



Fall 2013 Municipal Newsletter—Volume 4 / Issue 4

PRIMARY SCHOOL GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening Celebration of the Peachland Historic Primary School was held on Saturday, October 5, 2013. MP Dan Albas, MLA Dan Ashton joined the Mayor, the Peachland Boys and Girls Club, the Peachland Chamber of Commerce and Peachland Visitor Centre to commemorate the opening of Peachland Historic Primary School. “The transformation of this building from a derelict, boarded-up eyesore to a magnificent new community facility has been an amazing accomplishment. We now have space from which the Boys and Girls Club can deliver programs for children and youth, the Visitor Centre can showcase Peachland, local artists can exhibit their work, community groups can access meeting space, and the extraordinary bat colony that inhabits the attic can continue to call it their home. For all of this we owe a huge thank you to our Provincial and Federal government funding partners as well as to multiple business suppliers who made generous donations of equipment and material.” *said Mayor Fielding.*

The contributions from the federal and provincial governments have helped to make the renovation possible. The Peachland Historic Primary School will operate as a Community Services Centre housing the Peachland Boys and Girls Club, Peachland Chamber of Commerce, Peachland Visitor Centre and the Legends of the Lake Interpretive Centre. As well, the Peachland and District Arts Council will have a presence in the Primary School.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Primary School was Retrofitted for Energy Efficiency!

This will have the effect of reducing overall energy consumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG’s) and saving the District costs. Some of the retrofits include:

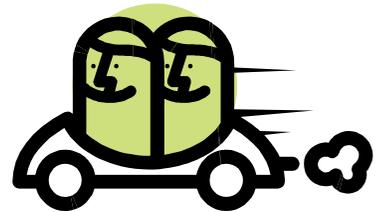
- New Windows
- Increased insulation
- Energy Efficient heating and cooling system (with infrared air purification)

More information relating to an energy rating report will be forthcoming.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

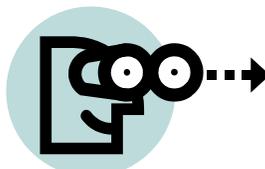
Why does the District flush the water mains? Because, water mains are primarily sized for fire flow which means that the speed of flow under normal use by customers is generally very low. As a result it is common for sediment to accumulate in the water mains and then to be stirred up by heavier than normal water flow such as opening a fire hydrant. Most water distribution systems have some accumulation of sediment that has settled in the bottom of the mains. How much sediment exists is a function of the quality of the water source, treatment and the type of piping. In most cases the sediment can be adequately removed by periodically flushing the main.

The District has just completed its annual water main flush in late September. You should not notice any change in the quality of your water.



INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY VISION

Peachland’s infrastructure is the foundation for providing vital services to the community such as drinking water, sanitation, transportation and recreation. These services contribute significantly to the vitality of the community, as well as to the economy of the region; supporting our vision of being a thriving, diversified and sustainable business community. As this infrastructure ages it needs to be rehabilitated or replaced. We’re taking important steps to proactively care for this infrastructure in a sustainable manner, through an Asset Management Program. For the full article please visit our website: www.peachland.ca under News and Events. We’ll be sharing more information about the infrastructure in our community over the next year, so keep your eyes open.



OCTOBER IS CARPOOL MONTH

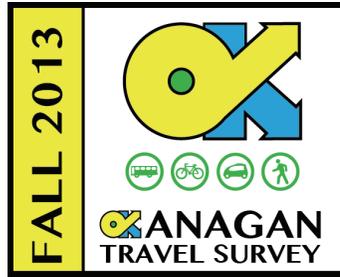
Carpool.ca is the Okanagan’s carpool connection, providing ride matching service and resources. Okanagan communities from Vernon to Oliver can participate in carpool.ca. In the Month of October, sign up or look for a car-pool match and you could be rewarded!



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HELP STEER THE OKANAGAN'S TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

Whether it's to school, work or the grocery store, Okanagan residents make thousands of "trips" every day in our growing region. The Cities of Kelowna and Vernon, the Districts of West Kelowna, Peachland, and Lake Country, the West-bank First Nation and the Regional District of Central Okanagan, have partnered to conduct a regional travel survey.



The Okanagan Travel Survey is a household-based survey for all residents of the City of Vernon and the Central Okanagan, including the District of Peachland (more than 91,000 households in total).

Cards with unique access codes have been mailed to households, inviting residents to participate. Watch your mail for the Okanagan Regional Travel Survey, or visit www.oktravelsurvey.ca to find out more. Households that have opted out of Canada Post's flyer distribution can register online or call 1-877-778-8220 to receive their access codes.

Begin your survey once you receive your invite in the mail and be entered for a chance to win one of more than 100 prizes, including a grand prize of a \$5,000 shopping spree, three \$1,000 mini-shopping sprees, \$5,500 worth of gift cards, a weekend for a family of four (including lift tickets, lessons, lodging, rentals, tubing, and skating) at Big White Ski Resort plus opening day lift tickets, seasons and FlexPack tickets to West Kelowna Warriors, and 60 \$25 gift certificates from Kelly O'Bryan's Neighborhood Restaurants.

Watch for our new and improved virtual city hall portal

The District of Peachland's virtual city hall portal allows 24/7 access to your Property Tax and Utility accounts. We will be launching an improved and more efficient portal that requires one login for all accounts. The ability to view your account transactions, payments, levies and assessment information is accessible with a new user friendly arrangement. We expect to have the upgrade available within the next two months.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 6-12, 2013

"PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES!"

Most fatal fires occur in residential settings where people feel safest. Fire can spread quickly through your home, leaving only precious minutes to escape. Your ability to get out fast depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning. Reduce your family's risk from fire by following the tips below.



Kitchen Safety:

- Create a home fire escape plan showing 2 ways out of every room. Practice your plan with your entire family by having a home fire drill at least twice a year. Choose a Family Meeting Place a safe distance from the home, then contact 911.
- Never leave cooking unattended. Turn burners off when you are finished cooking or if you are interrupted with a phone call or other distraction!
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves. Avoid loose sleeves that may contact burners and catch fire
- Avoid storing items on or above your stove. Keep combustible items clear of stove (curtains, dish towels, pot holders, food boxes, paper).
- Clean cooking surfaces. Keep appliance surfaces free of spills and grease that may catch fire

Working smoke alarms save lives – Install a working smoke alarm in your home and replace the batteries at least once a year

The last week for Curbside Yard Waste Collection is Nov 25-30; The Peachland compost site located on Princeton Ave is open daily from 7:30 – 3:30 for your yard and garden debris.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

• Council has received a letter of correspondence from the Provincial Green Communities Committee congratulating the District of Peachland on reducing corporate Greenhouse emissions in 2012.

• Council has approved both the Rattlesnake Island Swim and Christmas Light Up events to be contracted to the Across The Lake Society and to the Chamber of Commerce on a one year trial basis.

Council approved BC Transit's 3 year Transit Expansion Initiatives report. The expansion and changes in busing services will begin in early 2014 and continue for approximately 3 years.

Expansion proposals included:

- adding an evening bus stop in front of the IGA plaza (along Highway 97 corridor) to accommodate the large buses that currently are unable to use the bus stop located in the plaza due to size restrictions

- adding direct service in the evenings between Peachland and the main bus stop in West Kelowna.

- expanding Sunday and Holiday services to match the services that are currently used on Saturdays

• Council received the Internal Corporate Review for information. The Internal Corporate Review will be made available to the public shortly via the District's website. <http://www.peachland.ca> under News and Events

• Council approved staff to continue to work on a detailed design, and the subsequent construction of sidewalks on the lakeside of Princeton Ave.

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