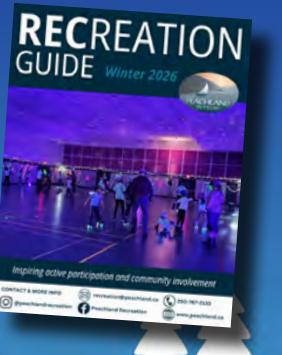


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PEACHLAND News

WINTER 2026 Recreation Guide

Peachland's
WINTER
2026
Recreation
Guide is
now
available
online.



Try something new this season!
Register for programs at

peachland.ca/recguide

Memorial Service for Keith "Papa" Thom

Everyone is
welcome



January 24, 2026

Peachland Community Centre
4450 6th Street, Peachland

Doors open at noon; service begins at 1 pm

Parking at the centre will be limited.
Please consider parking on Beach Avenue
and walking or carpooling to the service.

Council Names New Acting CAO

On behalf of Peachland Council, Mayor Patrick Van Minsel announced that the District of Peachland's Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Cory Labrecque, will be stepping into the role of Acting CAO effective January 5, 2026. This transition reflects the solid foundation built by CAO Joe Creron and his management team as they worked to position the organization for

continuing success. Mr. Creron will remain with the District until April 15, 2026, at which time Mr. Labrecque will assume the CAO role. Mr. Creron will be available to support the District in an advisory capacity as needed. Council extends their sincerest appreciation to Mr. Creron for his service to Peachland for the past four years and are grateful for the momentum he has created.

Mr. Labrecque was born in the prairies and moved to Peachland with his family when he was 13. He graduated from UBC Okanagan with a bachelor's degree where he focussed on studying community planning and business, going on to become a Registered Professional Planner. He also holds post-degree certificates in project management and local government management. He has over 16 years of professional experience working in local government in a variety of roles, including community services, project management and municipal planning. Mr. Labrecque lives in Peachland with his wife and daughter.



Cory Labrecque

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

Read highlights of
the 2026 Budget
on Page 2



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2026 BUDGET

Council approved the 2026 Provisional Budget, the topic of a workshop at the earlier Committee of the Whole meeting (see page 4). For staff to move forward with critical capital projects and to continue the District's daily operations, the Finance Department requested approval for provisional operating and capital budgets.

The budget includes a proposed 4.87% increase, 1.2% of which is for contributions to a future expenditure. Beginning 2024, Council approved the emergency reserve to fund unexpected events, for example forest fires experienced this summer or a possible upcoming by-election. The remaining 3.67% is to fund District operating requests, contract increases for CUPE staff and general cost increases to services. The increase does not include items the District does not control, ie: police services, transit or taxes collected for other governments. These items will come forward in final budget in April 2026.

The District will host a public open house to discuss the draft *2026 - 2030 Financial Plan* on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 from 5 to 7 pm. Council will consider the first readings of the financial plan in April 2026 with final adoption expected in May. Property tax notices will be mailed to residents in May.

Find the *Draft 2026 Provisional Budget* and links to the Council presentation at

peachland.ca/budget



Operating & Capital Highlights for 2026

- Addition of one new Parks Department staff (\$79,092)
- Addition of Training Officer for Peachland Fire & Rescue (\$97,500 - half funded through a grant)
- Trepanier Bench Road paving (\$450,000)
- Facility maintenance (\$100,000)
- Historic Schoolhouse elevator replacement (\$100,000)
- Swim Bay dock replacement (\$65,000)
- Stormwater Master Plan (\$50,000 - grant dependent)
- Information technology upgrades to District facilities (\$35,000)
- Speed monitor signs (\$20,000)
- Enhanced community events (\$15,000)
- Beach Avenue bike racks (\$15,000)
- 2026 Election (\$14,000)
- Peachland Community Centre parking lot capacity improvements (\$10,000)
- Peachland Legion 100th anniversary event (\$10,000)
- Beach Avenue bus stop benches at Priority 1 locations (\$10,000)
- Note: Peachland Fire & Rescue gratefully received an anonymous \$200,000 donation which will be used to replace a fire services vehicle.

Public Washrooms Close Early in Winter

The District of Peachland will be closing public washrooms early during the winter for vandalism prevention. Washroom facilities on Beach Avenue will close at 3:45 pm, rather than 7 pm and reopen at 7 am. The District anticipates this will discourage damage from vandalism which mostly occurs during the evening hours. **Turner Park washrooms** are closed for the season.



Peachland Public Washrooms

- Peachland Museum, 5890 Beach Avenue
- Swim Bay Pavillion, 5676 Beach Avenue
- Todd Road Lift Station, 3990 Beach Avenue
- Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street (during operating hours)
- Portable washrooms are available at:
 - Lambly Park, Highway 97 and Clements Crescent
 - Sanderson Dog Park, 5900 Sanderson Avenue
 - Peachland Riding Club, 5380 Princeton Avenue
 - Heritage Park, 1st Street and Beach Avenue



Use our new

ONLINE SERVICE REQUEST

to submit a service request or report a concern

peachland.ca/service-request

Pre-Qualification Process for New Firehall Underway

The District is undertaking a Request for Pre-Qualifications (RFQUAL) process for a Public-Private Partnership (P3) or a similar arrangement to design and construct a new firehall. This RFQUAL comes after a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOL) process undertaken in April to explore ways to close potential funding gaps due to increasing construction costs. The focus of April's RFEOL was to explore potential P3 opportunities by combining private sector development into the project. This has helped the District refine the scope of the project and identify potential interest from the development community. The RFQUAL opportunity began on December 5, 2025. The intent of this phase of the procurement process is to pre-qualify up to three organizations to take part in the next step in the project opportunity. In the RFQUAL, respondents are asked to propose land and/or commercial opportunities that meet the following key objectives of the District's Firehall P3 Project:

- Design and construct a new 18,000 square foot firehall for the District of Peachland.
- Introduce commercial/private sector portions to the project, which may include increasing project density with commercial or residential development.
- Use the increased value or efficiencies gained through private sector portions of the project to subsidize the District's Firehall design and construction.
- Develop a landmark building for the District at a key gateway entrance to the rapidly developing waterfront area.

The District is seeking creative proposals and is allowing four location options that could involve District land, land provided by a private party, or a combination of both. Find out more at peachland.ca/news.

Mail Ballot Procedure Amended

Council adopted an amendment to the District's Mail Ballot Procedure Bylaw to remove outdated eligibility criteria and align the District's procedure with current provincial legislation which allows any eligible elector to request and receive a mail ballot. The District is preparing for the 2026 Election in October as well as a possible by-election. Keep informed: subscribe to receive email notification at peachland.ca/subscribe.



Living Greener calendar printing discontinued

The Regional District of Central Okanagan is no longer producing the Living Greener printed calendar. The change helps to reduce paper waste and supports RDCO's goal of minimizing environmental impact.

Residents are encouraged to use Recycle Coach, a free, downloadable app that provides personalized reminders, disposal tips and schedule updates.

Visit the website to download the 2026 curbside collection schedule. For more information call 250-469-6250 or visit:

rdco.com/pickup-schedule



Peachland Monthly Moment on the Early Edition

Mayor Van Minsel joins host Gary Barnes live every month to talk all things Peachland. Tune in on the second Wednesday of every month to listen in.

Listen to
The Early Edition
weekday mornings
from 6 to 9 am
on AM 1150.
Online at
am1150.ca.



15th Annual HeARTS Festival

February 11 to 16 at the Peachland Art Gallery. Enjoy a week-long celebration of the arts, hosted by the Peachland Community Arts Council. Get details at peachlandarts.ca



Family Day Roller Skate
Monday, February 16, 12 to 4 pm,
Peachland Community Centre.
Everyone is welcome. Rentals and
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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

Working to make my
birthday count for others
in our community

For the past two years, I have hosted fundraising events to celebrate my birthday, donating proceeds to help our local school and Wellness Centre. This year is the big 6-oh!, so I wanted to take it a step further and I am hosting a benefit concert to raise money for these great causes. Please join me, Grant Esworth and the Kelowna Big Band for an unforgettable evening of music.

- Patrick Van Minsel



Patrick
Van Minsel

Patrick's 60th Birthday Benefit Concert

Net Proceeds donated to the Peachland Elementary School and the Peachland Wellness Centre

17-piece Kelowna Big Band

Grant Esworth & Patrick Van Minsel
"The Entertainer" "Canada's Singing Mayor"
Special Appearance by the Peachland Youth Choir and Paula McLaughlin

Saturday, February 21, 2026
Peachland Community Centre
Doors: 5:30 PM * SHOW: 7:00 PM

Tickets are available for sale at Peachland Pharmacy, Okanagan Pharmacy and the Wellness Centre

TICKETS ONLINE: 

\$35



Peachland Council



Randy
Brophy



Dave
Collins



Terry
Condon



Alena
Glasman



Rick
Ingram



UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 27
February 10
February 24
March 10

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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Council Highlights

December 9, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

2026 Budget

Council was presented the *Draft 2026 Provisional Budget*. During preliminary budget preparation, Council challenged staff to keep the tax increase to under 5% and the draft 2026 budget has achieved that with a proposed increase of 4.87%. This equates to approximately \$80 more in annual taxes on an average household assessment of \$877,500, based on the BC Assessment preview roll for 2026. This is a reduction from last year's average assessment of \$890,700. If a home's assessment is higher or lower than the average, their tax increase may also be higher or lower than average.

December 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

5631 Wild Goose Street Development

Council authorized the issuance of a Form and Character Development Permit for 5631 Wild Goose Street to permit the construction of an 89-unit multiple-unit residential building. Council varied the parking requirements for the site and increased the allowable maximum building height to accommodate a five-storey building. The development is adjacent to Peachland Elementary School and the Peachland BGCO Childcare Centre currently under construction. A pedestrian access will be included to connect the north end of Wild Goose Street to Trepanier Creek Linear Park. The landscaping plan includes an outdoor gathering area featuring a propane fire pit, barbecue facilities, and a fenced community garden space.

Outdoor & Food Vending Policy

Council directed staff to review the Outdoor and Food Vending Encroachment Policy which guides outdoor vending on public spaces like sidewalks and road rights-of-way. After years of operation under the current policy, the existing locations of Doggy Beach Boat Launch and Beach Avenue no longer provide the most viable vending opportunities.

4607 Princeton Avenue Development

Council authorized a Form and Character Development Permit for 4607 Princeton Avenue to permit the construction of a 22-unit townhouse development with six buildings. It is surrounded by a mix of single- and multi-family properties in the immediate vicinity. The property is currently vacant. Access for the development will be off Princeton Avenue. A small walking loop and community garden plots are included in the development.