



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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MAKE WATER WORK – Be WaterWise!!

With the recent hot weather we have been experiencing, combined with the low snow pack that we had over the winter, residents are reminded to please be conscious of their water use habits as we move towards summer. 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.OkanaganWaterWise.ca



BE BEAR AWARE

Household garbage is the single biggest killer of bears. Here are some tips to help reduce bears and wildlife conflicts in your area:

- During the early spring to late fall, keep garbage behind closed doors in your garage, basement or storage area
- Put your garbage out on the morning of collection day and **not the night before**
- Avoid hanging bird feeders during bear season
- Store your barbecue in a safe place behind closed doors

For More Bear Aware Tips, please visit <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/info/bearaware/>



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 27, 2015. Support Local!

Rotary Peace Concert Series in the Park—July 12, 19 and Aug 9, 16 & 23. Enjoy entertainment in Heritage Park 4-5pm. Food service is available at 3pm. <http://peachlandrotary.com>

Fishing is Forever - July 18- Provides people with disabilities the opportunity to learn to fish. www.peachlandsportsmen.ca

Peachland Triathlon - July 26 - Sprint distance triathlon. Advance registration required. www.peachland.ca

Rattlesnake Island Swim - August 8 3.1K and 7K swims available. Advance registration required. www.rattlesnakeislandswim.com

PEACHLAND IS DOG FRIENDLY!

Dogs are allowed on parks and beaches designated in Schedule "A" of the Park Regulation Bylaw 2089, 2014 (to view the Bylaw go to www.peachland.ca/cms.asp?wpID=58). This means that dogs are allowed:

- On-leash - on most trails, along Centennial Way(our popular waterfront walkway) as well as in undeveloped and wilderness parks. In Heritage Park, dogs on a leash along the sidewalk are permitted, but dogs are not allowed on the grassy areas or the designated play areas.
- Off-leash- there are four off-leash dog areas at MacKinnon, Pincushion and Sanderson Parks and the T-Boat Launch/Doggie Beach.

Hot Dogs? Bring them to the beach at the following locations:

- The "T" or "Doggie Beach" is an off-leash Dog Park located near the Princeton and Highway 97 boat launch. A new fence was installed earlier this year to help keep the dogs safe from the highway traffic. This fence is designed to keep dogs off the highway but has openings at both ends. Also, please take note of the 'No Parking' signs along the entrance to the dog beach parking area. Additional parking is available in the lot to the north of the entrance.
- Dogs are allowed on-leash along the beach and off-leash in the water at:
 - Strachan's Corner Beach, in a designated area off of the Centennial Walkway between the 8th Street & Beach Avenue boat launch and 13th Street;
 - Pentowna Park, to the west of the T-Boat launch on the lakeside below Beach Avenue and Highway 97; and
 - Todd Beach in a designated waterfront area across from and between the District pump house at 3896 Beach Avenue and the home located at 3860 Beach Avenue. The area is marked with signs.

Please be aware that owners are expected to be in control of their animal(s) at all times. Look for the signs along Beach Avenue that indicate where dogs are allowed. Be friendly and direct tourists to our dog-friendly beaches! And please clean up after your pets!

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.



REPORTING WILDFIRES

Nearly one third of all wildfires in B.C. are detected and reported by the general public. Public wildfire reports have resulted in immeasurable savings in property damage, forest resources and fire suppression dollars.

How to Report a Wildfire

If you see a wildfire, please report it to us at **1-800-663-5555** or call ***5555** toll free on most cellular networks.

Alternately, you can report a wildfire to **9-1-1**.

What You'll Be Asked

When reporting a wildfire, a B.C. Forest Service operator will ask you:

- your phone number
- the location of the fire
- what is the fire burning (trees? What species?)
- the size of the fire
- how quickly the fire is spreading
- the colour of the smoke
- whether there are lives or property at risk

The details that you provide are critical in determining the type of response that the fire will receive from fire suppression authorities. Your help is greatly appreciated as it helps us to allocate our resources more efficiently and respond quickly to wildfire activity.

Further information on wildfires, provincial danger ratings and forest restrictions can be obtained by calling the toll-free Wildfire Management Information number: **1-888-3-FOREST (1-888-336-7378)**.

PEACHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE



Copies of the 2015 Annual Report are available on the District of Peachland's website www.peachland.ca or a paper copy can be picked up at the Municipal Office, located at 5806 Beach Ave.

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

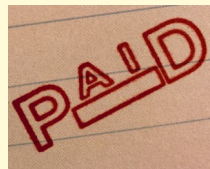
Avoid the lineups when paying your taxes and utilities and sign up for the District of Peachland's prepayment plan. Call 250-767-2647 or come into Municipal Hall today to sign up!

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 and 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 (a total of 11 payments per year). The annual Property Tax notice mailed in May of each year will show prepayments and interest earned



ARE YOU PAYING YOUR BILLS THROUGH ONLINE BANKING?

The District of Peachland offers Utility Bills or Property Taxes to be paid by personal online banking.

PLEASE NOTE:

Property Taxes are paid to Peachland (District of) **Taxes – Account # is last 8 digits of your Roll #**

Utilities are paid to Peachland (District of) **Utilities – Account # is the 11 digit account # on Utility Bill**

Please ensure you direct your payment to the correct account to prevent late payment charges.

SELLING YOUR HOME?

Don't forget to cancel your pre-authorized payment plan with the District!

If paying your utility or property tax bill through online banking remember to update your account numbers when your home is sold.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved the District of Peachland's 2015 Annual Report. The Annual Report is to provide the public with information on the activities and operations of the District for the previous year. Copies of the Annual Report can be found online on the District of Peachland website www.peachland.ca or a paper copy can be picked up the Municipal Office, located at 5806 Beach Ave.
- Council approved the 2014 Statement of Financial Information. The Statement of Financial Information is a report on the previous year's financial information for the District of Peachland. A schedule showing each elected official's name, position, remuneration and expenses
- The Senior's Support Society is working on an affordable Senior's Housing project, consisting of 68 total units. A proposal has been submitted to BC Housing for this project
- Council adopted a 5 year Financial Plan Bylaw. The complete Financial Plan can be viewed at Municipal Hall, located at 5806 Beach Avenue, and on the website www.peachland.ca
- Council directed staff to close a section of Renfrew Road to southbound traffic between Sherburn Road and 6642 Renfrew Road, due to safety concerns. The Road will remain open to two way traffic outside of the above defined boundaries.
- Council received and endorsed the Heritage Strategy Plan submitted by the Historical Society.

If you would like to receive regular Council Highlights by email please contact Nicole Cressman at executiveassistant@peachland.ca

COFFEE CHAT WITH THE MAYOR



No Appointment Necessary!

Meet with Mayor Fortin on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Blue Rooster.

Time & location may change, call Municipal Hall to confirm