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PEACHLAND News



Peachland Council, from left, Councillor Randy Brophy, Councillor Terry Condon, Deputy Mayor Alena Glasman, Mayor Patrick Van Minsel, Councillor Ali Bani-Sadr, Councillor Rick Ingram and Councillor David Collins.

Welcome to Councillor Ali Bani-Sadr

Newly-elected Councillor Ali Bani-Sadr was welcomed at the March 24 Council meeting after his swearing in.

Councillor Bani-Sadr received the most votes of the five candidates in the March 14 Peachland by-election. He will serve on Council until the next municipal election, to be held on October 17, 2026.

Thank you to all Peachland residents who voted!

Peachland Water Restrictions

Due to ongoing drought conditions and lower upland lake levels, further water restrictions have been imposed in Peachland. The situation can change fast! Stay informed, sign up to receive email notification at peachland.ca/subscribe.

Find detailed information, and water conservation tips at peachland.ca/water

WE ARE AT STAGE 3



STAGE 1
Even # address water on even calendar days, odd on odd calendar days. Watering not permitted between 11 am and 6 pm

STAGE 2
Even # address water Saturday and Tuesday, odd on Sunday and Wednesday. Watering not permitted between 11 am and 6 pm

STAGE 3
Even # address water Saturday, odd on Sunday. Watering not permitted between 10 am and 7pm

STAGE 4
No outdoor watering permitted



THANK YOU!

Thanks to the attendees of our 2026 Budget Open House on February 24. Your feedback is appreciated! Council will consider first readings of the 2026 financial plan and tax rate bylaws at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 5.



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Pickleball Court Construction Starts

Construction has begun on two new pickleball courts in Peachland's Lambly Park. The new courts are located next to the current pickleball courts which will be closed during construction until Friday, June 19.

Superior Excavating will install fencing and signage directing the public through Lambly Park, adjacent to Highway 97 and accessed from 14th Street. Access will be maintained to the multi-use pathway and the tennis courts, which will remain open.

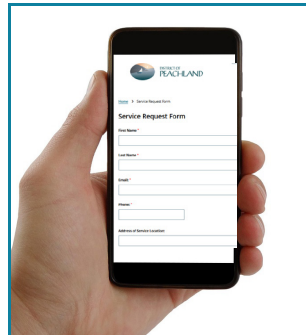
The new courts, budgeted at \$200,000, are one of the key 2026 capital projects the District is undertaking. The Peachland Pickleball Society is contributing sound proofing installations to the project to help minimize impacts to adjacent property owners.



New EV station

The District of Peachland has installed and activated a new electric vehicle (EV) charging station for public use at 4444 5th street.

Two other EV stations are available at the municipal parking lot at 2nd Street and Waldo Way.



Use our new **ONLINE SERVICE REQUEST**

to submit a service request or report a concern

peachland.ca/service-request

Go Paperless!

Sign up to check your property tax and utility balances online

peachland.ca/online-services

FREE Yard Waste Vouchers offered again this year!

For a limited time, Peachland residents can get a FREE voucher to cover yard waste fees at the Asquith Road Transfer Station. The voucher covers a van/truck load or a full tandem trailer load!

As part of its FireSmart Program, the Peachland Fire Department is covering the fees to encourage residents to collect and dispose of yard waste and consider more FireSmart activities for their properties.

Pick up your voucher at Peachland Municipal Hall at 5806 Beach Avenue. With some easy steps, you can protect your home from wildfire. Find FireSmart tips at: www.peachland.ca/firesmart.

The Asquith Road Transfer Station (Westside Residential Waste Disposal and Recycling Centre) is located at 2640 Asquith Rd, West Kelowna, BC.



Interested in a FireSmart assessment of your property?

Peachland Fire & Rescue's FireSmart trained personnel are offering a free wildfire mitigation assessment for Peachland residential properties. You'll get:

- An in-depth, on-site assessment conducted by experienced fire professionals.
- An opportunity to identify mitigation actions unique to your property.
- A detailed follow-up report with customized mitigation actions designed to measurably reduce the wildfire risk to your property.

Contact firesmartbcplatform.ca to request an inspection.



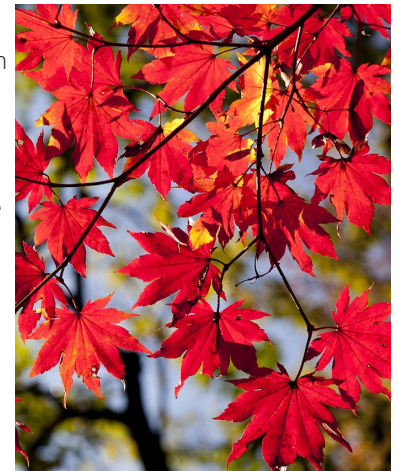
URBAN RE-LEAF

Pre-purchase trees online, by phone or in person



www.westkelownacity.ca/urbanreleaf

Peachland Residents are invited to expand our community's green canopy by taking part in the City of West Kelowna's Urban Re-Leaf program. Each year, Greater Westside residents can purchase up to two trees at cost. There are a variety of species to pick from, all selected for suitability to our climate. The program is open until April 30 with tree pick-up on May 9 in West Kelowna. Get more information or purchase your tree by visiting westkelownacity.ca/urbanreleaf





Peachland Fire & Rescue Service cordially invites all Peachland residents to a special wildfire preparedness event supported in part by



Peachland Fire & Rescue is hosting the

2026 Wildfire Preparedness Open House

Saturday, May 2
from 11 am to 4 pm
Peachland Community Centre
4450 6th Street

Admission is FREE!
Food and beverages provided
from noon until 2 pm
by the Salvation Army

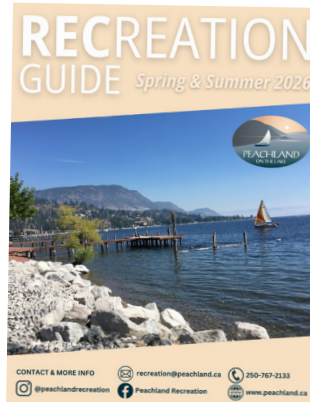
Fun for all ages!
Come grab a bite to eat, check out the fire trucks and talk to emergency personnel to learn what you can do to keep safe from wildfire.



Spring/Summer Rec Guide

The Spring/Summer Recreation Guide is now available and it's packed with activities for all ages.

Check it out at peachland.ca/recreation-guide



The Recreation Department has a new software system, Xplor Recreation. To register for recreation programs, please ensure your account is set up at Xplor by visiting Xplor Recreation Login.

For those who need assistance, Recreation staff can help you. Visit us at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street, or email recreation@peachland.ca.

Garbage and Fruit Trees are the most reported black bear attractants that lead to conflict

Learn more about what actions you can take to keep your community safe and reduce conflicts with bears at www.wildsafebc.com



Keeping wildlife wild and communities safe

COEM launches new notification system

Central Okanagan Emergency Management introduced Alertable as the region's new emergency notification system. You can now choose to receive alerts by email, text message or phone call. People who have previously signed up are pre-registered. Find out more or update your preferences at coemergency.ca.

New notification system



Central Okanagan EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT coemergency.ca/subscribe

EVENTS

Spirit of Peachland Appreciation Event

NEW DATE!

Wednesday, May 13 at the Peachland Community Centre – doors open at 4:30 pm, awards start at 5:15 pm. Each year, Mayor and Council celebrate outstanding residents and volunteers for their service through these Municipal Civic Awards.

Find out more at peachland.ca



Peachland Classic Car Show

Sunday, May 17
Expect stunning classics, polished chrome and a whole lot of nostalgia - all set against Peachland's iconic lakeside backdrop.



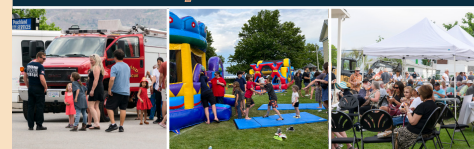
peachlandchamber.com/classic-car-show

Join Mayor and Council at the 4th annual OUR PEACHLAND OPEN HOUSE & BBQ

Wed. June 10, 2026, 4 to 7 pm
Peachland Community Centre
4450 6th Street

MAYOR'S ADDRESS
5:30 pm

Free food, games, giveaways, kid's activities and information displays
www.peachland.ca



Mayor's Message

Aligning Peachland's priorities with the provincial agenda

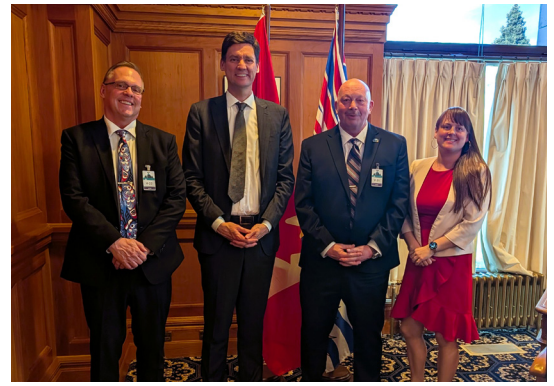
In an effort to better understand the provincial agenda and align Peachland's priorities within it, this year's schedule of meetings with provincial representatives included a record number of engagements, notably with Premier David Eby. From March 30 to April 3, I was joined in Victoria by Councillor Dave Collins as we met with ministers and senior staff to strengthen relationships, improve understanding of provincial priorities, and position Peachland to access future funding opportunities. Our success in securing grants over the past three years demonstrates the value of this ongoing investment. We came prepared to every meeting with clear, practical information outlining why Peachlanders need support for sewer infrastructure investment and the construction of a new firehall—our two highest priorities.

These meetings covered a wide range of policy areas critical to our community's future. Discussions with Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport focused on long-term recreation planning, potential federal funding partnerships, sport-related grants, and our upcoming pickleball court project. Finance conversations addressed the growing cost pressures facing small municipalities, including PST impacts on capital projects, affordable housing funding, speculation tax allocations, and the long-term stability of FireSmart programs. Municipal Affairs and Small Communities meetings reinforced alignment on sewer funding models, infrastructure priorities, and the need for clarity once federal commitments are confirmed.

Protecting Peachland's watershed and public safety featured prominently. Meetings with Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Forests, Mining, and Small Communities addressed dam risk assessments, spillway funding needs, historical reservoir responsibilities, logging above Glen Lake, sediment and water quality concerns, and wildfire mitigation. The province has committed to further technical engagement on forestry practices. Public Safety discussions yielded a firm commitment of six additional RCMP officers



Patrick Van Minsel



alongside dialogue on rising policing costs, small tax base challenges, and emerging funding approaches. Transportation meetings reviewed local road improvements, pedestrian safety issues, and broader bypass considerations.

Engagement with Premier David Eby and Minister Brittny Anderson advanced our core priorities—firehall funding, sewer infrastructure, and growth planning—with a clear commitment to continued dialogue as federal infrastructure funding decisions are finalized. I was also pleased to discuss childcare successes with the Minister of Education and Child Care, highlighting our project delivered ahead of schedule and under budget. Our formal recognition in the Legislative Assembly reinforced the effectiveness of Peachland's relationship-building efforts.

In addition, meetings were held with Green Party leadership and Conservative opposition shadow ministers to ensure Peachland's priorities are understood across party lines. This cross-party engagement strengthens continuity of advocacy and positions our community well under any future government.

Peachland is well recognized across Cabinet, with strong awareness of our challenges and opportunities. Strategic relationship-building continues to deliver tangible benefits and keeps our community well positioned for future collaboration and investment.

- Mayor Patrick Van Minsel

Council Highlights

March 3, 2026 Special Council Meeting

Council endorsed a resolution for consideration at the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) 2026 convention, April 29 to May 2, that seeks the exclusion of local governments from changes to the Provincial Sales Tax. The Province of BC has expanded the Provincial Sales Tax to include professional services such as engineering, accounting, legal, and consulting services that municipalities are required to obtain to meet legislative obligations and deliver infrastructure. To avoid additional financial burden on taxpayers, the District is seeking an exemption for municipalities.

March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

San Clemente Avenue Road Closure

Council adopted the Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw No. 2447 to close a portion of San Clemente Avenue and consolidate it with three District-owned properties to support the future Peachland Fire Hall. The closure will eliminate the San Clemente Avenue-13th Street intersection adjacent to Highway 97. Development of the Fire Hall will still require amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

Party Wall and Small Lot Subdivision Zoning

Council adopted a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to re-establish the underlying zoning for party wall subdivisions in Peachland's R1 Zone (Low Density Residential) and RM2 Zone (Multi-unit Infill Residential), as discussed at its meeting on March 10.

Peachland Council



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**UPCOMING
REGULAR
COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

April 28
May 12
May 26
June 9

Regular Council meetings begin at 3 pm in Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th St. The public is welcome to attend or view live and archived meetings via webcast.

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