



## Fall 2020 Municipal Newsletter—Volume 10 / Issue 4

### Peachland Community Centre is Open

Our staff is using the current information and guidelines from Provincial and Local Health Authorities to inform our recreation program offerings. As COVID-19 is unpredictable, we will continue to be adaptable. Programs may need to be changed, moved or cancelled as the pandemic and associated measures evolve. Refunds and/or credits will be made available as needed. For information on program offerings, please visit [www.peachland.ca/recguide](http://www.peachland.ca/recguide).

### Business Licensing

A new [Business Licence Bylaw](http://www.peachland.ca/business-licencing) was adopted by Council and came into effect on September 9, 2020. If you are a business owner, are thinking of starting a new business, or purchasing an existing business, please visit [www.peachland.ca/business-licencing](http://www.peachland.ca/business-licencing) and take a few minutes to read through the new bylaw to understand the requirements for your specific type of business. The District's Bylaw Enforcement and Licensing Officer oversees the Business Licensing program. If you have any questions related to operating a business in Peachland, or on the licensing process, please contact Roy Biedrava at [bylaw@peachland.ca](mailto:bylaw@peachland.ca) or call (250) 767-2647.

Key changes in the new Bylaw include:

- Business owners must notify the District prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year that they wish to renew their licence for the following calendar year. Business licences will no longer be automatically renewed or issued. Businesses operating in the District without a valid licence may be subject to Bylaw Enforcement action.
- An application fee is required to be submitted with an application for new businesses. If the application is approved, the licence fee will be waived for the first calendar year of operations.
- Licences may be subject to Terms and Conditions which must be adhered to in order to maintain a valid licence to operate within the District.

Additionally, not-for-profit organizations operating within the District are now required to hold an annual business licence for the purposes of establishing requirements for fire and life safety inspections, though the annual fee is set at a nominal rate of \$1.

The new Bylaw helps to provide clarity on expectations for owners and operators of businesses, as well as the requirements to hold a valid business licence in Peachland.

Thank you for doing business in Peachland!

### Jack-O'-Lantern Walk on the Haunted Dock

#### Jack-O'-Lantern drop



Drop your Jack-O'-Lantern down to the Ray Kandola Heritage Pier on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> between 2:00-5:00 pm and help us set the stage for the haunted dock.

#### Walk the Dock

Join us on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30-8:00 pm for goodie bags, pumpkin carving contest, photo booth and walk the haunted dock.

### Bears in the Fall

With fall upon us comes a seasonal reminder about bears and managing attractants.

- Secure your garbage – store it in a secure location indoors or a bear-resistant enclosure.
- Only put garbage carts out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Encourage neighbours to do the same, offer to help if needed.
- Consider freezing your kitchen waste until the morning of collection day.
- Manage your fruit trees, pick ripe & fallen fruit immediately.
- Maintain your compost so it doesn't smell. Add fruit slowly. No meat/dairy.
- Use birdbaths and houses to attract birds, instead of bird feeders.



If you do see a bear (or cougar, wolf or coyote) in the community, please report it to the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277.

## 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 during operations. Main (Princeton, Ponderosa and Trepanier) and school bus routes are completed first, followed by the steepest and collector roads. Side streets, flat roads and cul-de-sacs are done last, unless completion allows the route to be finished in the most efficient manner.

During the winter season, District crews are available at all hours of the day (depending on the severity of the event). Please be patient with the snow removal equipment as they are often driving well below the speed limit for safety.

## Driveways

Regardless of the care taken by operators, plowing snow into driveways is unavoidable. Please 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, the shovelled piles will not be dragged back into your driveway entrance. District staff will not return to a property to remove snow plowed into the driveway entrance.

## Sidewalks and Walkways

Property owners (both residential and commercial) 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.

## Garbage Day

Please remember to keep your garbage can within your driveway on garbage day and not near the travelled portion of the road. The current waste management equipment is able to reach up to 10' away!



## Remembrance Day Service



Due to COVID-19, plans for Remembrance Day are not yet confirmed. Whether we are able to join together in remembrance or need to do so safely in our home, we hope you will take the time to remember those who died in military service, and honour those who served in wartime.



## **CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS WEEK** **NOVEMBER 1 – 7**

Learn about CO hazards in your home and how to stay safe. Visit [www.COafety.tips](http://www.COafety.tips) #COafety

If your alarm indicates, high CO levels in your home or you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning: o Open all doors and windows and get outside to fresh air immediately. Seek emergency medical attention for symptoms of CO poisoning. Symptoms include flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness and even loss of consciousness.

- Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number and your gas service provider's 24-hour emergency line.
- Do not go back in the building until its safe.
- FortisBC: 1-800-663-9911 o Pacific Northern Gas: 1-800-663-1173.
- After returning to the building, have a licensed contractor inspect your gas appliances.



1 GET EVERYONE OUTSIDE



2 CALL 911 OR YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBER



3 SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

## Light Up the Block

Get your neighbours in the holiday spirit and light up your block. District staff and volunteers from Peachland Fire and Rescue will come to your neighbourhood with goodies, music, photo booth, caroling, and a countdown to your neighbourhood light up.

Organize a pop-up light-up party for 50 people in your neighbourhood. Call 250.767.2133 to book your 30-minute block party on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.



## 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. Each account must be set up separately as they both have their own unique account number.

- Property Taxes are paid to Peachland (District of) Taxes – Account # is last 8 digits of your Roll #, found on your annual tax notice.
- 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.