



PEACHLAND News

TAXES DUE JULY 2

2024 Property Tax Notices have been mailed to all Peachland property owners. Taxes are due **Tuesday, July 2, 2025 by 4 pm.**

Pay in person at Municipal Hall, 5806 Beach Avenue, or drop off your non-cash payment in our drop box located to the right of the main entrance. You can make payments online through most financial institutions.

Remember to claim your
HOME OWNER GRANT

by the deadline to avoid penalties.

Visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call toll free 1-888-355-2700 to claim. Avoid a late charge of 10% - payment and Home Owner Grants must be received on or before July 2, 2025.

Find details about payment options, prepayment plan information and more at www.peachland.ca/property-taxes.

PROPERTY TAX QUESTIONS?

Call 250-767-2647

Email finance@peachland.ca

Museum's Best Side is Showing Visitor Centre opens after renovations



Peachland Museum & Tourism Information Centre staff are receiving visitors at 5890 Beach Avenue. From left are Jeff Green, Don Wilson, summer student Sebastian and Barb Dionne.



Renovations at the Peachland Museum, the new location of Peachland's Visitor Centre, are complete and staff and volunteers are happily receiving visitors - 300, in fact, came to visit during the Peachland Classic Car Show.

"They come from all continents," says Barb Dionne, president of the Peachland Historical Society. "We always get a lot of European and American visitors but this year, we are seeing many more Canadians than usual."

The museum's operators are pleased to be the new host of the community's official Visitor's Centre, but Jeff Green, Assistant Curator and manager of the Centre says, "So many people just arriving to town are checking out the museum first. We're used to giving out information about Peachland."

The District invested \$850,000 on upgrades, helped by a \$600,000 Community Economic Resiliency Infrastructure grant. This included the removal of lead and asbestos from the 114-year-old historic building. Structural reinforcements on the second floor, electrical upgrades and a new HVAC system were completed. Spruced up concrete and landscaping is a welcome addition.

See the new displays of historical artifacts and don't miss that **marvelous miniature railroad diorama that circumnavigates the second floor!** The Museum & Tourism Centre is open 10 am to 4 pm, closed Mondays. They will be open extended hours, 7 days a week starting July 1.

Province provides \$70,000 for Peachland Hazard & Climate Assessment

The District successfully applied to the Province of BC's Disaster Resilience and Innovation Fund to develop the *Peachland Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis and Climate Change Risk Assessment*. Peachland has experienced significant emergency activations in the past 10 years due to widespread flooding, extreme heat and drought conditions. This analysis will identify and map specific hazards and risks the community faces. Underlying it all will be consideration of climate change and its impacts. The assessment will lead to the development of a *Community Emergency Plan* to help Peachlanders prepare, respond to and recover from emergencies.



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Multi-Use Trail Open



Find a trail map at www.peachland.ca

Park on Beach Avenue to access the 2.8 km trail via Buchanan Road and Robinson Place. The newly constructed trail sections begin at Robinson Lane and connect to Goat's Peak Park near the Seclusion Bay Road/Highway 97 underpass. It is made up of off-street multi-use pathways and a stretch of neighbourhood bikeway along Drought Road. Bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

The new Peachland to West Kelowna Multi-Use Trail is complete! Cyclists and pedestrians now have a safe connection to Goat's Peak Park, thanks to funding from the BC Ministry of Transportation and the Federal Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The trail is open to the public, with a grand opening celebration on June 20. Construction of the Trail began in October 2024, funded with \$920,236 from BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants and \$356,400 from the Federal Communities' Active Transportation Fund of the Permanent Public Transit Program.

The trail ties into a planned 250 km multi-purpose trail system that will span the Okanagan Valley. Three trail systems are close to connecting the communities from Sicamous in the North to Osoyoos in the south with the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail, the Okanagan Rail Trail and The Trail of Okanagans. A fully connected trail system is expected to have a profound economic impact for the region and communities along the system and vault the trail system to one of international significance.



Ribbon Cut to Open Sanderson Dog Park



Thanks to all who came out to celebrate the Grand Opening of Sanderson Dog Park in Peachland on May 24. Peachlanders brought about 60 dogs to join the party! The new park features two fenced areas, one for high energy dogs and one for low energy dogs. Thanks to Bosley's Pet Value for their support. Check out the newest off-leash park at 5900 Sanderson Avenue. The \$100,000 cost of the park improvements, which included water service installation, was paid for in part by the Growing Communities Fund. A \$5,000 grant from BC Hydro's ReGreening program was used to plant new trees in the park.



Take action against invasive weeds

Can you spot the weeds that are threatening our beautiful landscapes? Property owners in Peachland must prevent the growth of noxious weeds. An invasive weed is defined as a plant introduced from other regions or countries. These plants grow rapidly and can negatively impact humans, animals, livestock, agriculture, horticultural crops and natural ecosystems. A species of concern is TREE OF HEAVEN, a fast growing plant in BC that was recently added to the invasive species list. Find out what you need to know to clear your property of invasive weeds at

www.rdco.com/weeds

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WWW.PEACHLAND.CA/SUBSCRIBE

CANADA DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2025

**FOOD, LIVE MUSIC,
GAMES, PARADE,
FIREWORKS & MORE!**

**FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT STARTS
AT 1:00 PM**

HERITAGE PARK

5834 Beach Avenue,
Peachland

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***** <i>Canada Day 2025</i> *****		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 – 11:00 AM	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	50+ ACTIVITY CENTRE
1:00 – 4:30 PM	GAMES WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	HERITAGE PARK 
1:00 – 7:00 PM	BOUNCY CASTLE FACE PAINTING HENNA TATTOOS	HERITAGE PARK
1:30 – 2:15 PM	LEIF DAVID: MAGICIAN	HERITAGE PARK
2:30 – 4:00 PM	CHILL OUT WITH FREEZIES	SWIM BAY
2:30 – 4:00 PM	T-SHIRT ART	HERITAGE PARK GAZEBO
4:30 PM	PARADE	13 TH STREET & BEACH TO HERITAGE PARK
6:00 PM	MAYOR'S WELCOME & CAKE CUTTING	STAGE
6:30 – 7:30 PM	CONCERTS: PAPA THOM & THE ELDERLY BROTHERS	STAGE
8:00 – 10:00 PM	ART & THE PART-TIMERS	



Turner Park Update

Construction is nearing a close at Turner Park. The work in the upper tier began in October 2024 and included the installation of accessible picnic areas, a children's playground and upgraded washrooms. This phase also includes constructing accessible pathways and tables, benches and waste receptacles, complemented with vegetation and a shade structure. The parking area will be improved and the old sports box area replaced with grass. The Turner Park Upgrade is funded through a portion of a \$2.7 million Growing Communities Fund grant and a Jays Care Foundation grant. Turner Park is expected to be fully open in September 2025, and remains closed to the public to allow the sports field turf time to be established.

EVENTS



Peachland Summer Series

6:30 pm Thursday evenings
Live music in Heritage Park all summer long! Concerts kick off beginning July 10 with Big Band and July 17 with Roger Gabriel & Dos Hooligans. Grab a lawnchair or blanket and come enjoy live music on the Peachland Stage. All events are free and open to the public.
www.peachland.ca



Farmer's & Crafter's Market

Sundays June to September
10 am to 2 pm
Heritage Park at Beach Avenue and 1st Street.
www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca

Pop Up Recycle

Saturday, July 12
10 am to 2 pm
Peachland Community Centre parking lot. Free drop-off of household recycling including glass, plastic bags, electronics and more. www.rdco.com/recycle



Mosaic Mural Project

The Peachland Mosaic Mural Project is underway for the Making Waves Mural Festival! It is a chance for all artists, aspiring and pro, young and not so young, to participate in creating a community mural that will grace the wall of the Peachland Community Centre. Simply buy a kit, paint your artwork on the tile and submit to the mural committee. Once enough tiles are painted, an unveiling ceremony will take place at a future event.
www.peachlandmakingwaves.com

Future location of Mosaic Mural at the Peachland Community Centre



Mayor's Message

How are we doing?

Our Annual Municipal Report provides Peachlanders with the opportunity to learn about the District's activities and our performance.

The District of Peachland's **Draft 2024 Annual Report** demonstrates progress made toward the previous year's initiatives. The report also includes the audited financial statements for 2024.

We prepare it in accordance with the BC Community Charter and it is presented to Council before June 30 each year. At least 14 days before the Council meeting, the report is made available for public inspection and residents are invited to ask questions and share feedback.

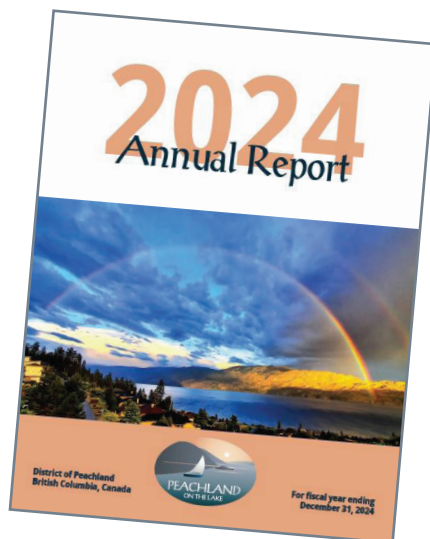
The **Draft 2024 Annual Report** is now available for public review and will be presented to Council on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

The public is invited to ask questions and give feedback on the report. This too, will be provided to Council. View the report at www.peachland.ca/annualreport.

You can share your feedback by speaking at the Council meeting on Tuesday, June 24, starting at 3 pm, or email us at corporateservices@peachland.ca.



Patrick
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Council Highlights

May 13, 2025 - Special Council Meeting

Financial Plan & Tax Rate Bylaws

Council adopted the *2025 Financial Plan Bylaw* and the *2025 Tax Rates Bylaw* which include a 6.65% tax increase. The increase equates to a \$111 annual increase for the typical single-family home assessed at \$887,000.

May 22 - Regular Council Meeting

RCMP Update

Council received an update from Staff Sergeant Brendan Dolan and Corporal Tyrone Wilton on RCMP activities in the community. Corporal Wilton of the West Kelowna Detachment's traffic services, said he has spearheaded an initiative for extra traffic enforcement in Peachland. He indicated the move was prompted by remarks in the Citizens' Survey the District conducted in 2024.

Meeting Time Change

Council adopted an updated *Procedure Bylaw* to include a trial change to the start time of meetings until the end of the year. The trial will mean Regular Council meetings will begin at 3 pm instead of 6 pm and is expected to result in operational efficiencies and costs savings. Public Hearings will still be held at 6 pm.

Child Care Center Construction Variance

Council authorized variances to the *Zoning Bylaw* for the future home of the Peachland Child Care Centre at 5601 Wild Goose Street. The variances allow a reduction in the building setback in three different locations:

- South side reduction in setback from 7.5m to 4m
- West side reduction in setback from 7.5m to 4.5m
- Interior side reduction in setback from 7.5m to 4m

Landscaping, an outdoor play space and a shared drive aisle for access to off-street parking will minimize the impact of these variances. Parking requirements were also varied to allow fewer parking stalls and to eliminate the need for passenger loading stalls. It is anticipated that more than half of attending children will not need to be dropped off. A custom-length bus loading stall is also included in the overall parking count. The District received \$12.2 million through ChildCareBC's New Spaces Fund to build a new 104-space centre which will be operated by the Boys and Girls Club of the Okanagan.

Congratulations to the prize winners and organizers of another fantastic Peachland Classic Car Show held in downtown Peachland on May 18!



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UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 24
July 8
August 26
September 9
October 7
October 21
November 4
November 18
December 2

Regular Council meetings begin at 6 pm in Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street.

The public is welcome to attend or view live and archived meetings via webcast.

www.peachland.ca/council

