

Peachland NEWS



September 2024 Municipal Newsletter

Citizens Survey 2024

Watch for your chance to let your voice be heard

Council has launched a 2024 Citizens Survey and is polling all Peachland residents on their satisfaction with a variety of District services and initiatives.

The survey will run from **September 16 to October 20** and 1,000 randomly-selected Peachlanders will receive an invitation in the mail to take the statistically-accurate online survey.

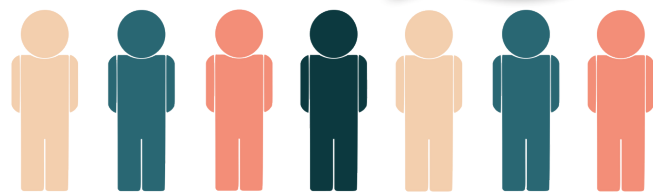
ALL PEACHLANDERS are invited to get their copy of the 2024 Citizens Survey at Municipal Hall (5806 Beach Avenue) or the Peachland Community Centre. You can also download and print the survey from the District's website, www.peachland.ca.

This survey is anonymous and takes about 20 minutes to complete. It builds on surveys conducted in 2016 and 2019 and gathers feedback from Peachland residents to understand their priorities for the allocation of District resources and budgets.

The survey will seek input regarding Council's strategic priorities and key issues for Peachland.

Details at www.peachland.ca

Sept. 16 to Oct. 20



FIRST PLACE Photo by Nicole Hemeon

CAPTURE PEACHLAND PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED



SECOND PLACE Photo by Lynda Brown

Mayor and Council picked the winning photos from our summer photo contest, awarding the prizes at the meeting August 27 (see photo on Page 4). Council had a hard time picking from over 300 submitted photos and thanked all the entrants for taking part.



THIRD PLACE Photo by Kerry Rawlinson

- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!**
- 1st Place Nicole Hemeon: \$250 gift certificate
 - 2nd Place Lynda Brown \$100 gift certificate
 - 3rd Place: Kerry Rawlinson, \$50 gift certificate



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Princeton & Somerset Repaving Underway



Repaving on Princeton and Somerset Avenues began September 3 and is expected to wrap up September 20. Motorists can expect single lane alternating traffic and are reminded to use extra caution when travelling through the work zone. Early morning construction noise may be heard. Princeton will be repaved from Highway 97 to Maranatha Drive and Somerset will be repaved from Princeton to Gladstone Road. Questions can be directed to operations@peachland.ca or call 250-767-2108.

Notice of Unpaid Property Taxes

The deadline to pay 2024 property taxes has passed and late penalties have been applied to all accounts with unpaid taxes or unclaimed Home Owner Grants. Property owners can still claim the grant for 2024, however the grant will not cover any penalties owed. If you have unpaid property taxes, please ensure you have claimed your Home Owner Grant by visiting

www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

or call 1-888-355-2700 to speak to an agent. If you qualify for a Home Owner Grant you must apply for it each year. The deadline to claim the 2024 grant is December 31, 2024 but late penalties are charged to accounts with grants claimed after July 2, 2024.

Property owners with taxes in arrears are encouraged to make a payment to avoid further interest charges. Payments

can be made by cash, cheque or debit at the District Office, 5806 Beach Avenue, or online through your financial institution.

Please note, municipalities are governed by provincial legislation and the District of Peachland does not have the authority to waive or alter penalties or interest charges.

Pre-Authorized Payments Make Life a Little Easier

Simplify your finances and sign up for the District's Pre-authorized Payment Plan for both your utility invoices and your annual property taxes. Sign up to have payments automatically withdrawn from your account.

Find out more by visiting www.peachland.ca/finance or call 250-767-2647

Campfires Allowed Again in Peachland PLEASE USE CAUTION

With appropriate safety precautions to prevent the spread of fire, campfires are once again allowed within the District of Peachland. When enjoying a campfire, please:

- ensure the fire is always attended to,
- have tools and water on hand to contain the fire,
- make sure it is fully extinguished.





Please remember that smoking is not allowed in any local parks including sportsfields, beaches and wilderness trails. Fireworks are banned within the Central Okanagan unless specifically permitted by a local fire department.



WildSafe Bear Tips

Garbage is the most reported attractant involved in human-bear conflicts.

Bears that access garbage may be injured, cause property damage or become a risk to the community.

-  Keep garbage, recyclables, compost and other attractants secure - indoors is best!
-  Keep containers that store garbage and recycling clean and odour free.
-  If you have curbside pick up, do not place containers out until the morning of collection.
-  Freeze smelly items until the morning of collection or when you can transport to a solid waste depot.



PEACHLAND EVENTS

Farmers Market

Every Sunday through September
10 am to 2 pm

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

Get details at

www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca.



Recycling Depot Pop-Up

Saturday, September 14
10 am to 2 pm

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

www.rdco.com/recycle



Welcome the Kokanee!

Saturdays and Sundays in
September

Let's Examine Salmon at Hardy Falls Regional Park. Join us on weekends to explore the remarkable lifecycle of Kokanee Salmon. Every year, thousands journey from Okanagan Lake to their spawning grounds upstream. Take a closer look at these extraordinary fish and uncover the unique aspects that make them so special. This drop-in program is open to all ages. <https://calendar.rdco.com>



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2024 GLOW RUN



Friday, September 27, 2024

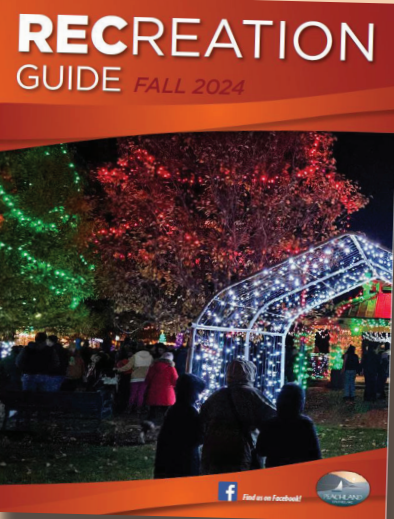
Enjoy a stroll or run with the whole family under the spell of the night. Starting at Peachland's Heritage Park, this all-ages event will include a 6K run or a 3K walk or run along scenic Beach Avenue. Dress up in your best and brightest clothing (think 1980's workout gear!). Don't forget your glow sticks to help light up the night! **6:15 pm check-in; 7:15 race start**

www.peachland.ca/glow-run

Fall Rec Guide

The Peachland Fall
Recreation Guide
is now available.

Registration is now
open for all the
programs. Try
something new
this Fall. There is
something for everyone
in the new Peachland
Recreation Guide.



www.peachland.ca/recguide

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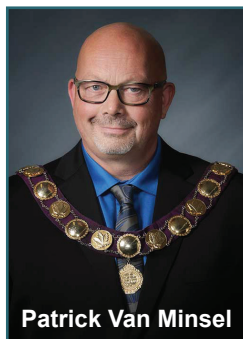
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Mayor's Message

Sidewalks & sewers, what's the hold up?



Patrick Van Minsel

After we announced the road remediation projects for Princeton and Somerset Avenues, it was natural for residents to wonder why we were not installing pedestrian or cycling infrastructure to upgrade these roads simultaneously.

There is only one frustrating answer...money.

The cost to install drainage, sidewalk, and cycling infrastructure is more than just the materials (which is substantial and increases yearly for every municipality). On Princeton, it means hillside excavation on slopes that would need geotechnical studies first and retaining walls. It means possible property acquisition to get these narrow roads wide enough for the size required. It would also mean that taxpayers are on the hook for these upgrades unless we wait for development to prompt improvements.

For example, a few years ago, we investigated adding sidewalks when a contractor installed the necessary water infrastructure to connect the Trepanier area to our new water treatment plant on Trepanier Bench Road. The estimated cost to construct a sidewalk starting at the bottom of Trepanier Bench Road ending at Clarence Road, a distance of about (750 meters), is about \$1,000/meter.

This Council is looking at the problem differently. We do not have the reserves or the tax base to fund significant infrastructure improvements. So, as well as working to ensure that development brings the benefits the citizens need -

we require development to pay for the improvements connected to that development, such as adding sidewalks, sewers, and more area improvements - we're looking into other options, including partnerships with private parties to provide necessary services to Peachland properties. We are constantly working with the Provincial and the Federal governments to apply for available infrastructure grants and will continue.

Council is committed to making plans for the improvements Peachlanders need and ensuring our voice is heard when grant funds become available.

Upcoming Regular Council Meetings



- September 10
- September 24
- October 8
- October 22
- November 12

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



Capture Peachland Photo Contest winners with Peachland Council; Lynda Brown, right, and Nicole Hemeon, left.

PRINCETON AVENUE REZONING

Council gave first two readings to Zoning and OCP amendment bylaws for 4758 Princeton Avenue. The applicant is proposing to rezone the property to Multi-Unit Residential—Low Density and Cluster (RM3) and consolidate the property with the adjacent Lower Turner Park site to allow for an expansion of the townhouse proposal associated with a previous rezoning. The application will be scheduled for a public hearing.

PSSS PHASE II HOUSING PROJECT

Council adopted Official Community Plan and Zoning amendment bylaws for Phase II of an affordable housing project which will provide 73 units in a new building on 5th Street on land donated by the District of Peachland. The first phase, the Residences at 4445 6th Street, opened in 2019 and was the result of a partnership between Peachland, the Provincial and Federal governments and the Peachland Seniors' Support Society (PSSS). It provides 74 apartments for seniors and people with disabilities at an affordable rent.

Council approved the Development Permit with variances to allow the construction of the new apartment building on the block bounded by 6th and 5th Streets to the north and south,

and Waldo Way and the Highway 97 embankment to the east and west. The new building completes the two-phase affordable seniors housing development operated by the PSSS. Council approved a 60-year Lease and Housing Agreement with BC Housing and PSSS for the construction and long-term operation of the Phase II building.

CENTENNIAL WALKWAY EXTENSION

Council redirected \$100,000 of the Growing Communities Fund from the initial intended project, the interim extension of the Beach Avenue Centennial Walkway, to the construction of the Trail of the Okanagans Project. At the District's June 12 public open house, an informal poll indicated that 82% of respondents (50 people) voted to leave the proposed extension section the way it is. The planned trail, involving the construction of a multi-use connection between Peachland and West Kelowna, has recently gone through a public request-for-proposals process and the bids are higher than expected. The District is currently working with the highest-ranked proponent, our Civil consultant McElhanney and with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to find cost savings but it is anticipated that the project will require additional funds.



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