

PEACHLAND News

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By-election nominations closed February 6

The nomination period has closed for the 2026 by-election to fill one vacant position on Peachland Council. As of this printing, candidates have not been declared for a potential by-election on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

Keep informed about candidates, mail ballot voting and more at peachland.ca/election

Recycling Services Expanding May 1

Starting in May 2026, curbside recycling in the Central Okanagan will expand to include non-deposit glass bottles and jars, along with flexible plastics such as chip bags, crinkly wrappers, zipper-lock pouches and bubble wrap. Residents with curbside collection will receive two new recycling boxes: a grey box for glass and a pink box for flexible plastics.

This service expansion is part of the region's transition to Recycle BC managing curbside recycling. The change will make it easier for residents to recycle materials that currently must be taken to depots, supporting local waste reduction goals.

It's important to note that there are no changes to the blue lidded carts, which will continue to accept items such as paper, cardboard, magazines, plastic containers and metal cans. Foam packaging will remain a depot-only item. Until the new program launches, residents are encouraged to continue dropping off glass bottles and jars and flexible plastics at local depots.

Residents will receive information directly in the mail in the coming days. To learn more or to find depot locations, visit recyclebc.ca/centralokanagan or rdco.com/recycle.



Get details and view the 2026 Provisional Budget at peachland.ca/budget

2026 Budget Open House

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
 5 to 7 pm
 Peachland Community Centre

Enjoy light refreshments and review the draft 2026 financial plan with Council & staff



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Trail Seasonal Closure

The Peachland to West Kelowna Multi-Use Pathway is closed due to winter maintenance activities.

Sections of the trail can be impacted by snow removal along Highway 97 and, in the interest of public safety, the District has closed the trail until March 2, weather permitting. Barriers have been installed to prevent pedestrians or cyclists from accessing the trail.

The District's permit from the Ministry of Transportation & Transit that allowed the building and operation of the trail requires closure from November to March, when winter maintenance operations like plowing and sanding on the highway can be expected to occur. The trail/pathway will be closed by installing signage and/or physical barriers advising of the seasonal closure for safety reasons.



OPEN BURNING

Please read this BEFORE lighting that brush pile!

Permits are required before ANY open burning can be done, and these fires are only allowed on a residential property that is 1 hectare (2 1/2 acres) or more. Also, you can NEVER burn compostable materials like leaves, grass or pine needles. Permits are granted after every reasonable alternative to remove wood debris has been pursued. Only cured, dried wood can be burned and only on proper venting days. Find out more at peachland.ca/burning-regulations.

2025 Civic Awards Nominations

Nominate a group or individual in your community for one of the following awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Unsung Hero
- Lifetime Service Award
- Excellence Awards
 - Leadership
 - Volunteerism
 - Health Promotion
 - Community Spirit
 - Arts & Culture
 - Sports & Recreation

Deadline is March 6, 2026
Nomination forms are available at the Peachland Community Centre and at peachland.ca/civic-awards

For more information call 250-767-2133 or email recreation@peachland.ca

Selections will be based on nominees' achievements and contributions for the year 2025.



Peachland Fire & Rescue wants you to BE PREPARED

During major incidents or emergencies, Peachland's emergency plan is supported by the regional emergency program through the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) and, in turn, by the Province through Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. In our region, local programs are developed in a collaborative manner and a single plan for the RDCO ensures the highest level of support to residents. This plan has been used many times over the years in times of wildfire, flooding and other major incidents.

Even the best plans by your local government can only predict so much. It is up to you to be prepared by signing up to receive email notification of emergency activations in your community.

coemergency.ca/email-updates



Know the Risks



Make a Plan



Get a Kit

Go Paperless!

Sign up to check your property tax and utility balances online

peachland.ca/online-services

Subscribe to Our E-NEWS

The best way to stay informed about the District of Peachland. Subscribe for email notification about news, events.



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Did you say
DISCOUNT?



SAVE \$20

If you renew or purchase your dog licence for 2026 before February 28, you can save \$20 off the licence fee. All dogs in the Central Okanagan that are three months or older must be licensed. Find out more at

rdco.com/dogs

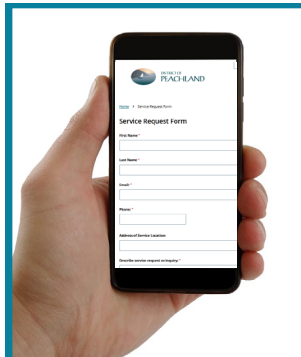
*Please always be courteous;
pick up your dog's poop!*



Got a **FOOD TRUCK?**

Applications are being accepted now until the end of February for outdoor food and retail vending in Peachland

Applications will be evaluated and successful applicants will be awarded vending positions for various locations in Peachland for the Summer of 2026. Applications received after February 28 will be eligible for locations, if any remain, on a first come, first served basis. Visit peachland.ca/outdoor-vending for more information and to access the application form, or call the Planning Department at 250-767-3707.



Use our new

**ONLINE SERVICE
REQUEST**

to submit a
service request
or report a concern

peachland.ca/service-request

EVENTS



Wednesday, February 25
Practice kindness and wear pink to show you stand against bullying. Make it your mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives.

Peachland on the Early Edition

Mayor Patrick Van Minsel joins host Gary Barnes live every month to talk all things Peachland. Tune in on the second Wednesday of every month from 8:30 to 9 am to listen in. Listen to The Early Edition weekday mornings from 6 to 9 am on AM 1150. Online at am1150.ca.



Family Day Roller Skate

Monday, February 16, 12 to 4 pm,
Peachland Community Centre.
Everyone is welcome. Rentals and admission are FREE!
Call 250-767-2133 for more information.
peachland.ca

Spirit of Peachland Appreciation Event

Nominations are open for 2025 Civic Awards. The deadline is March 6, 2026 to nominate a group or individual in a number of categories. The Spirit of Peachland Appreciation Event will be held Friday, April 24. Find out more at peachland.ca/civic-awards



Mayor's Message

Our downtown's future includes protecting its unique charm

We're continuing to make steady progress on planning for our downtown's future, and I'm pleased to share an update with you.

On January 13, Council received a summary of the public and stakeholder engagement for the Phase I Downtown Revitalization Implementation Strategy (DRIS). After reviewing the feedback, Council has directed staff to bring forward a final DRIS report that reflects both community input and additional Council direction.

This project first began in Fall 2023 with an important goal: to identify clear, practical steps to encourage new development and strengthen the energy and vitality of Peachland's downtown core. Council saw the first draft of the report in April 2025 and directed that broader public engagement take place. We've now heard from the DRIS Task Force and many community members, and that input is helping shape what comes next.

It's important to remember that the DRIS is a guideline for downtown revitalization, not a single development project. We are still in Phase II, where the Council's direction is being refined into the framework that will guide future decisions.

This is what I know; Council has directed several key priorities for downtown:

- Preserve the unique character of Peachland
- Implement clear and strict design guidelines for all new development
- A maximum of two storeys at the zero-lot line
- A minimum setback of 6 metres (revised from the earlier 3-metre concept)
- A maximum building height of 16.8 metres at the setback, which will return for further Council discussion.
- Along the highway, building forms being explored include 1+6 or 2+6 configurations
- Ensure parking meets the needs of downtown residents, businesses and visitors
- Paid parking is not envisioned
- Create a more walkable, people-friendly downtown.

Every future downtown development proposal will be expected to align with these guidelines as they are finalized. Council's goal is balanced growth — encouraging new investment and energy while protecting the small-town charm and lakeside character that make Peachland special.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their input. Your voices are helping shape a downtown we can all be proud of for years to come.

- Patrick Van Minsel



Patrick Van Minsel

Council Highlights

January 27, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Emergency Preparedness Grant Application Approved

Council provided support for a regional emergency preparedness grant application through the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund that the Regional District of Central Okanagan will administer. If successful, funding would be used to continue the Regional Emergency Program's training cycle deliverables and staff development across the RDCO's six jurisdictions, in addition to supporting the temporary relocation of the EOC from Kelowna Fire Department to Ellison Heritage Community Centre.

2026 Citizens Survey Results

Council was provided the results of the 2025 Citizens Survey, conducted from November 10 to December 5, 2025. The District received 417 completed surveys. Highlights from the survey include:

- 90% of respondents indicate a "Very Good" or "Good" quality of life in the District of Peachland.
- Respondents indicated the most important community topics in Peachland are:
 - Highway 97 safety improvements
 - Improving roads, sidewalks and streetlights
 - Growth management
 - Protecting environmentally sensitive areas
 - Preserving agricultural land
- Respondents indicated the least important community topics in Peachland are:
 - Higher density, multi-family development downtown
 - Providing more parkland, trails, and open spaces
 - Mitigating impacts of climate change
- Canada Day festivities continue to be, by far, the most popular event, followed by Christmas Light Up and Remembrance Day.
- Respondents generally support downtown revitalization initiatives, FireSmart funding support for private property, sewer servicing extensions, and business/economic development.
- Respondents continue to show little support for instituting metered parking downtown or on Beach Avenue, or for industrial sector development in Peachland.

Full results are available at peachland.ca/citizenssurvey.



Peachland Council



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UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

- February 24
- March 10
- March 24
- April 14

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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