



THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

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REGISTER TO RECEIVE YOUR 2017 PROPERTY TAX NOTICE ONLINE OR BY EMAIL

You will need your roll number and your access code from the upper right hand side of your most recent property tax notice.

TO REGISTER (If already registered for online access proceed to LINK PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNT instructions below & re-link your property tax account to sign up for emailed tax notices)

Click on “On-line Services on www.peachland.ca.

- Click on the “On-line Services Portal” link at bottom of page.
- Click on Register button near the upper right hand corner. Once all fields are entered click on 'Register' button.

LINK PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNT TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION

- Click on display name near top right hand corner.

- Under “Need to Add an Account” select “PT-Property Taxes from Account Type”.

- Enter your roll number (8 digits after the 318, including the decimal) & access code from your yearly property tax notice.

- If you wish to receive email notification that your property tax notice is ready click the please notify me box. Choose the option of viewing your property tax notice online OR having a PDF copy of property tax notice emailed. Email address defaults to email used to register your account.

- Click save. An email confirmation will be sent to registered user. (add multiple property tax accounts by selecting “PT-Property Taxes” from “Account Type”; enter property tax roll number and access code)

To view your property tax account details place cursor over online services and click on property taxes.

An email will be sent when the 2017 Property Tax notices are ready in May 2017.

2017 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 10 & 24
February 14 & 28
March 14 & 28
April 4 & 18

May 9 & 23
June 13 & 27
July 11
August 8

September 5 & 19
October 10 & 24
November 14 & 28
December 12

AFFORDABLE SENIOR'S HOUSING OPEN HOUSE

When: February 9, 2017.

Time: 4:00 pm—7:00 p.m..

Location: Community Centre Banquet Room (4450 6th Street, Peachland)

Please join us for more information regarding the Seniors' housing project.

CAO'S CORNER

With the start of the new year, 2017 marks the halfway point of the current Council term.

Work on the financial plan has been underway since fall of 2016, and review and updating of the Strategic Plan is about to begin. Some major initiatives have already been identified for the new year, including continuing to plan for construction of a new fire hall, purchasing a new fire truck, construction of outdoor pickle ball courts, various events in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary, and completion of the Official Community Plan and Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

We expect to see shovels go in the ground for the new 72 unit affordable seniors' housing complex on 6th Street, across from the Community Centre.

We are also anxiously awaiting word on our water treatment plant grant application, and hopefully by the next quarterly newsletter, we will be able to report good news on that.



ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

Heater Checklist

- ⇒ Purchase a heater that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory;
- ⇒ Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people;
- ⇒ Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection;
- ⇒ Place the heater on a solid, flat surface;
- ⇒ Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over;
- ⇒ Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit;
- ⇒ Keep children away from the space heater;
- ⇒ Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord;
- ⇒ Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.





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PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The District of Peachland is preparing a ten (10) year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The process is starting early in 2017.

Our community is changing, therefore it is timely to prepare a plan now. As an example, the population of Peachland is estimated to double over the next 20 years. A master plan will be invaluable to focus on the aspects most important to residents, maximize the benefits that parks and recreation contribute to quality of life, and leverage partnerships and external resources to be financially prudent.



Your thoughts and opinions are important. We have listened very carefully to your thoughts in the 2016 Citizen Survey. We have heard your opinions through the Official Community Planning process. Now we need to further refine our understanding of your needs and priorities as they relate specifically to parks and recreation.

You have a number of ways to be involved including a mail survey, an on-line feedback survey, community meetings, and displays at community events. The upcoming opportunities are:

- A statistically valid mail survey - conducted by Points of View Research & Consulting in early in 2017
- An on-line feedback survey - posted on the District's website in early 2017

Visit the District's website to stay informed on the plan's progress, learn upcoming ways to be involved, and provide feedback on various components. Thank you for helping shape the future of parks and recreation and quality of life in our community.



NEW MY DOG MATTERS APP NOW AVAILABLE

Download the app, watch for an email with login instructions to access your dog license account in order to renew your license, activate your rewards card, view retailer discounts and save \$\$, receive updates and reminders and more!! Renewal is also available at District Office, be sure to bring your Renewal Notice with you!

SECONDARY SUITES AND GARDEN SUITES – FAQ

The District of Peachland has recently adopted a new Zoning Bylaw that, among other things, permits application for the construction of Secondary and Garden Suites on many residentially zoned lots.

What is a Secondary Suite?

A Secondary Suite is a livable space inside a house. A Garden Suite is a dwelling unit in a separate building on a property that already has a house on it.

How do I register my existing suite?

Apply to have your Suite inspected. If you meet the criteria you will be given an Occupancy Permit. You will then need to apply for a Suite License to operate the Suite. If your Suite does not meet the criteria set out in the Building Code or does not meet safety standards a letter will be provided outlining the deficiencies to be corrected to meet the criteria.

Why do I have to register my Secondary Suite?

Secondary Suites provide affordable housing for many people, but the District wants to ensure they're safe and livable. A registration system helps the District identify the location of Secondary Suites and confirm that, at the time of registration, the Suite met all safety and building requirements. It also helps potential purchasers have peace of mind when they go to purchase a home that has had a Suite approved by the municipality.

Hang On! Do I have to be on sewer to have a Secondary Suite?

Okanagan Basin Water Board regulations require Secondary Suites inside of a house to prove adequate septic capacity and be tied into the existing septic system. Garden Suites (Suites in accessory buildings) are NOT permitted on septic UNLESS the lot is at least 1 Hectare (2.47 acres).

But this is an "in-law" suite. Why do I need a suite license?

A suite is a Suite even if it is for your relatives. Any Secondary Dwelling on a lot is a suite that need to be properly inspected and registered. Other common names for Secondary Suites include: Garden Suite, Carriage House, Nanny Suite, Basement Suite, Coach House, Laneway House, Mother-In-Law Suite, or "Mortgage Helpers."

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Council approved an exception to the Parks Regulation Bylaw that permits silk flowers to be attached to the memorial bench for Ashlee Hyatt.
- Council passed a motion that allows the existing temporary pergola structures in the downtown to remain up over the winter. Staff will bring forward a proposed program in the Spring to legitimize the current temporary pergolas on a permanent basis.
- Council received an update to the status of the District of Peachland's application to the Ministry of Environment for a one time burning permit to eliminate the debris that remains at the site after its closure. An alternate solution has been found that will eliminate the debris in a cost effective manner. The District will no longer require a one time burn permit.
- Council reviewed the results and interpretation of the Citizen's Survey. For further details as to the result of the 2016 citizen's survey, please visit our website at <http://www.peachland.ca/760>.
- Council supported the Expansion Memorandum of Understanding with BC Transit for a SmartBus Real- Time Technology Program. BC Transit's SmartBus program is launching its first phase and includes real time technology. The paratransit bus route in Peachland will be included in the first phase of the program.
- Council adopted Zoning Bylaw No. 2100, 2014. Council also approved the Secondary Suite Implementation Plan to reflect changes made in the new Zoning bylaw.

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, April 7th, 2017 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 March 31 by calling 250-767-2133.

CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know an outstanding volunteer, athlete, artist, business person in the community who deserves recognition for their 2016 achievements? Each year, Peachland recognizes personal and organization achievements in various categories. Nominations will be open from February to mid-March. Be sure to watch <http://www.peachland.ca/civic-awards> and the Peachland View for nomination information.

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