



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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COMPOST SITE CLOSURE

The District of Peachland closed its compost site on **October 1, 2015**, adhering to provincial environmental regulations that limit burning.

Peachland Council explored a number of options for the site. Without strict monitoring at the gate, a mixture of materials has accumulated that makes chipping cost-prohibitive. Choosing to close the site, Council rejected the costs of full-time staffing and additional hauling and grinding costs that could reach up to \$350,000 each year.

Currently, Peachland incurs annual operating costs of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the site, which is managed under an operational certificate from the Ministry of Environment that limits the use of the property to the transfer and storage of woody debris.

RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE

Curbside yard waste collection in Peachland continues every other week until the end of November. Green bin acceptable items include grass clippings, leaves and branches up to 5 cm (2 in) in diameter and less than 1 metre (3 ft) long.

Westside Transfer Station

Larger loads of residential yard waste up to 250 kg can be **dropped off for free** at the Westside Transfer Station on Asquith Road in West Kelowna. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Reduce your yard waste

- Add a backyard composter – twigs, grass and leaves can be combined with food waste to create rich compost.
- Add a larger green bin – a larger green bin costs \$10/year; a second cart is \$30/year plus a change fee of \$55.
- Grasscycle by leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow. Clippings quickly decompose and return valuable nutrients back into the soil.

See www.peachland.ca for recycling information, guides to composting or cart change out forms.

BECOME FIRESMART: COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Concerned about grass or forest fires where you live?

With a few simple actions you can protect your home from wildfires. Whether you are doing regular yard maintenance or making large scale changes during renovations or landscaping, you can make choices that will help protect your home from wildfire.

While properly preparing your home and community can reduce the risk of damage caused by wildfires, ensure that you have proper insurance on your home and property.

Bring FireSmart to your neighbourhood

The FireSmart Community Recognition Program gives acknowledgement to the FireSmart actions your community is taking. Learn how your community can become a recognized FireSmart Community: **Contact Peachland Fire and Rescue Service @ 250-767-2841**



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACKULAR



Families can enjoy howling with the Okanagan Wolfman with special guests The Cipes Bros featuring Rockin'Ruthie. Children will also enjoy a bouncy castle, carnival games haunted house and more!

Sat, Oct 31 1:30-3:30

\$5/child and \$15 for 3 or more children in the same immediate family

Parent admission by donation to the food bank

CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP

Fri, Dec 4

Enjoy entertainment, refreshments, children's parade and more.

Watch for details at www.peachland.ca

Official light up is approximately 6:10 pm at Heritage Park.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat, Dec 5

Enjoy a pancake breakfast, entertainment and a special visit from Santa.

\$10 per person

\$5 age 5 and under

FREE under 1 year

Advanced registration required at 250-767-2133



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!





STREET LIGHT PILOT PROJECT

The "Street Light Program" and the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Change are working to lower energy use and light pollution. These marked lamp posts are part of the District's LED Street Light Pilot Project.

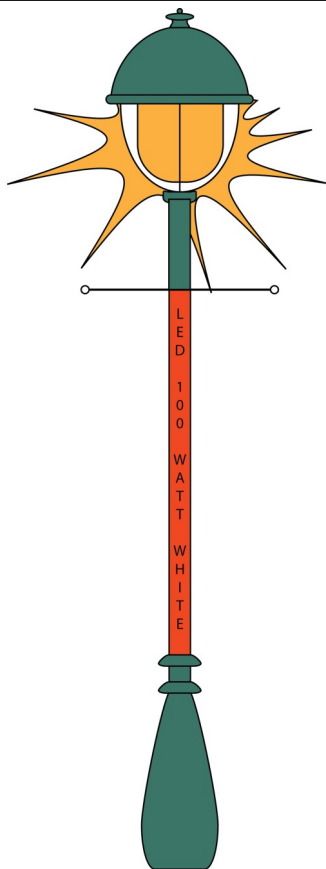
There are four (4) lights in this project located on Beach Avenue on either side of 3rd Street:

- Red Post: 100 Watt White Light
- Blue Post: 100 Watt Warm Light
- Yellow Post: 60 Watt White Light
- Green Post: 60 Watt Warm Light

The 100 Watt LED Lights have a potential 47% savings. The 60 Watt LED Lights have a potential 68% savings. Further energy savings could be accomplished by implementing timed dimming.

Each light post is marked with its number and light information. We encourage you to let us know which type of light you would like to see lighting the streets of Downtown Peachland in the future! To submit comments please contact the Planning Department at 5806 Beach Avenue, call 250-767-2647 or email ktaylor@peachland.ca

For more information contact the Planning Department at the District of Peachland and please feel free to visit www.streetlightprogram.com



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved waiving the Foreshore Development Permit Application Fee associated with applying to build an Accessible Fishing Pier at Heritage Park in Peachland. The Peachland Sportsman's Association, in partnership with the Peachland Rotary and Peachland Lion's clubs, is proposing to build an accessible pier adjacent to Heritage Park.

- Council adopted Cemetery Bylaw No. 1701, Amendment Bylaw No. 2096, 2015. The amendment to the bylaw is an update of the fees and charges associated with the operation and management of the cemetery.

-Council adopted Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2119, 2015. The Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw is an updated Bylaw that combines several bylaws that manage bylaw infractions into one comprehensive bylaw.

-Council directed staff to proceed with the Waterfront engineering program for 4th Street to the Day Use Wharf; 8th Street and Trepanier Creek through Todd Campground. Additionally, staff is directed to proceed with bank stabilization and hazard mitigation from 4th Street to the Day Wharf and 8th Street to 13th Street. The Waterfront projects will continue into Spring of 2016, and will continue into Spring of 2016, and will come back to Council for Early Budget approval.

-Council directed staff to engage the services of the Three Lakes Triathlon Series to host and coordinate the 2016 Triathlon. The Triathlon will be moved to the third Sunday in September, supporting the shoulder season. The District of Peachland will continue to support the triathlon with in kind facility and parks rentals, road closures, street sweeping and volunteer recruitment support.

- Council approved closing the Compost Site to the Public, as of September 30, 2015, due to changes in Provincial legislation that restricts the burning of materials. The Compost Site will still be available to Commercial Landscape and Tree Removal businesses that hold a valid business license in the District of Peachland, on a user pay basis.

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

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.

Location may change, call Municipal Hall to confirm



PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

Pay your taxes and utilities on time, everytime by signing 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.

(11 payments a year) The annual Property Tax notice will show prepayments and interest earned.

All outstanding taxes must be paid prior to joining plan

Property Tax Tidbit

Each year, [BC Assessment](#) produces independent property assessments for all property owners in the province. Assessment notices are mailed out each year near the end of December from BC Assessment. Property owners have until January 31 to appeal their assessment. BC Assessment provides assessed values to the District of Peachland as the basis for calculating property taxes each year.

Unpaid Utility Billing Information:

The District of Peachland transfers all unpaid utility accounts to the related Property tax account on a yearly basis. All 2015 out-standing utility bills will be transferred to their related property tax accounts as of December 21, 2015. Payments can be made at any participating financial institution or through online banking, tele-banking, or in person at the District Office.

Please contact the utility department for questions regarding the available payment options.

