

PEACHLAND News

Two More Pickleball Courts Proposed for Lambly Park



On January 28, Council directed staff to design and post a Request for Proposal for the construction for up to two pickleball courts at Lambly Park within the currently allocated project budget of \$200,000, earmarked from Peachland's Growing Communities Fund grant received last year. Initially, the project was to include four courts with costs shared by the Peachland Pickleball Society. However, the Society didn't quite reach its fundraising goal but has indicated it will continue fundraising towards adding more courts in Lambly Park to keep up with the demand for the sport.

Council Paving the Way for Child Care Centre on Wild Goose Street



On January 28, Council gave third readings to Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Bylaws for District-owned property at 5601 Wild Goose Street, a new road to be created as part of the development of the Peachland Child Care Centre.

The new road is named after Wild Goose Bill, the first known settler on the land which later became Peachland. The road will lead to the centre adjacent to the Peachland Elementary School. The development application proposes an OCP amendment to Institutional and a Zoning amendment to P2 Public/Institutional, which will allow the development of the Child Care Centre. A public hearing was held on the amendment bylaws on January 14, 2025. The application will now be scheduled for final adoption at an upcoming meeting once some conditions are satisfied.

Yard Waste Pick Up Resumes March 3



Collection of curbside yard waste pick up resumed the week of March 3, 2025. The Living Greener Calendar provides you with information on your curbside collection schedule for recycling, garbage, yard waste, depot locations, community events, and disposal locations. Visit www.rdc.com/recycle or drop by Peachland Municipal Hall to get your copy.

While we're on the subject of yard clean up...

PLEASE CLEAN OUT YOUR CULVERTS

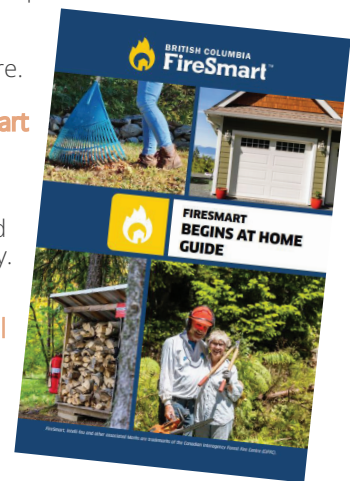
Culverts that go under a driveway, are the homeowner's responsibility, culverts going under a road are the road maintenance contractor's responsibility. This means it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure their driveway culvert is kept in good condition and free from debris to allow water flow.

CONSIDER TAKING FIRESMART STEPS

Peachland Fire & Rescue encourages residents to become FireSmart! FireSmart™ Canada develops practical, effective, and science-based programs that empower residents to take small steps around their home and property that reduce the negative impacts of wildland fire.

Visit www.peachland.ca/firesmart to download your copy of *FireSmart Begins at Home* to find realistic actions you can take to limit the risk of wildland fire to your home and property.

For more information, email firesmart@peachland.ca



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Congratulations to **LINDA GREGORY**, the winner of the draw for an EMERGENCY KIT, a prize for participating in the Peachland Climate Action Committee's Climate Action Survey conducted in November and December 2024. The Task Force (members pictured here) will use the input they received from the survey to aid in the development of a Climate Action Plan for the community.

Thinking of a short-term rental?



Short-term rental (under 30 days) of a private room or a suite in a home is regulated under the Zoning Bylaw as Bed and Breakfasts.

There are two types of Bed and Breakfasts, a Traditional Bed and Breakfast with an individual room and a shared living facility, and a Suite Bed and Breakfast. Short-term rental of an entire dwelling, including a garden suite or recreational vehicle, is not allowed in Peachland.

The operator of the bed and breakfast must have a business license and the rental must be operated at the licensee's principal residence. It's important that the rental meets health and safety standards and does not adversely affect the community.

Search "Short Term Rentals" on www.peachland.ca to learn more.

Peachland

RECYCLING DEPOT POP-UP

POP-UPS 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of each month

Mar 8	Jul 12
Apr 12	Aug 9
May 10	Sep 13
Jun 14	Oct 11

Peachland Community Centre
4450 6th Street,
Peachland BC

For one day only, free of charge you can drop off your:

- Glass bottles and jars
- Styrofoam packaging (white or coloured)
- Flexible plastic packaging (soft plastic bags, wrappers and bubble wrap)
- Electronics (batteries, lightbulbs and fixtures)

*Household / residential recycling only

Staff will be on hand to answer all your questions on recycling how to's.

For more info visit rdco.com/recycle or call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250.469.6250



PLEASE, Don't Flush This!

What we put down the drain can affect our drinking water. Help keep our water systems clean by being careful about what you put into the sewer system. This is referred to as "source control" which is a prevention technique that helps reduce contaminants. The same precautions should be taken whether on sewer or septic. Here's a list of items that should not be flushed or dumped down the drain.



BATHROOM

- Diapers, flushable wipes (they don't actually break down), rags, bandages
- Dental floss, cotton swabs, condoms, cosmetics
- Feminine hygiene products
- Pills and medicine (return to a pharmacist for disposal)

HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Bleach and ammonia
- Cleaning solvents and spot removers
- Disinfectants
- Hot tub and swimming pool chemicals
- Oven cleaners
- Septic tank cleaners
- Latex, alkyd and/or oil-based paints
- Lacquers, stains and varnishes
- Paint thinners, strippers and solvents
- Petroleum-based products such as motor oil and gasoline

KITCHEN

- Fats, grease, deep fryer oil, vegetable oil, cooking oil
- Lard, butter, salad dressing, marinade for meats
- Vegetables, meat, pasta, bread and other food waste items

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Cigarette butts
- Paper towels, napkins
- Toys

For more information about safe disposal of these items, visit www.rdco.com

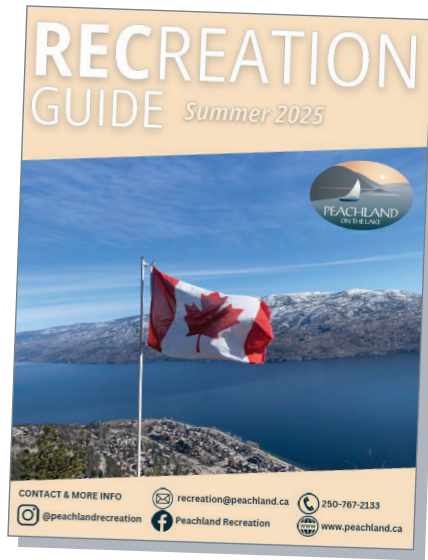
New Recreation Guide Available

ONLINE ONLY

in April

The new online Recreation Guide will always be up to date with the latest information on programs and events. The Recreation Guide will be online only. If you require a paper copy, please come to the Community Centre, and ask at the front desk.

Cost savings from print and postage will be used to extend the Community Centre's hours and offerings this Fall. Peachland residents get an EARLY BIRD access to the new guide which will be available in early April.



Three ways to REGISTER:



In Person



By Phone



Online



Don't Forget to File New Speculation Tax Declaration

Peachland property owners must complete a **Speculation Tax Declaration** beginning this year. The Province announced the expansion of the tax to Peachland and other areas of BC in November 2023. Peachland property owners must complete the declaration they received from the Province by March 31. Most Peachland homeowners will be exempt from the tax because they live in their homes, but all homeowners still need to fill out the declaration every year. Taxes are applied if you do not live in the home you own in a speculation tax area, but there are exemptions. The tax is designed to discourage housing speculation or vacant homes. Learn more about the Province's Speculation Tax at www.gov.bc.ca/speculationtax

THE BEST WAY TO STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT DISTRICT NEWS



WWW.PEACHLAND.CA/SUBSCRIBE

More information at www.peachland.ca/recguide



Council welcomed students and Youth Council representatives from Peachland Elementary School. Council moved its regular meeting on February 11 to accommodate the visit which allowed the Grade 3, 4 and 5 students a glimpse at local government in action.



St. Paw-Tricks Dog Parade

Saturday, March 15
10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Peachland Community Centre
Join the Peachland Ambassadors along with your four-legged friend in the parking lot to muster for the parade!
Contact: 778-479-2843



Peachland Graffiti

Saturday, April 12
5 to 10 pm
Peachland Community Centre. The Peachland Chamber is hosting the 2nd annual Peachland Graffiti, where retro vibes and fun collide!

It promises to be an unforgettable sock hop, complete with a mouth-watering pig roast and a mini car show. This evening will be filled with laughter, dancing, and community spirit. Funds raised support the Peachland Classic Car Show in May. Get tickets & more information at: www.peachlandclassicarshow.ca.



BGCO Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cousins Park comes alive each Easter with the Boys and Girls Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket! Games, treats and fun for all ages. Cousins Park is located at Beach Avenue & 6th Street. For more information visit www.bgco.ca.

EVENTS

Mayor's Message

Support for Sewer



Patrick Van Minsel

As part of our commitment to improving local infrastructure, the Council is close to adopting the District's new Wastewater Master Plan and the long-awaited phasing plan to expand sewer servicing into all Peachland neighbourhoods.

While directly benefiting the over 1,600 properties on septic, this project will also ensure that the entire community of Peachland has better environmental protection, improved public health, and increased property values. Over \$35 million is needed for this undertaking. Some of the costs will fall on the property owner, Development Cost Charges will pay some, and a grant through the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Sewage Facilities Assistance Program will help offset a small portion of the overall costs. However, it is clear to the Council that it is essential that we receive funding support from our provincial and federal governments to complete the plan.

We are poised to do all we can to make this happen. Our provincial and federal representatives are very aware of our intentions for their support, and I have already begun the lobbying we need directly to provincial ministries and their federal counterparts. We are also researching the possibility of private sector involvement, liaising with other communities that have implemented this approach.

As we finalize the master plan, we will embark on a general survey this Spring. This survey is not just a formality, but a crucial step in our decision-making process. We are asking residents whose properties are still on septic systems about their interest in sewer servicing for their property and what they would be willing to pay for the construction, among other things. The results of this survey will help us determine phasing and approaches, and it is essential that we hear from as many impacted residents as possible. Your input is invaluable and will help us ensure residents are well-informed before the official Local Area Service (LAS) process.

If we successfully secure the funding, we will develop the LAS as required for sewer expansion in a neighbourhood. This process will be transparent, and properties that would benefit from the service will be polled, ensuring that all affected residents have a say in the project.

The new master plan considers historical promises in the proposed phasing and factors such as environmental impact and population density. We will also consider adjusting our bylaws (timeline) to allow residents' who recently updated septic systems time before being required to connect to the new system.

Since its first strategic planning meeting, sewer expansion has been a priority of this Council as it continues to be a top priority for almost half of our residents. We will soon have the plan, and The Council is laser-focused on getting the funding support Peachland needs to make this project happen.

Stay informed about upcoming consultation opportunities; subscribe for e-notification at www.peachland.ca/services/subscribe.



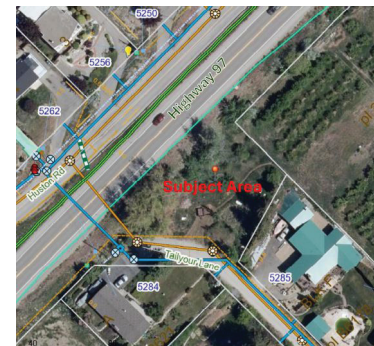
Council Highlights

4062 Beach Ave. Zoning Amendment

Jan. 28 - Council gave first three readings to a Zoning Amendment Bylaw to rezone 4062 Beach Avenue with some conditions. The proposed rezoning is from RM2 to CR3 to allow the construction of a six-unit multi-family residential development. The current zoning allows for four units. The applicant agreed to remove the requirement for commercial use at grade in the CR3 zone by restricting the principal uses to multi-unit residential and to limit heights.

Road Closure Tailyour Lane

Feb. 11 - Council gave first three readings to a Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw for Tailyour Lane in the Buchanan neighbourhood. The subject area is a 981 metre-squared portion of Tailyour Lane adjacent to Highway 97. It forms part of the municipal road right of way but does not function as a transportation corridor. This closure stems from a discussion in 2023 on municipal revenue generation. If Council approves the road closure, the District can raise title for this area of land and add the newly-created parcel to the municipal land inventory as a potential development site. Community water and sewer service is readily available to the area which slopes gently down from Highway 97 towards the lake.



Protective Services Building Borrowing Bylaw

Feb. 11 - Council adopted a Protective Services Building Temporary Borrowing Bylaw to allow the deadline to borrow for the community's new fire hall to move past November 2027. Legislation requires borrowing to occur within five years of approval. In this case, approval was provided by Peachland voters in a 2022 referendum to borrow up to \$17.5 million for the new firehall. This temporary borrowing bylaw allows flexibility for the District to continue with the project without the immediate need to secure long-term debt, and would not require the withdrawal of funds until the project is ready for funding.

Get more information at www.peachland.ca/government/meetings

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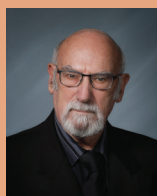
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 11
- March 25
- April 8
- April 22
- May 6
- May 20
- June 10
- June 24
- July 8
- August 26
- September 9

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

