

PEACHLAND News

PEACHLAND, CANADA'S KINDEST COMMUNITY

But you already knew that!



February 4, 2026: Peachland was named CANADA'S KINDEST COMMUNITY in Coca Cola's nationwide contest. Peachland was selected out of nearly 800 Canadian communities. The Central Okanagan Foundation will be awarded \$100,000 which will be used to support Peachland charities. Read some of the wonderful stories of kindness and find out more about the contest at coca-cola.com/ca/en/offerings/holiday/kindest-community.

Dust off those bikes & HIT THE ROAD SAFELY



DID YOU KNOW that different rules apply for different electric cycles or scooters? Peachland has limited dedicated cycling routes and is not part of the provincial pilot program to allow e-scooters on roads or sidewalks. Among other regulations, e-bikes must have pedals, a maximum power output (which depends on the size of the cycle), have proper safety features and riders must be at least 14 for light e-bikes and 16 for regular e-bikes. E-dirt bikes have no pedals and often have a maximum power output above 500w, making them off-road vehicles. E-dirt bikes are not allowed on Peachland roads, pedestrian paths, bike lanes or Highway 97.

HELMETS MUST ALWAYS BE WORN BY EVERYONE! Please ensure you know the rules before hitting the road. Visit peachland.ca/electric-cycles-scooters



VOTE 2026 PEACHLAND

peachland.ca/election

By-election for Councillor seat March 14


Voting taking place at Peachland Community Centre, from 8 am to 8 pm, Saturday, March 14, 2026.

Advance Voting: Wednesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 11. Details at peachland.ca/election



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Peachland BGC0 Childcare Centre taking shape

TKI Construction is completing the framing stage of the new Peachland BGC0 Childcare Centre on Wild Goose Street, adjacent to Peachland Elementary School. The project is a cooperative effort of the District of Peachland and the Province of BC and was made possible by a \$12.5 million grant from ChildCareBC's New Spaces Fund. Opening early 2027, the facility will offer spaces for 104 kids.



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.



Yard waste pick up resumes

Curbside collection of yard waste green bins resumes in Peachland during the second week of March. Find the collection schedule online at rdco.com/pickup-schedule or pick one up at Municipal Hall.

Get **Recycle Coach**, a downloadable app that provides personalized reminders, disposal tips and schedule updates.



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Why you shouldn't ignore calls to replace your water meter

The District's Operations Department is continuing to replace aging water meters at residences throughout Peachland. The devices have reached the end of their service life and should be replaced to ensure accurate readings and leak detection. Don't pay more than you should for water. We can also help you with tips for conserving water or catch costly leaks in a timely manner. Thanks to all homeowners who have already received their replacement meters. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to arrange to have your meter replaced at no cost to you. Contact operations@peachland.ca to book a time.



Peachland on the Early Edition

Mayor Patrick Van Minsel joins host Gary Barnes live to talk all things Peachland. Tune in on the second Wednesday of every month from 8:30 to 9 am at AM1150 or online at am1150.ca



2026 Recycle Pop Ups

One Saturday per month in March, April, July and October between 10 am to 2 pm at the Peachland Community Centre visitor parking lot (4450 6th Street).

March 14* July 11
April 11 October 3

Residents will have a chance to enter a draw to win a \$50 gift card from a Peachland business at every recycling pop-up they attend.

*location may change due to by-election



rdco.com/recycle

PLEASE, Don't Flush This!

What we put down the drain can affect our wastewater treatment plant and, in turn, may pollute Okanagan Lake. 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. 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)

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Cigarette butts
- Paper towels, napkins
- Toys

OTHER UNPERMITTED WASTE

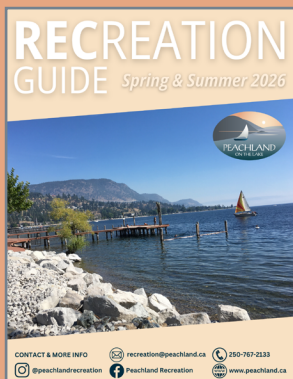
- Bleach and ammonia
- Cleaning solvents and spot removers
- Disinfectants
- Hot tub and swimming pool chemicals
- Oven cleaners
- Septic tank cleaners
- Latex, alkyd and/or oil-based paints
- Lacquers, stains and varnishes
- Paint thinners, strippers and solvents
- Petroleum-based products such as motor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

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

SPRING Recreation Guide

The Spring Recreation Guide will be available online on Friday, April 10, 2026. It's packed with activities for all ages. Check it out at peachland.ca/recreation-guide Registration for residents opens Monday, April 13; non-residents Tuesday, April 14.



Peachland Classic Car Show Kick Off - Graffiti 2026

Friday, April 17 at the Peachland Legion. Proceeds support the Peachland Classic Car Show in May. Tickets and more information available at peachlandchamber.com

Spirit of Peachland Appreciation Event

Each year, outstanding residents are recognized for their service through these civic awards. The Spirit of Peachland Appreciation Event will be held Friday, April 24 at the Peachland Community Centre. Find out more at peachland.ca/civic-awards



EVENTS

Mayor's Message

A practical, responsible path to Peachland's new Fire Hall

I am pleased to share an important update on the development of Peachland's new fire hall—one of the most significant community investments in our history. After considerable work and analysis, Council has unanimously agreed to move forward with a streamlined, standalone fire hall on the land assembled along San Clemente Avenue near 13th Street. The District will no longer pursue additional land and will work with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to resolve Highway 97 access issues.



Patrick Van Minsel

This decision reflects Council's commitment to responsible planning and financial stewardship. We explored whether a public private partnership—including potential emergency services, commercial, or residential elements—could help save our taxpayers money. While the process provided valuable insight, current market conditions do not support that model, and we now have the clarity needed to proceed confidently.

Council is focused on delivering a practical, efficient fire hall that fits our site, budget, and immediate needs. This direction allows us to:

- Proceed on the District-owned land already acquired
- Avoid expanding the project beyond what taxpayers approved
- Provide certainty to the Peachland Baptist Church by confirming there is no need for their property
- Ensure we continue moving forward without delay

I want to acknowledge the Peachland Baptist Church's patience and professionalism throughout this process.

The new direction emphasizes cost effective building methods, including pre-fabricated steel options, to maximize value while maintaining safety, durability, and long term functionality. The facility will meet regulatory requirements and provide the capacity our Fire Department needs as the community grows.

Our existing 3rd Street Fire Hall has served us well, but its condition and size can no longer meet current operational standards. Relocating to a central site near a major town entrance will improve response times, efficiency, and regional readiness. Most of the borrowing approved in 2022 remains available, and we have applied for a \$7 million UBCM Growing Communities Fund grant to help reduce the financial impact on residents.

This is responsible, forward looking planning—balancing community needs with fiscal prudence. I look forward to keeping you updated as this important project moves ahead.

- Mayor Patrick Van Minsel

Council Highlights

February 10, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Climate Action Task Fore Extended

Council's Climate Action Task Force was granted an extension to June 10, 2026, allowing more time to complete the Climate Action Plan.

Outdoor Vending

Council discussed its Outdoor and Food Vending Policy and deferred the decision to allow Administration to incorporate Council's input. The policy guides outdoor vending on public spaces like sidewalks and road right-of-ways. Following several years of operation under the current policy framework, staff have identified that the existing locations of Doggy Beach Boat Launch and along Beach Avenue no longer align effectively with pedestrian circulation patterns, parking limitations, evolving community expectations, or the financial feasibility of maintaining viable vending opportunities. Council will be provided with an updated report at an upcoming meeting.

February 18, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Development Cost Charges

Council provided input in the third workshop on the update to the District's Development Cost Charge (DCC) and Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) Bylaw. The project will update the bylaw to ensure the District's development finance tools effectively and sustainably fund essential amenities needed to support growth. The next steps involve public engagement on the proposed changes to the bylaw including website information and active consultation with stakeholders, including the development community, before presenting the results of the consultation to Council.



Feb. 6, 2026: Mayor Van Minsel stood with other Westside elected officials to seek more funding support from the province for RCMP services. Pictured from left, West Kelowna Mayor Gord Milsom, MP Dan Albas, Mayor Van Minsel, MLA Macklin McCall and Westbank First Nation Chief Robert Louie.



Peachland Council



Randy Brophy



Dave Collins



Terry Condon



Alena Glasman



Rick Ingram



UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 24
April 14
April 28
May 12

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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