



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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WildSafeBC is here in Peachland!!

Andrea Tait is the WildSafeBC Community Coordinator for the Okanagan Westside, and her goals is “to keep wildlife wild and communities safe”. Andrea will be working in the communities of Peachland, West Kelowna, Westbank First Nations, and the Regional District of the Central Okanagan to reduce the human- wildlife conflict through education, innovation and cooperation.

From June to November, Andrea will be involved in a number of public outreach activities, including door-to-door visits in problem areas. You will see her at events around town as she spreads the word about safely living with bears and other critters in our wooded areas. Find out more about preventing unwelcome encounters with wildlife at www.wildsafebc.com.

Wildlife conflicts should be reported to the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277. Residents are also encouraged to report bear, deer, cougar or other animal sightings online at WildSafeBC’s Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (WARP), available at www.wildsafebc.com/warp. This program allows you to see what wildlife has been reported in your neighbourhood and be alerted of new sightings.

Residents can also contact Andrea directly by calling 250-862-7336 or emailing okwestside@wildsafebc.com.



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AFFORDABLE SENIOR’S HOUSING - PROJECT UPDATE #2

The Peachland Seniors’ Support Society recently received good news! BC Housing confirmed that instead of providing the Peachland Seniors’ Support Society with an equity investment in return for partial strata unit ownership, the Society will instead receive grant money for a portion of the construction costs of the project. With this change in funding arrangements, BC Housing no longer requires ownership of any of the units in the proposed development. This new funding arrangement will eliminate the need to stratify the development, and streamline both the construction and future operating processes.

The Society has chosen Philip MacDonald Architect Inc. from Kelowna to provide the architect’s services for the project. The Board reviewed the design development drawings in June, with the subdivision, rezoning and development permit process

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 25, 2016. Support Local!

Rotary Peace Concert Series in the Park— July 17, 24 and Aug 7 & 14. Enjoy entertainment in Heritage Park 4-5pm. Food service is available starting at 3pm. <http://peachlandrotary.com>

Fishing is Forever - July 23- Provides people with disabilities the opportunity to learn to fish. www.peachlandsportsmen.ca

Peachland Triathlon - Sept. 11 – We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Sprint distance triathlon will be hosted by the Three Lakes Triathlon Series. Advance registration required. <http://threelakestriathlonseries.com>

Rattlesnake Island Swim - August 6 3.1K and 7K swims available. Advance registration required. www.rattlesnakeislandswim.com

MAKE WATER WORK!!

With the summer heat upon us, residents are reminded to please be conscious of their water use habits. 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.OkWaterWise.ca



HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE!!!

The Peachland Official Community Plan Renewal Project Team has completed the first round of community engagement for the two year project.



The first phase, which took place over May and June, involved interactive sessions aimed at soliciting input from the community and stakeholders toward a refreshed community vision. Participants were also asked to provide issues, priorities and suggested opportunities for consideration.

Some suggestions for a future vision were related to keeping the small town feel alive, creating more opportunities for young people to move to Peachland, developing a variety of housing options and embracing arts and culture.

The project team will begin to compile all of the input received over the past two months and develop a summary report that will help inform a renewed community vision and goals and policies for the Official Community Plan. The report will be available this summer on the project website. www.peachland.ca/ocp2016

The next phase of engagement on the vision will take place this fall.



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.

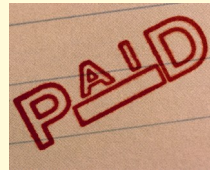
Further information on wildfires, provincial danger ratings and forest restrictions can be obtained by calling the toll-free Wildfire Management Information number:
1-888-3-FOREST (1-888-336-7378).

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! You will still receive a utility bill as usual, so that you can be aware of the charges and keep it for your records.



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. Please note that all outstanding taxes must be paid prior to joining plan.

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 2016 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 at the Municipal Office, located at 5806 Beach Ave.
 - Council approved the 2015 Statement of Financial Information. The 2015 Statement of Financial Information is available at Municipal Hall, 5806 Beach Avenue and the Peachland Public Library, 5500 Clements Crescent.
 - Council approved presenting each graduating student of Peachland Elementary School with a copy of "The Story of Peachland" book written by Don Wigfield. Students were presented the books on Monday, June 27
 - Council appointed Commissionaires BC personnel Michael Hook, Bill Hawkins, Doug Loepp and Sandra Edgecombe as Bylaw Enforcement Officers for the District of Peachland. Seasonal Bylaw Enforcement services will be provided by the Commissionaires BC for the 2016 season extending from May 14th to Sept. 25th.
 - Council directed staff to contact the RCMP and other appropriate agencies to ensure the enforcement of noise, speed and parking regulations.
 - Council adopted the Information Handling and Privacy Policy. The Policy will provide guidelines for the collection, use, disclosure, storage and retention of personal information by the District or to ensure that the personal information in the custody or control of the District is protected.
- If you would like to receive Regular Council Highlights by email please contact Nicole Cressman at executiveassistant@peachland.ca



SWIM BAY

Waterfront lifeguards are on duty until Saturday, August 28 Monday to Sunday 10:00 am-5:45 pm