776,636 in Provincial and Federal Grant funding for the Westside Trail project, and
- that Council approves applying for an additional "Phase 2" top-up grant for the Westside Trail Project through the BC Active Transportation Grant for up to \$500,000; and directs administration to include funding within the 2025 budget to support the District's share of the project cost.

NEW CHILDCARE CENTRE IN 2024 BUDGET

Council agreed to amend the 2024 budget to include the Childcare BC New Spaces grant funding and associated Childcare Centre project expenditures in the amount of \$12,256,665. The funding will be used to design, construct and equip a fully operational childcare centre on District-owned property near Peachland Elementary School. The funding will be used to pay for professional design, engineering and construction of an all-new, fully functional 104-space accessible childcare centre with specialized equipment for children of all ages and needs. The project grant also includes a new dedicated playground, parking lot and landscaping, along with designing and constructing project-related off-site services and adjacent roadway/sidewalk improvements. A condition of the Provincial grant agreement was to partner with a highly experienced non-profit childcare provider. Okanagan Boys and Girls Club (BGC), a long-standing community partner delivering local programming for children and youth, has been identified as the proposed non-profit operator for the new District of Peachland Childcare Centre.

NOTICE OF MOTION - LOWER PRINCETON ZONING AMENDMENT

Council discussed a Motion put forward by Councillor Rick Ingram proposing new zoning specifically for the Lower Princeton area. On October 8, Councillor Ingram introduced a Notice of Motion to amend the Zoning Bylaw to add neighbourhood specific parameters to the RM4 zoning in the Lower Princeton neighbourhood. Planning staff advised that this type of rezoning is typically considered during Official Community Plan reviews which the District will embark on in 2025. Peachland will be completing its Provincially mandated Housing Needs Assessment Report by the end of the year and will immediately begin its OCP review, also Provincially mandated but listed in Council's Strategic Plan as well. Council agreed to defer the motion until the District can receive more information on potential legal impacts from this proposed rezoning.

2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council approved the following meeting dates for 2025.

January 14 and 28	May 6 and 20	September 9
February 11 and 28	June 10 and 24	October 7 and 21
March 11 and 25	July 8	November 4 and 18
April 8 and 22	August 26	December 2



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