



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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AFFORDABLE SENIOR'S HOUSING - PROJECT UPDATE

PEACHLAND
SENIORS' SUPPORT SOCIETY



The Peachland Seniors' Support Society has been busy over the past 6 months, getting all of our legal requirements in place and finalizing construction plans. The rezoning of the property has now been completed, and a development permit has been issued. The Society has signed a construction management contract with VanMar Constructors Inc., for the overall management of the project. The 60 year land lease has been approved, and final review of the construction budget is underway. The properties along 6th Street are vacant, and hazmat analysis and testing has been completed. Demolition of the properties is scheduled to begin the week of July 10th.

Two open houses have been held – one on February 9th, and one on May 9th. Interested residents and visitors were provided with information on the housing project features, artist renderings of what the building will look like, apartment layouts for the 1 and 2 bedroom units, anticipated rent ranges, tenant eligibility, and project timeline and phases.

The most common questions we get asked are noted below:

When will the project be finished and ready for tenants to move in?

We anticipate project completion and tenants move in at the end of 2018/beginning of 2019.

Is there a tenant wait list, and when can I add my name to the list?

A wait list has not been established yet. Tenant application forms will be made available approximately 8 – 9 months prior to project completion. That would make it approximately March or April of 2018 when application forms will be available for people interested in becoming a tenant.

Will Peachland residents get priority?

Priority will be given to applicants based on need. Peachland residents, and residents who have moved away and are looking to return may be considered for prioritization, subject to ability to achieve unit occupancy requirements.

What are the rental rates going to be?

Approximate rent ranges are subject to change, and will be finalized prior to construction. They are expected to be in the range of:

1-bedroom (affordable rental) \$780 per month

1-bedroom (market rents) \$900 per month

2-bedroom (market rents) \$1,200 per month

Visit our webpage <http://www.peachland.ca/sss> for regular updates, or contact Elsie Lemke, 250-767-2647 for more information.

CAO'S CORNER

July, 2017

The past few months have been challenging for the communities in the Okanagan, who experienced unprecedented high lake levels, which resulted in flooding and damaging erosion to both private and public properties. Peachland residents, business owners, community organizations and the municipality combined forces to try to mitigate the damaging effects of the flooding. The benefits of being a partner in the Central Okanagan Regional Emergency Services program were very apparent. We are both grateful for the support we received, and pleased to be able to do our part to support the program and the member communities as everyone used their combined best efforts to deal with the flooding crisis.

We are now in the recovery stage, and as the water slowly recedes, we will be able to better understand what has been damaged, and where our repair efforts will need to be focused. Funding assistance is available for some eligible public infrastructure, and we will make application for as much as possible, in order to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

Information for private property owners who experienced damage is available on our website <http://www.peachland.ca/888>.



SWIM BAY

Swim Bay is open June 16-August 27. Full lifeguard service available 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm daily. Join in swim lessons for children, youth and adults. The Junior Lifeguard Club is a great way for youth to learn the basics of lifesaving – August 8-11.



Swim Bay is a great place for youth to gain certifications towards becoming a lifeguard.

For more information visit <http://www.peachland.ca/swim-bay2> or call 250-767-2133

BUYING OR SELLING YOUR HOME?

Don't forget your utility or property tax bill information needs to be updated!

Update

If paying through online banking remember to update your account numbers OR if paying through pre-authorized payment plan come in and sign up or cancel!

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS



Lots of fun in Peachland this summer:

Peachland Farmer's Market- Every Sunday from 10 am-2 pm in Heritage Park, now until Sunday September 24, 2017. Support Local!

Fishing is Forever - July 22- Provides people with disabilities the opportunity to learn to fish. www.peachlandsportsmen.ca

Rotary Peace Concert Series in the Park—July 16 & 23 and Aug 13 & 20. Enjoy entertainment in Heritage Park 4-5pm. Food service is available starting at 3pm. <http://peachlandrotary.com>

Rattlesnake Island Swim - August 6 3.1K and 7K swims available. Advance registration required. www.rattlesnakeislandswim.com

3rd Annual Coldwell Banker Movie Night— Saturday July 29th 6-11pm in the park in support of the Boys and Girls Club of Peachland—A Dogs Purpose. Donations are accepted for the Boys and Girls Club.

Community Celebration - Watch for upcoming details for this event!

WildSafeBC is Back for another year in Peachland!!

The Okanagan Westside has a WildSafeBC coordinator once again this year thanks to funding from the City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, Regional District of Central Okanagan and the Government of B.C.



Andrea Tait is returning for the second year as the Community Coordinator for the area. "This year will be very exciting as we have a full program, and the opportunity to make a significant difference in terms of reducing human-wildlife conflicts in the Okanagan" says Tait. She plans to get her message of managing attractants out to the public through community presentations, public information booths, social media, school and club visits, tagging garbage carts put out too early and going door-to-door in problem neighbourhoods.

"Our motto of 'keeping our wildlife wild — and communities safe' is based on the belief that if we work together to properly manage attractants we can make our community safer, and as a result, can keep wildlife from coming to harm," Tait said.

She encourages residents to take care of wildlife attractants now to avoid unwanted visitors this spring, summer and autumn.

You can connect with Andrea via Facebook at her page: WildSafeBC Okanagan Westside. You can also reach her by email at okwestside@wildsafebc.com, or by phone at 250-862-7336.

For more information on managing attractants and how to handle animal encounters, please visit www.wildsafebc.com.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council received and approved the 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements and Audit Report as prepared annually by Grant Thornton LLP.
- Council accepted the 2016 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) report. The report shows what the District of Peachland has done during the 2016 calendar year to become more carbon neutral through the BC Climate Action Charter Plan.
- Council accepted the 2016 Statement of Financial Information, which is a legislated document that discloses assets, liabilities, remunerations paid to Elected Officials and District Staff, remunerations paid to suppliers of goods and services, along with other financial information affecting the municipality.
- Council accepted the 2017 Annual Report, which is a legislated document that lists the audited financial statements for the previous year, tax exemptions, progress reports on the objectives and measures established the previous year, as well as the objectives and measures for the upcoming year, among others.
- Council adopted Development Cost Charge (DCC) Bylaw No. 2155, 2017. The Bylaw updates the current DCC Bylaw charges that are collected from Development applications and used to fund various capital expenditures resulting from population growth.
- Council approved the Peachland Pier Group to construct an accessible Public Pier within the foreshore lease area of Heritage Park. Additionally, Council supported the Peachland Pier Group's plans to incorporate Heritage Education into the Project. The 400- foot wheelchair accessible pier will allow families and individuals a means to enjoy the waterfront and fishing. The project is projected to be completed in late fall 2017

How to Report a Wildfire

To report a wildfire or irresponsible behaviour call **1 800 663-5555** or ***5555** from a cell phone.

Information from the public is crucial to ensuring wildfires are responded to as soon as possible.

All calls are answered by BC Wildfire Service staff at the Provincial Forest Fire Reporting Centre. Any information you can provide is helpful, however you can expect the emergency call taker to ask for details about the fire, such as;

- Location *i.e. Where is the fire? How far up the hillside?*

- Size *e.g. Metres? Hectares? Size of a house? Size of a football field?*
- Rate of spread *i.e. How quickly is the fire spreading?*
- Fuel *i.e. What is burning? Grass, bushes, trees?*
- Smoke/flames *i.e. What colour is the smoke? Are flames visible?*
- Threat *i.e. Are there any people or buildings at risk?*
- Action *i.e. Is anyone fighting the fire?*

PEACHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE



MAKE WATER WORK!!

With the summer heat upon us, residents are reminded to please be conscious of their water use habits. Below are a few tips for conserving water in your back yard:

- Don't mow. Let it grow! Leave grass 2-3 inches tall (5-8cm). Water stays longer when grass is longer. Leaving your grass longer slows evaporation from the soil... making it work more effectively!
- Leave grass clippings as mulch. Leaving grass clippings on your lawn helps feed the lawn and retain moisture, requiring less water and reducing evaporation.
- Aerate your lawn and top dress with compost. Aerating the lawn in early spring or fall improves water penetration.
- One inch a week will do. Most lawns need just 2.5cm (one inch) of water per week — about the depth of a tuna can. Watering deeply and less often promotes deep, healthy root growth. If you're watering deeply but not seeing results the problem may be inadequate topsoil. Try top dressing with half an inch of compost, then over-seeding for a thick and vigorous lawn.
- Notice brown spots? Check sprinkler heads. Water needs supervising. Sometimes sprinkler heads break, or plants grow around the sprinkler head, preventing effective water use.
- Install water-saving irrigation products. Save money on your water bill by using high efficiency irrigation, like drip or microjet, for shrubs and gardens.

Take the pledge to Make Water Work and be entered to win over \$8000 in prizes, including a Grand Prize of a WaterWise yard upgrade worth \$6000. Details at www.MakeWaterWork.ca.

For more WaterWise tips and information, visit Okanagan WaterWise at www.OkWaterWise.ca

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