



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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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 community.

As this infrastructure ages it needs to be rehabilitated or replaced. Failure to plan adequately puts at risk the quality of the services the community currently enjoys, and ultimately could jeopardize the economic foundation enjoyed by residents and tourists. We're taking important steps to proactively care for this infrastructure in a sustainable manner, through an Asset Management Program.

What is Asset Management?

A set of activities that help plan for the current and long-term investment needs of a community's infrastructure (also known as assets). Infrastructure includes categories such as roads, water systems, sewer systems and community buildings.

Asset management helps answer questions such as:

- What infrastructure or assets do we own?
- What are our assets worth?
- What condition are they in?
- Where are we deficient?
- What assets will need to be replaced/repared and when?
- What will it cost?



We'll be sharing more information about infrastructure in our community over the next year, so keep your eyes open. You're also invited to visit our website: www.peachland.ca

Council Webcasting Unavailable from August—September



Due to the Community Centre Renovations, the Council Chambers will not be used for COTW or Regular Council Meetings. The meetings will be held in the Small Banquet Room at the Community Centre. Webcasting will resume in October.



Exciting Changes in store for the Community Centre



Starting in July, the Peachland Community Centre will be undergoing a minor facelift to correct life safety and operational deficiencies.

This will mean that the Council Chambers will be closed for the months of July—September to accommodate the renovations. All Council and committee meetings will be held in the small banquet room until the renovations are completed.

The life safety issues that will be improved include:

- Adding a new corridor from Council Chambers to the back hallway
- A new entry from the staff offices to the Council Chambers
- Improved handicapped washroom space

The improvements will also reconfigure the Council Chambers set up for webcasting functionality and increase the space for staff areas.

2014 General Local Election November 15, 2014

Planning on traveling this winter? Did you know that you can register for Mail Ballot voting so that you can still participate in the 2014 Local Election?

Contact the Chief Elections Officer at 250-767-2647 for more information.

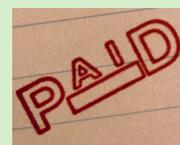
Also, check out the municipal website election pages for information on the new election legislation that was passed by the Provincial Government through Royal Assent in May. www.peachland.ca



Pre-Authorized Utility Payments

Save money on cheques and stamps!

Sign up for pre-authorized utility payments - it's free and easy. You will still receive your bill, but it is paid directly from your account! No late fees to worry about!





Peachland, the Jewel of the Okanagan

Staying Water Wise this summer....

Water conservation can mean different things to everyone, but the bottom line is that every drop conserved counts! On average Okanagan residents use twice the Canadian average for water consumption.



Here are some tips to follow this summer to help conserve water and reduce unnecessary waste:

- Check your hose connections for drips and leaks
- Consider using rain barrels for your garden and yard water usage
- If possible, install in-ground irrigation and water on a timer
- Grass only needs one inch of water per week to stay green, and this can be accomplished with a watering time of 15 minutes per area. If you over water your lawn or garden the water will simply evaporate
- Adjust sprinklers to only water lawn and garden rather than fences, driveways and buildings
- Choose drought resistant plants and look into xeriscaping
- Water your lawn and garden in the early morning or evening to minimize evaporation
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean your driveway

The District is always on Stage 1 Water Restrictions. Please see the website for additional information at www.peachland.ca

Remember to put the account # on post dated cheques

Avoid the hassle of money being paid on the wrong account and specify your account number on post dated cheques. Many residents like to pay utilities and property taxes by post dated cheques, however these account numbers are different. If you do not specify the account number the money will be credited towards **utilities**. Your account number can be found on the upper right corner on both your utility bill and tax bill. Please ensure the right number is listed on your cheques.



Sterile Insect Release Survey

The Sterile Insect Release (SIR) Program is an area-wide and environmentally friendly approach to managing the codling moth, one of the BC tree fruit industry's most damaging and costly pests. The SIR Program operates in the fruit growing areas of the Okanagan, Similkameen and Shuswap Valleys, where the tree fruit industry makes a major contribution to the region's economy, and plays an important role in the lives of residents and commercial growers. The SIR approach to insect pest control is an alternative to using pesticides to control insect pests. Since its implementation, SIR has dramatically reduced codling moth populations throughout the program area while reducing the need for toxic pesticide sprays.



A researcher from the Okanagan School of Business, at Okanagan College, is currently conducting a survey of residential property owners in the Regional District. The goal of this study is to measure the value of the Sterile Insect Release Program to residents of the Regional District. The results of this research will provide valuable insight into how to increase the benefits of the program to the community. The anonymous study takes approximately 5 minutes, and can be accessed at the following link:

https://okanaganschoolofbus.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2hhfyPvL2S6zkTb

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- A Public Hearing was held on May 20, 2014 for the New Monaco Development. All questions asked by Council and the public were answered at this time. Council gave third reading to the Zoning Amendment Bylaw, Official Community Plan Bylaw and Phased Development Agreement on May 27, 2014. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval is now being sought for the Zoning Amendment Bylaw prior to final reconsideration and adoption as per the *Local Government Act*.
- Council received a report regarding Interior Health Authority's recommendation for the Regional District not to proceed with the land application for biosolids at the Brenda Mines site. The Regional District will now review the information from IHA in consultation with the Westside Wastewater Treatment Service Select Committee to identify other options for the biosolids.
- Council adopted the 2014 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2075, 2014. As per the *Community Charter* the Financial Plan Bylaw is required to be adopted before May 15th of the calendar year.
- Council approved the execution of the Master Operating Agreement and the Conventional Transit Annual Operating Agreement, and Paratransit Service Annual Operating Agreements with BC Transit.