



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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SNOW CLEARING AND SANDING

The District of Peachland strives to plow and sand all District roads in a timely manner, however we do follow a priority sequence when plowing. The school bus routes are done first, followed by the steepest roads and collector roads. Side streets, flat roads and cul-de-sacs are done last, unless they form part of completing a route in the most efficient, cost effective and time-saving way.

When snow is falling or there is potential for ice on the roads, the District snow removal crew will be out on the roads plowing or sanding (24 hours per day). Please be patient with the snow removal equipment as they are often driving well below the speed limit for safety.

DRIVEWAYS

Plowing snow into driveways is unavoidable. Remember when shovelling your driveway to always pile the snow on the left side

of the driveway (facing the property). Then, when the plow goes by, your shovelled piles will not be dragged back into your driveway entrance.

SIDEWALKS AND WALKWAYS

Property owners (residential and business) are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks or footpaths bordering their property.

The Operations and Parks Department remove snow from sidewalks adjacent to civic buildings, selected parks and pedestrian accesses. Please ensure the sidewalk fronting your property is free of snow and ice.



AFFORDABLE SENIOR'S HOUSING COMING SOON

The Peachland Seniors' Support Society, a non-profit organization formed in 2006 to develop affordable housing to meet the needs of low-income seniors in the community, has been successful in getting a project awarded to them by BC Housing.

The proposed development is a 68 unit, five-storey seniors' rental housing complex, to be located between 5th and 6th Street, within walking distance to a range of services, amenities and transit. The total estimated project costs are \$13 million, with the District of Peachland donating the land through a long-term lease, waiving development cost charges and municipal fees. The contribution from BC Housing is expected to be approximately \$4.7 million. It is anticipated that project planning, design, public consultation and development processes will take place in 2016, with construction to start in 2017, and completion scheduled for 2018. Interested residents will be kept informed on project progress through a link on the District of Peachland's website, local media, and this quarterly newsletter.

NEW WEBSITE

 For the past eight months, we've been working away on creating a fresh new design and improved website functionality to enhance your on-line experience.

We hope you find that it's easier to read and navigate so that you can find what you need when you need it.

Looking for information but don't know where to start? Check out the NEW "A - Z" search function and the "I want to..." search function at the top of the Home Page.

If you have any questions, concerns, or find any errors please email info@peachland.ca or call 250-767-2647.



2016 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Regular Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 - 6th Street, Peachland, BC. Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the same day at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. Both meetings are open to the public and agendas are available on the website the Thursday prior to the meeting



January 12 & 26	May 10 & 24	September 6 & 20
February 9 & 23	June 14 & 28	October 11 & 25
March 8 & 22	July 12	November 8 & 22
April 12 & 26	August 9	December 13

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor. CO gas is poisonous. It can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. In the home, heating, and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.



CO Alarms

CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home; It is best to use interconnected alarms (when one sounds, all CO alarms in the home sound).

- Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm
- Test CO alarms at least once a month
- Replace CO alarms according to the instructions on the package
- Know the sounds the CO alarm makes. It will sound if CO is detected. It will make a different sound if the battery is low or if it is time to get a new CO alarm
- If the battery is low, replace it



If the CO alarm sounds, you must get fresh air. Move outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location. Stay there until help arrives!

CO is called the invisible killer because the gas cannot be seen or smelled. Take action to stay safe from CO poisoning.



CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know an outstanding volunteer, athlete, artist, business person in the community? Each year, Peachland recognizes personal and organization achievements in various categories. Nominations will be open from mid-February to mid-March. Be sure to watch the Peachland View for nomination information.

Recognition is available in the following categories:

- **Peachland Excellence Awards** – (you choose the category – examples include achievements in sports, arts, culture, community service and etc.)
- **Unsung Hero**
- **Lifetime Service**
- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Youth Citizen of the Year**

As well, each year the District recognizes (upon request) the following milestones:

- **Wedding Anniversary:** Peachland Residents celebrating their 50, 60 or 70th Wedding Anniversary.
- **Freedom of the Municipality:** Peachland Residents who have reached their 100th birthday or to residents who have lived in Peachland for more than 75 years.



For more information, call 250-767-2133 or visit www.peachland.ca



DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Pay for your 2016 dog license or apply for a new dog license online! Check out the Regional District of Central Okanagan website www.regionaldistrict.com for more information and services.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) UPDATE

2016 is going to be an exciting year for Peachland! An Official Community Plan Update is one of the key action items in the District of Peachland Corporate Strategic Plan. We anticipate that this and several other projects on our work plan will involve hearing from you. In fact, we want everyone in the community to be involved in creating a vision for the future and in shaping policies to guide development towards that refreshed vision.

How would you like to participate in the consultation process? We hope to create opportunities for information and opinion exchange that are efficient, transparent and result in effective decision-making. We look forward to exploring new ways of exchanging information and ideas, but we're also aware of the need to be practical and manage expectations. We are a small community; we have limited resources. As we move forward with the process of refreshing the community's vision for the next twenty years we need to focus on realistic goals and things that are "do-able".

We're going to be consulting on a number of issues throughout 2016 and 2017, from secondary suite policies to community-wide parks planning. We want to create the opportunity for you to be involved; to collaborate and to have your ideas heard. We'll use what we hear from the community to guide us.

We want your feedback. Tell us how you would like to be informed and how you would like to participate in planning for Peachland's future. Do you want to get your information through the website? How about a newsletter? Would you like to go to a public workshop? Do you want to tell us what you think at the Farmer's Market? Would you like to send us photos of what you like and don't like about Peachland? Participate in a survey? We're open to ideas. Send us ideas about how you would like to participate via post (5806 Beach Avenue, Peachland, BC V0H 1X7) or fax (250-767-3433), send us an email (planning@peachland.ca), visit our website (www.peachland.ca) or office, telephone (250-767-2647) or stop us on the street to chat. We want to know what works best for you. Everyone has a role to play in creating a plan for the community

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Council established a Compost Site Select Committee, for the purpose of looking into the compost site closure challenges that the community has raised, Periodic updates will be given to Council on Jan. 26th and Feb. 23rd, 2016, and solutions will be recommended to Council by March 31st, 2016
- Council established a Canada 150 Celebrations Committee, to establish celebration principles, priorities, projects and initiatives for Canada's Celebration of 150 years of Confederation (2017)
- Council authorized the extension of the Residential Garbage, Recyclables and Yard Waste Collection Contract with OK Environmental Waste Systems for an additional 3 year term from April 30, 2016 to April 30, 2019
- Council approved the creation of a reserve fund with a phased budget approach for the purpose of meeting costs for the construction of a water park
- Council directed staff to resubmit the grant application for the purpose of the Water Filtration plant project in the amount of \$6.96 Million to the second intake of the Buildings Canada Fund – Small Communities
- Council directed staff to proceed with the replacement of the aging Museum Roof in the amount of \$15,204.00

If you would like to receive Council Highlights (via email) after each Council Meeting, Please email Nicole Cressman at executiveassistant@peachland.ca to receive your copy.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

On Friday, March 4th, 2016 Mayor and Council will be donning aprons and hats to serve up breakfast to the valuable volunteers of Peachland. Organizations are encouraged to book a table and/or individuals are asked to RSVP by Feb 29 by calling 250-767-2133.



Unpaid Utility Billing Information:

The District of Peachland transfers all unpaid Utility Account balances, by the end of the calendar year, to the related Property tax account. 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 Finance department for questions regarding the available payment options.

Property Tax Assessments Arriving soon!

BC Assessment notices will be arriving over the next couple weeks. Your assessment states the market value, classification and applicable exemptions for your property. Watch for your assessment arriving in mailboxes soon.