



## The Corporation of the District of Peachland

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Progress on the redevelopment of the Peachland Primary School is continuing with the recent completion of the newly created space at the rear between the two classrooms, installation of new windows, and plumbing. The electrical and mechanical contractors will be busy over the next few weeks, and it is expected that drywalling will begin in February. A third grant of \$52,700 has now been approved for the project through the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, bringing the total grants for the project to \$502,000. The latest grant was awarded to the Chamber of Commerce for upgrades to the interior, including flooring, lighting, kitchen, gift shop and washrooms.



**PIONEER DOORS:** The Primary School Implementation Committee has had good initial response to its offering of “donations for doors”. Peachland’s Pioneer families were first offered the opportunity to purchase a door, which would have a name plaque installed in recognition of their contribution. Donations are also being accepted on a first come, first served basis for any remaining doors. Contact Marjorie at the Municipal Office for further information 250-767-6055 (ext. 111)

## UTILITY BILLING

The District of Peachland transfers all unpaid utility accounts to the related Property Tax account on a yearly basis. All 2012 outstanding utility bills have been transferred to the related Property Tax accounts as of December 12, 2012.

Payments can be made at any participating financial institution, or you can pay online or by tele-banking through most financial institution’s bill payment services or pay directly at the Municipal Hall. Please contact the Utility Department for questions regarding the available payment options.

### UTILITY PREPAYMENT PLAN

Never pay a late penalty for your utility bill again! When you join the Utility Bill Prepayment Plan, the quarterly amount due will be automatically deducted from your bank account on the billing due date. Application forms are available at the Municipal Hall or online at [www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca).

For more information regarding the Utility Bill Prepayment Plan please call 250-767-2647 (ext. 101) or email [finance@peachland.ca](mailto:finance@peachland.ca)

### PROPERTY TAX PREPAYMENT PLAN

Would you like to set money aside for your yearly property taxes? The Property Tax Prepayment Plan could be for you! This program offers a convenient method of paying your taxes in advance. When you join the prepayment plan, your monthly installment will be automatically deducted from your bank account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Hall or online at [www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca). For more information regarding the Property Tax Prepayment Plan please call 250-767-6055 (ext. 102) or email [finance@peachland.ca](mailto:finance@peachland.ca)

## CUSTOMER SERVICE FEEDBACK KIOSKS

Customer Service Feedback Kiosks are located at the Municipal Hall, Public Works Office and the Community Centre. There is also an opportunity on the District’s website to complete the customer feedback questions. Please take the time to let us know how we are doing!

## SNOW PLOWING

There are 140 roads in Peachland. Each road can take 2 - 4 passes to completely plow. Snow conditions affect plowing and sanding time. Operators strive to get the roads in safe drivable condition as soon as they can. The District of Peachland's policy is to have major arterial roads plowed within 12 hours after a major storm, secondary collector roads plowed within 36 hours, and residential streets plowed within 96 hours. The school bus routes are done first, followed by the steepest roads and connector roads. Side streets, flat roads and cul-de-sacs are done last, unless they form part of completing a route in the most efficient, cost effective and time-saving way.



## WINTER DRIVING



The best way to stay safe on the roads this winter is to avoid driving when road and weather conditions are bad. Even an hour or two can make a big difference. If you can, wait until the weather improves. If you have to drive, drive smart. Make sure your vehicle is winter ready, give yourself lots of extra time to get where you need to go and carry an emergency survival kit. Taking a few moments thinking about it now could save you problems when you are behind the wheel later.



## START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Let Peachland Recreation help you with your New Year's resolutions. We have a variety of programs and opportunities for individuals of all ages:

### Children:

- Indoor Floor Hockey
- Indoor Soccer
- Indoor Softball for Girls

### Adult:

- Asian Cooking
- Photography
- West Coast Swing
- Evening Volleyball
- and so much more!

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## BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL

Invoices for business licences have been mailed out. A notice has been posted in the Peachland View and on our website located at [www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca). If you own a business then please take the time to review the notice.

## PEACHLAND SENIORS SUPPORT SOCIETY—PROJECT UPDATE

The Society has been working with CitySpaces Consulting and the Good Samaritan Society preparing a new proposal for the development of supportive housing units for seniors.

The project proposes to construct 52 one bedroom units and 8 two bedroom units. The units will be a mix of market and subsidized rates, depending on available programs and the optimal balance of revenues for project viability.

The first phase will utilize 50% of the site located between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. It will consist of a five-storey building, with the first floor constructed of concrete and the upper four storey's of wood frame. Residential units will be located on floors 2-5, with support services on the main floor. The net project cost is \$10,575,524.

The Society is hoping to have a positive response to its proposal early in the new year. Future phases will be considered in accordance with the community's needs. The current board members of the Society are President, Sharon Hallberg, Vice President, Keith Fielding, Secretary, Elsie Lemke, and Directors Gordon Harris, Judy Wyper, Chris Hildebrand, and Eldon Kerbes.

## MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

Municipal Office:	250-767-2647
Public Works Office:	250-767-2108
Community Centre:	250-767-2133
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**Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, February 11, 2013 for the new statutory holiday.**