



Spring 2019 Municipal Newsletter — Volume 10/ Issue 2

2019 Peachland Citizen Survey

Provide your thoughts on resident quality of life, municipal services, consumption, production, and sale of cannabis -- among many other topics.

The survey will be open for three weeks starting mid-April. Stay tuned to the District website for more information.

All respondent names will be entered into a draw to win a prize. We look forward to hearing from Peachland residents to guide our community planning and services over the next few years.

The last Citizen Survey was completed in 2016. Your feedback helped with several community success stories including:

- Securing grant funding for the Water Treatment Plant
- Implementation of electric vehicle charging stations
- Creation of a new Official Community Plan



Flood Recovery

2017 and 2018 saw high water levels on Okanagan Lake with significant lakeshore damage occurring in 2017. In particular, the June 8, 2017 storm resulted in the loss of approximately 2-3m of foreshore, leaving infrastructure exposed. In consultation with the Hydro-Technical Professional Engineer, riprap was installed when there was less than 1.5m of shoreline between the retaining wall and the water, and when the vertical face of the foreshore was more than 1m high. As this area is subject to extreme wave action from both the north and south, and as there were wind advisories at the time, this area was in significant and imminent danger of infrastructure failure, including retaining walls, the Centennial Walkway and Beach Avenue.

The riprap was placed during an extreme emergency situation and was, therefore, unable to be installed correctly. After the event, the province agreed that we could leave the riprap in place until a permanent solution for infrastructure protection could be found. Staff has been working with Waters Edge Engineering LTD on a shoreline plan to establish a permanent solution and to improve pedestrian connectivity. This plan will repurpose the existing riprap into a more aesthetic and pedestrian-friendly foreshore. It may result in the removal of riprap in some locations and the addition of riprap and other treatments in other areas.

We need to protect our foreshore against scour. Scour happens when wave and wind action removes the gravel materials and undermines a hard surface (i.e. Centennial Way). While other treatments exist to protect infrastructure from scour, riprap, logs and plantings are the most economical solution. Additionally, as the riprap is already onsite and can be repurposed, this will reduce supply and trucking costs.

A shoreline plan is currently being developed and considers:

- Maximizing beach opportunities while protecting critical infrastructure
- Using a combination of natural materials such as riprap, logs and planting to protect the infrastructure
- Including pedestrian access points to the beach at a maximum of 170m apart and located at every cross walk

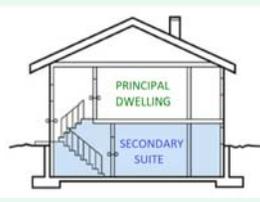
Public information sessions are being arranged for late spring so that the public can learn more about the plan and how the treatment options will improve the pedestrian experience and also protect our infrastructure. For additional information on the flood recovery, visit www.peachland.ca/recovery

Apply for a Suite Licence

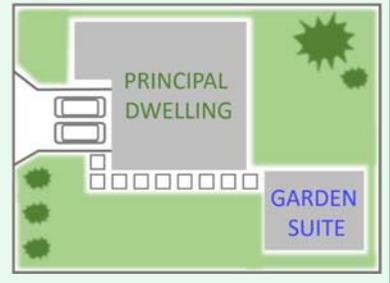
Did you know that secondary suites and garden suites are now permitted in most residential zones in Peachland? However, for a suite to be registered, the suite must pass a building inspection and the property owner must obtain an annual suite licence.

A secondary suite is a suite located within a single family dwelling. A garden suite is a suite located in an accessory building or above a garage. Do you have an existing unregistered suite on your property?

You can still apply to register your suite. Visit www.peachland.ca/suites or contact Planning and Development Services at 250-767-3707 to find out more.



A "grace period" for registering existing suites started in January 2017 and will end on December 31, 2019. During this period, the application fee for a suite licence has been reduced to \$100 to encourage registration. In 2020 and beyond, remaining unregistered suites may be subject to increased application fees and/or bylaw enforcement measures.



Yes, you CAN view your monthly water usage!

This is the time of year that the flowers are starting to show up and many folks are starting to think about setting up their irrigation system for the year.



The District would like to remind residents that they are able to track their water usage online.

This is a great idea to ensure water usage is consistent with previous years, and there are no surprises when the quarterly utility bills are mailed out. The District does monthly water meter reads and typically by the 9th day of the month this information is available for online viewing. For access to online meter readings, please follow the instructions at www.peachland.ca by selecting the "On-line Services" tile on the left side of the screen. If there are any concerns, or if you do not have access to the internet, you can always call Municipal Hall (250-767-2647).

2019 PROPERTY TAXES

...are due **JULY 2nd, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

Notices will be mailed out by the end of May. If you have not received yours by the middle of June, please call the Finance Department at 250-767-2647.

New property owners are responsible for payment of their annual property taxes by the due date to avoid penalty, whether or not they receive a Property Tax Notice.



Residences on 6th Update

The Peachland Seniors' Support Society took occupancy of the Residences on 6th on March 1, 2019!

The water damage that affected 20 newly finished suites has been repaired, and thanks to a dedicated team of professional contractors, occupancy was only set back by one month. The first tenants started moving in March 7th, and move-ins will continue at a rate of two units per day. Full occupancy is expected by mid-April.

Watch the website (www.peachland.ca/sss), The Residences on 6th Facebook page, and The Peachland View for announcements of the Grand Opening, planned for the end of May.

NEW ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TAX IMPLEMENTED

Beginning with the 2019 tax year, an additional school tax will apply to most high-valued residential properties in BC, including detached homes, stratified condominium or townhouse units and most vacant land. BC Assessment determines if additional school tax applies. The additional school tax does not apply to non-stratified rental building with four or more housing units. For mixed-use properties, only the residential portion of the property's assessed value above \$3 million will be taxable.

The additional tax rate is:

- 0.2 % on the residential portion assessed between \$3 million and \$4 million
- 0.4% tax rate on the residential portion assessed over \$4 million

For more information, please visit the Ministry's website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/school-tax>

Civic Awards

The Spirit of Peachland Civic Awards ceremony is on Friday, May 3rd at the Peachland Community Centre. This awards ceremony features community presentations, recognition of award nominees and winners, refreshments and more. This FREE opportunity is a great way to connect with neighbours and friends and meet new people as well.

Do you know someone who celebrated their 100 Birthday last year or someone who has lived in Peachland for 75 years? If yes, let us know as these individuals are eligible for our "Freedom of Peachland" Award.

As well, the Civic Awards ceremony recognizes individuals who have been married 50, 60 or 70 years. Please contact Ben at 250-767-2133 with the details so we can provide special recognition!

PROPERTY TAXES & UTILITY BILLING ONLINE SERVICES

Did you know that you can view your property tax and utility bill details online at anytime? You will need to register for an online account by visiting our website, www.peachland.ca and clicking on Online Services. For a step-by-step guide on how to complete the registration stop by the District office to pick up your copy or call the office at 250-767-2647 and we will email you a copy of the guide. Once registered online, you can choose to have your property tax notice emailed to you instead of the standard paper copy mailed through Canada Post. You will be able to review all details of both your tax and utility bills including transactions, consumption, account balances and statements.

ONLINE BILL PAYMENTS

To pay your taxes or utilities online, simply visit your bank's website and set up the following Bill Payees:

- 1) Peachland Taxes – your account number will be the last 8 digits of your roll number. Do not enter any spaces, dots or dashes.
- 2) Peachland Utilities – your account number for banking purposes is the 11 digit utility bill account number. Do not enter any spaces, dots or dashes.

Help us Celebrate Canada's Birthday!

Our Beach Run kicks off the event with categories for walkers, runners, and children (advanced registration required).

At 11:00 am our program begins in Heritage Park with entertainment, cake cutting, bouncy castle, family games and the Urban Art Project.

We encourage you to rest up and enjoy the lake later in the afternoon to prepare for the ever popular Peachland Parade followed by a Concert in the Park which will run through the evening.

The fireworks are scheduled for approximately 10:30 pm capping off this action packed day! Watch for a full calendar of events in the Peachland View – June 28th!



Responsible Dog Bylaw and Dog Parks

"If your dog poops and nobody is watching, it is still your job to pick it up". Peachland is covered by the Regional District Responsible Dog Owner Bylaw and it is important for all dog owners to be aware of their responsibilities including the responsibility for picking up dog waste.

As the parks staff has been busy working on getting parks and gardens ready for spring, we have found more and more dog poop. We encourage all dog owners to be considerate of park staff and their work space. If you see workers in the gardens, please steer your dog to other areas to do their business and please always pick up dog poop.