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# PEACHLAND News

2025

## CAPTURE PEACHLAND PHOTO CONTEST

Contest details at  
[www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca)

The District of Peachland is calling on all photographers to enter their best photograph in the **2025 CAPTURE PEACHLAND PHOTO CONTEST!** We live in the best place on earth, and in all seasons, Peachland is a true gem. Let's prove it with images!

The contest deadline has been extended to Friday, August 8.

Email your entries to [info@peachland.ca](mailto:info@peachland.ca).

### NEW CATEGORIES

People  
& Pets in  
Parks

Vibrant  
Views

Peachland  
Close Up

The selected photograph in each category will win a \$200 Gift Certificate to the Peachland business of your choice!

Help plan the future  
of Peachland

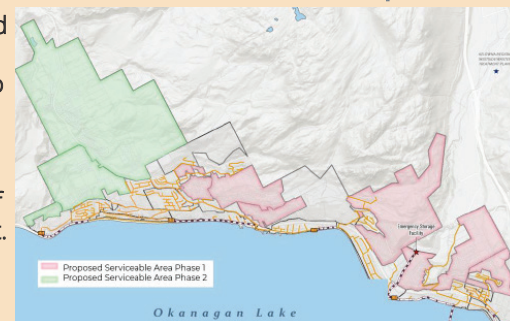
The District of Peachland is taking important steps to shape the future of our community through two planning initiatives: a minor review to the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the development of the Downtown Revitalization Implementation Strategy (DRIS). We want to hear your priorities for the future of Peachland! Take the online survey by August 7 - find it at [tinyurl.com/peachlandocp](https://tinyurl.com/peachlandocp)

## Sewer Service Expansion

### Homeowners asked for input

The District of Peachland is planning to expand sanitary sewer service to the unserved areas of the community. The District provides sewer to approximately 60% of properties in the District. Before moving forward with planning the expansion, the District

wants to hear from owners of currently unserved properties to understand their level of support for the expansion. Residents will be asked to complete a survey to provide input. The District is actively working to make the sewer system affordable for residents by seeking grant funding from the Okanagan Basin Water Board, the Province of BC and the Federal Government. If residents approve of the expansion, a Local Area Service will be established for costs not covered by grants and newly-served property owners would pay a share of the cost.



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## Can't Thank You Enough, Lions



The Peachland Lions Club received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Patrick Van Minsel and Peachland Councillors on June 24. The club was also given a donation of \$750 for providing volunteer barbeque food service during the District's annual Our Peachland Open House & BBQ held June 11.

## New BC Hydro EV Charging Station for Beach Ave Delayed

The planned installation of a Level 3 EV (electric vehicle) charging station for the south end of Beach Avenue has been delayed. BC Hydro had planned to install the station on District land by Spring 2027 but has since advised the District EV station installations are focussed in the lower mainland for now. The District currently has one public charging station located in the public parking lot at Waldo Way and 2nd Street downtown.



## Dogs on the Beach



### Guidelines to follow

We know how much you love visiting the beautiful beaches in Peachland with your furry friends. To help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable beach trip, please follow these guidelines:

#### RULES FOR DOGS ON THE BEACH

- Dogs must be leashed at all times, unless they are actively playing in the water, for example, fetching a stick.
- You must keep full control of your dog and ensure they do not approach others without permission.

- And of course, if your dog makes a mess — please clean it up.

#### WHERE DOGS ARE ALLOWED

Dogs are welcome on most Peachland beaches except where there are swim buoys marking designated swim areas.

No dogs are allowed at the following spots, even if there are no buoys:

- The grassy area at Beach Avenue and 13th Street.
- Inside Swim Bay park.

Please help keep Peachland dog friendly and respect other beachgoers.

## Boating & Water Safety

#### BE PREPARED

Know the safety rules for your craft; inform your guests, wear lifejackets, keep safety gear on board.

#### WATCH YOUR WAKE

Avoid creating obtrusive waves near other boats, swimmers or the shoreline. Keep the big wakes to the middle of the lake.

#### KEEP IT SLOW

Slow down when using the boat launch or approaching day mooring docks or public swimming areas.

#### STAY CLEAR

Boats and Sea-Doos must stay AT LEAST 30 metres from designated swimming areas. Boats are NEVER allowed in Swim Bay.

#### DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED

It's illegal and ALWAYS unsafe. Just don't do it.

## A NOTE ON BEACH WATER QUALITY

Lake water is not pristine. Beach water quality can fluctuate due to factors including lake currents, runoff and the outflow of creeks, changing environmental factors, and waterfowl and animal waste. Swimmer's itch parasites and algae blooms are part of the ecosystem. Be prepared and learn more about local beach water quality at [www.interiohealth.ca](http://www.interiohealth.ca)

## OUR BEACHES ARE AT RISK.

SHARE MEMORIES, NOT MUSSELS.

  [DONTMOVEAMUSSEL.CA](http://DONTMOVEAMUSSEL.CA)  

Help keep Okanagan Lake free of invasive mussels! Check ALL water equipment!

Get more information at [www.dontmoveamussel.ca](http://www.dontmoveamussel.ca)



# Peachland Summer Series



Join us every Thursday in Heritage Park, for our Peachland Summer Series. Grab a lawn chair, or blanket and come enjoy FREE live music on our Peachland stage all summer long! Everyone is welcome, concerts start at 6:30 PM. Find the full summer lineup at [www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca).



## SWIM BAY Did You Know?

- Swim Bay is currently lifeguarded from 10 am to 5:45 pm, seven days a week by the District of Peachland.
- Kids under 12 are welcome, but MUST be under adult supervision.
- Visitors can borrow a lifejacket while visiting Swim Bay at no charge.
- Swim Bay is the only lifeguarded beach in the Okanagan Valley.
- Our lifeguards are highly trained and very busy. They supervise 10,000+ visitors each summer!



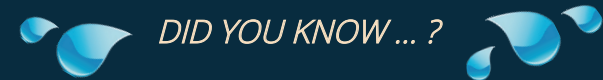
## Reminder for Outstanding Property Taxes

If you missed the property tax due date, it is important that you pay your outstanding taxes, including arrears and delinquent taxes.

The *Local Government Act* directs that properties with delinquent taxes (unpaid 2023 taxes) are eligible to be sold at tax sale on Monday, September 29, 2025. All delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest must be fully paid to avoid being sold at tax sale.

It is recommended that you make payment to the District as soon as possible to avoid charge holder and public notices. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Finance Department at [Finance@Peachland.ca](mailto:Finance@Peachland.ca) or call (250) 767-2647.

## Water Restrictions



Peachland is always on Stage 1 water restrictions. They remain in effect regardless of the abundance of water. As conditions change, there are four stages of water restrictions that may be enacted.

**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 7 pm

**STAGE 4**  
No outdoor watering permitted

See further restriction details at [www.peachland.ca/water](http://www.peachland.ca/water)

## EVENTS



**Farmer's & Crafter's Market**  
Every Sunday, June to September  
10 am to 2 pm  
Heritage Park at Beach Avenue and 1st Street.  
[www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca](http://www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca)

**Pop Up Recycle**  
Saturday, August 9  
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](http://www.rdco.com/recycle)



## Peachland Fall Fair

Saturday, September 6, 1 to 5 pm  
Sunday, September 7, 10 am to 4 pm  
Use your imagination and enter your "Plant a Seed" themed entry into the 106th annual Peachland Fall Fair. Held at the Peachland Community Centre, the Fair hosts thousands of entries in hundreds of categories and prizes are awarded for the best of the best! Get the details you need at [www.peachlandfallfair.ca](http://www.peachlandfallfair.ca)



# Mayor's Message

## Why we invest in networking



Patrick Van Minsel

After over two years as Mayor, I have found that one of the most effective ways I can advocate for Peachland is by showing up — in person — where we need to be to be heard. Whether it's attending the Union of BC Municipalities convention, the Southern Interior Local Government Association annual general meeting, or making direct visits to Ministers and MLAs in Victoria, these engagements are proving to be extremely beneficial.

I cannot stress enough how invaluable it is to have face time with key decision-makers who help shape policies and funding opportunities. Bringing Peachland's priorities directly to them helps build relationships and momentum for projects and issues that matter most to us.

These encounters are also an amazing chance to learn. Each gathering includes sessions on emerging issues like housing, public safety, climate resilience, and economic development. By participating, Council members gain knowledge and ideas that can directly benefit Peachland's long-term planning and community well-being.

Just as important is the ability to connect with our peers from communities of all sizes across the region and province. These conversations mean an exchange of strategies and solutions from communities facing the same challenges.

Peachland Council wants our community to have a voice in shaping broader advocacy priorities for our region and our province. By staying active and connected at all levels of government, Council is better positioned to bring home tangible benefits for Peachland and ensure our community is represented, respected, and heard.

- Sincerely, Mayor Patrick Van Minsel

## Capital Projects Update

Peachland BGCO Childcare Centre	\$12.2 million	Underway
Peachland to West Kelowna Multi-Use Trail	\$1.1 million	Complete
Turner Park Upgrades	\$900,000	Underway
2024 Road Rehabilitation	\$600,000	Complete
Water Meter Replacement	\$500,000	Underway
Historic Schoolhouse HVAC	\$200,000	Complete
Sanderson Dog Park	\$100,000	Complete
Dog Beach/South Boat Launch Upgrade	\$80,000	Complete
Community Centre HVAC	\$80,000	Complete
Swim Bay Piling Replacement	\$30,000	Complete

*Note, the majority of these capital projects are grant funded.*

## Council Highlights

### June 10, 2025 Council Meeting

#### Regional Food Waste Program

Council was provided an update on how much a curbside food waste program would cost and asked to formally participate in the program by representatives from the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO). Council decided not to support the proposed program at this time and to revisit it in five years due to excessive costs.

#### Regional Transportation Services

Council agreed to consider a bylaw to establish a Regional Transportation Service as proposed by RDCO which would include developing regional transportation plans, facilitating regional transportation coordination and delivering regional transportation education and programming. The program would contribute to improving the movement of people and goods and prepare for the future. Other member municipalities and electoral areas of the RDCO will be asked to support the service. Peachland's contribution towards the \$400,000 program would be \$11,000.

#### Fees and Charges Review

Council directed staff to bring forward amendments to development application fees to ensure sustainable service delivery. The move stems from the Development Approvals Process Review project which found Peachland's fees are significantly lower than other municipalities.

### June 24, 2025 Council Meeting

#### Annual Report & Statement of Financial Information

Council approved the *2024 Annual Report* which includes audited financial statements for the year. Council also received the 2024 Statement of Financial Information which outlines Council and employee remuneration and expenses for 2024.

#### 2025 Civic Grants

Council approved two grant applications for 2025 Civic Grant program, \$1,000 for Peachland Watershed Protection Alliance and \$6,000 for the Peachland Food Bank. Groups receiving dedicated grants this year are: Our Space (\$21,000), Peachland Wellness Centre (\$15,000), Peachland Citizens on Patrol (\$4,150), Peachland Historical Society (\$20,000) and the Peachland Fall Fair (\$3,000).



Randy Brophy



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## Peachland Council

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### UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 26  
September 9  
October 7  
October 21

November 4  
November 18  
December 2

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.

[www.peachland.ca/council](http://www.peachland.ca/council)

