



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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2014 General Election

One Mayor and Six Councillors will be elected to District Council and one School Trustee:

General Voting Day
Saturday, November 15, 2014

Where can you vote?

Voting will be available at the Community Centre from 8 am to 8 pm at the following locations:

- Council Chambers on November 5th and 12th, 2014
- Community Centre Gymnasium on November 15, 2014

What do you need to bring on voting day?

Two pieces of ID to prove residency and identity (at least one with a signature). No need to register in advance!

Who is eligible to vote?

- Residents of Peachland for at least 30 days
- 18 years of age or older
- have lived in BC for at least six months
- Canadian citizens

You do not need to own property to vote. Call or check the website at www.peachland.ca/election for full details on eligibility.

Going to be away during November?

Register to vote by Mail Ballot!

The process is simple—fill out an application at the Municipal Office and have a ballot package arranged to be picked up or mailed out to you and then return it before November 15, 2014. This is especially helpful for snowbirds and people who travel frequently.

For further information, please contact Chief Elections Officer, Polly Palmer at 250-767-2647



October is Carpooling 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. Find out how you can win free fuel!



Water Main Flushing

Why does the District flush the water mains? 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 completed its annual water main flush in late September. Some residents experienced a loss of water pressure, or a brief period of no water, after which the water supply may have shown sediment and discoloration. Sediment and discoloration is normal after flushing the water mains. This sediment is bacterially harmless. For those that experienced dirty water running a cold water tap for several minutes (or opening an outside tap and watering trees and shrubs) helps to clear the water.



Peachland Recreation Presents...

Halloween Spooktacular is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31st and we invite everyone down to participate in our family dance party! \$5/ child and \$15/ families of 3 or more. Bouncy castle, haunted house, carnival games, a family photo booth and so much more!!

Christmas in Peachland

Christmas in Peachland is always special.

The Peachland Wellness Centre will be hosting this years' Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 29th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Call 250-767-0141 to book a table.

Join Mayor and Council as we light up the town with "Christmas Light Up" on Friday, December 5th, starting at 5 pm. There will be entertainment, refreshments and of course the arrival of Santa Claus.

Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, from 9– 11:30 am. This intimate family occasion is a Peachland tradition. Enjoy a pancake breakfast followed by entertainment and a special time with Santa.



Community Services will have a new electronic community sign mid- October, located on Beach Ave. The sign is to be used to advertise a variety of community programs and events. Call Recreation to book the sign for your community event! 250-767-2133



Peachland, the Jewel of the Okanagan

Open Burning Tips

With Open Burning just around the corner, Peachland Fire and Rescue Service would like to remind residents of some of the rules & regulations. ...

- Open Burning is only permitted on property that is one hectare (2.5 acres) or more in size during the burning season (generally October 1st – April 30th).
- “Permitted Burning Materials” means untreated wood, pruning, branches, tree trunks, stumps or other vegetation that have been allowed to dry for *at least one (1) year*
- “Compostable Materials” are not allowed in Open Burning. This means waste products from plants, trees or other vegetation that are naturally biodegradable including grass clippings, leaves, *tree needles*, garden waste, and weeds.
- All fires shall be maintained so as to not constitute a nuisance
- Call before you burn –Open Burning is permitted only when the Venting Index is 65 or greater and Air Quality is good. You must call the Open Burning Information Line (toll free) at 1-855-262-2876 before you burn.
- A resident must obtain an “Open Burning” Permit for the property prior to burning. Available from the Peachland Fire & Rescue Service Monday-Friday 8 am – 4 pm

For further regulations please review our Fire and Life Safety and Smoke Control Bylaw 1718.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved a Development Permit and adopted an OCP and Zoning amendment for the Habitat for Humanity development at 4912 Princeton Ave. The development will consist of 6 residential units within 3 duplex buildings offered by Habitat for Humanity for affordable housing
- Council approved the replacement of the Community Centre Roof. The roof recently began leaking, and it was discovered that the roof was at the end of its life, and needed to be replaced rather than patched.
- Council adopted the Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 2089, 2014, and the Bylaw Notice Enforcement, Amendment Bylaw No. 2090, 2014. The Parks Regulation Bylaw allows for dogs at On Leash Dog beaches to go off leash when they are in the water. The Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw reflects the changes made to the Parks Regulation Bylaw, including imposing a fine for failure to pick up dog feces.
- Council has asked staff to bring forward a budget briefing outlining the costs of constructing outdoor Pickleball Courts within the District of Peachland
- Council approved a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the GIS system between the District of Peachland, the District of Lake Country, Regional District of the Central Okanagan and Westbank First Nation for 5 years
- Council has asked staff to bring forward a budget for a shoreline sediment transportation study for 2015. In the Meantime, staff was directed to include maintenance of the accumulation of rocks at Swim Bay in the annual operating budget or Shoreline Capital Works

Please email Nicole Cressman at executiveassistant@peachland.ca to receive a copy of the Council Highlights.



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<https://www.facebook.com/peachlandelection2014>

Online Services– 24/7 Access to your Accounts

Peachland’s online service provides information on property taxes, utilities, allows annual Home Owner Grants to be claimed and provides cemetery information. To access your tax or utility account or claim a HOG you will need your account number and access code located on your bills. Check out the 24/7 Access by clicking on the Virtual City Hall Portal (Online Services) button on our homepage at www.peachland.ca.

COMING SOON – E-Billing for Property Taxes

The option to have your Property Tax Notice delivered to you electronically is a service we are currently working towards. Watch for updates on this future project!

Pay Your Property Taxes and Utility Bills Online

Pay from the comfort of your home! Check out the online options available at your financial institution. Simply search for “District of Peachland” or “Peachland, District of” in the list of payees available on your financial institution’s website.

Account number for Utility Bills is the 11 digit account number that starts with 001

Account number for Property Taxes is the **last** 8 digits of your folio / roll number. Do not enter 318.

Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

Avoid the hassle of paying your taxes and utilities and sign up for the District of Peachland’s prepayment plan.

Utilities – How it Works

Payment is automatically withdrawn from your account on the due date. No more late fees!

Taxes – How it Works

No fees, you will earn monthly interest on your payments.

Payments are automatically withdrawn from your account on the 15th of each month, with the exception of June for a total of 11 payments a year