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PEACHLAND News

FIREFIGHTER Recruitment

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FIRE-RESCUE

Peachland Fire Rescue Service is seeking paid-on-call firefighters to join its ranks. Review the requirements and see if you have what it takes! Applications will be accepted until 4 pm on Friday, November 21, 2025.
peachland.ca/fire-department



2025 Citizens Survey



Let us know what you think!

The 2025 Citizens Survey is open Friday November 7 to Friday, December 5. ALL PEACHLANDERS are invited to take the survey, available to take online or you can pick up a copy at Municipal Hall or the Peachland Community Centre. The survey is anonymous and gathers feedback to understand your priorities for allocating District resources and preparing for the future.



peachland.ca/citizenssurvey

Christmas Light Up

**December 5
Heritage Park**

FREE family fun at one of Peachland's most POPULAR events. Details inside.

*Countdown
to the FESTIVE
SEASON
with a full
schedule of
events*



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Hwy 97 intersection improvements timeline

The Province of BC has begun construction to improve three Highway 97 intersections in Peachland with work on Buchanan Road South to continue until the winter shutdown period expected in December. Part of promised safety improvements to the corridor, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit is improving the Highway 97 intersections with Trepanier Bench Road, Buchanan Road South and Buchanan Road North. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Activity	Planned Start	Planned Completion
Mobilization and site set up	Sept. 24, 2025	Sept. 30, 2025
Segment B (Buchanan South)	Oct. 1, 2025	March 27, 2026
Winter shutdown (weather dependent)	December 2025	March 2, 2026
Segment A (Trepanier)	March 30, 2026	May 18, 2026
Segment C (Buchanan North)	May 19, 2026	May 28, 2026
Project Completion	End of May	

- **Trepanier Bench Road Intersection** - Trepanier Bench Road will become the main point of access to the highway. A new traffic signal will be installed at the Trepanier Bench Road-Highway 97 intersection. As part of this improvement, access to the highway from Desert Pines Avenue will be limited to right-turn exits only. **Left turns from Trepanier Bench Road to Desert Pines Avenue will no longer be permitted.** The change is expected to limit delays for highway traffic caused by motorists waiting to turn.
- **Buchanan Road South** - Northbound and Southbound traffic on Highway 97 will be able to enter Buchanan Road South via a new left-turn lane. Access to Highway 97 from Buchanan Road South will be restricted. A concrete median island will be installed to deter drivers from attempting to make a left-turn out of Buchanan Road.
- **Buchanan Road North/Huston Road** - The intersections of Buchanan North-Highway 97 and Huston Road-Highway 97 will be right-in, right-out only. No left turns across Highway 97 will be permitted from either road, nor will left turns from Highway 97 onto either road. A concrete median island up the middle of Highway 97 will be installed at the Buchanan Road North-Huston Road-Highway 97 intersection.

Occasional single lane alternating traffic through the construction zone is anticipated when utilities are installed across Highway 97. For more information, visit news.gov.bc.ca. Find Project No. 25258-0000. Questions can be directed to the Southern Interior Regional Office of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit at 250-828-4220 or kamloops.regional.transportation@gov.bc.ca.

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Outstanding Property Taxes Reminder

Peachland property owners are reminded to pay all outstanding taxes by December 31, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026, any outstanding 2025 taxes will begin to accrue daily interest at the Provincially prescribed interest rates. Any outstanding 2024 taxes will continue to accrue daily interest until fully paid.

Did you claim your Home Owner Grant?

If you have not yet claimed your grant, eligible homeowners can still apply. Applications can be submitted for the 2025 tax year, as well as retroactively for 2024. Applications must be submitted directly to the Province either [online](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov2/online) or by phone at 1-888-355-2700. The deadline to apply for the 2024 retroactive grant is December 31, 2025.

Utility Account Transfer to Property Taxes

The Community Charter establishes that past due utility account balances may be collected as property taxes. Utility accounts that are overdue on December 31, 2025 will be transferred to the property tax account where the services were originally provided. These transferred amounts are considered arrears taxes and will begin to accrue daily interest as of January 1, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Finance Department at finance@peachland.ca or call (250) 767-2647. For additional information on paying your property taxes, go to peachland.ca/property-taxes.

Go Paperless!

Sign up to check your property tax and utility balances online

peachland.ca/online-services

Bears have been spotted in Peachland, attracted to ripened fruit and garbage.

Please do your part to not attract the bears!

Put garbage out on COLLECTION DAY ONLY and clear your property of attractants.



wildsafebc.com

Snow & Ice Removal

Residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks in front of their property as soon as possible following a snowfall.

Peachland's snow removal priorities are intersections, hills, curves, school zones and bus stops. Major arterial roads are plowed within 12 hours, secondary collector roads within 36 hours and residential streets within 96 hours.

Please don't park on the street during heavy snow fall or shovel snow onto the roadway. It is inevitable that plows will deposit snow on driveways as they pass, sometimes many times as they clear the roads. To minimize this, shovel snow to the left (as you face your house).

Drop in to our Fitness Room at Peachland Community Centre

The Fitness Room at Peachland Community Centre is equipped with cardio machines, a universal cable machine, three benches, dumbbells, a pull-up bar, a squat rack with bars, kettlebells, Plyo boxes, and medicine balls. Come by the Community Centre, and one of our staff members will be happy to give you a tour! Our fitness room is available for drop-in or you can buy monthly or yearly passes. 14+ and paid members only, no guests. Hours are Monday to Sunday 5 am to 10 pm.

Get more information at

peachland.ca/parks-recreation/fitness-room



Still time for that yard clean-up

Peachland residents still have time to get their yard waste collected before winter. Bi-weekly curbside yard waste collection continues until the end of December. There is no yard waste collection in January or February. Residents are reminded to put yard waste, garbage and recycling out for collection by 7 am on the morning of pick-up. DO NOT put waste bins on the curb overnight as this may attract wildlife. Get more information at rdco.com



CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday,
December 5,
2025

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5:00 to 6:00 pm	Open House and refreshments	Art Gallery 5984 Beach Ave.
5:00 to 6:00 pm	Christmas crafts and decorating	BGCO 5684 Beach Ave.
6:00 to 6:15 pm	Glow Parade from Community Centre to Heritage Park	Heritage Park Beach Ave. & 1st St.
6:15 to 6:30 pm	Welcome and official countdown to Light-Up	Heritage Park
6:30 to 7:30 pm	Music, hot chocolate, visits with Santa and more	Heritage Park

Peachland Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 29, 2025

9 am to 3 pm at Peachland Community Centre, 4459 6th Street. Great place to pick up that one-of-a-kind gift created by local crafters and artisans. Stroll down Candy Cane Lane to participating venues as the annual Christmas Market takes place at the same time!

peachlandarts.ca



Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9 am, 9:15 am entertainment, 10 am Breakfast, 10:30 am Special Guest. Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street. Preregistration required.

peachland.ca/recreation

Christmas Social with Marty Evans

Friday, December 19, 2025, 10 to 11:30 am at the Peachland Community Centre. Join Marty for a very special Christmas celebration as he performs seasonal and non-seasonal favourites. Event is free and goodies will be provided.

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Mayor's Message

What is Our Role?



Patrick
Van Minsel

Hello fellow Peachlanders,

One of the things I love most about being your mayor is hearing directly from you. Whether it's a chat at the grocery store, at one of our businesses, a quick email, or a question after a Council meeting, those conversations remind me just how much people care about this amazing community we call home.

Sometimes, though, the questions we get are about things that aren't in the hands of local government. It's not always easy to know which level of government—municipal, provincial, or federal—does what. And I completely understand how frustrating it can be when the answer is, "That's not under our jurisdiction."

That's why I wanted to take a moment to explain what your Mayor, Council, and staff are responsible for—and how we work with others to make things happen for Peachland.

At the municipal level, we look after the everyday services that keep our town running smoothly: roads, sidewalks, parks, recreation facilities, water and sewer systems, emergency services, bylaw enforcement, and community planning. Council sets the big-picture direction and policies, while our dedicated staff make sure those plans come to life efficiently and effectively.

The Province of British Columbia provides services such as healthcare, education, highways, policing, and natural resource management.

Meanwhile, the Government of Canada focuses on national matters, including defence, immigration, foreign affairs, trade and the overall economy.

Even though our responsibilities are different, all levels of government are connected. We often team up with our provincial and federal partners to secure grants, align policies, and advocate for Peachland's needs—whether that's new infrastructure, wildfire mitigation, or community programs.

A great example is the ongoing work to improve the Highway 97 intersections in Peachland. Council has been advocating for these improvements for years. Once funding was approved, the project became the province's responsibility—but we've stayed involved every step of the way, providing input and ensuring local voices are heard.

Your local Council is your most direct link to other levels of government. We live here, work here, and raise our families here. We see the same road construction, enjoy the same parks, and share the same hopes for Peachland's future. That's what drives us to keep pushing for what's best for our community.

I encourage you to stay connected and involved—come to a Council meeting, check the agendas online, or just stop me when you see me around town. Your ideas, questions, and feedback make a real difference.

Together, we'll keep Peachland thriving as the friendly, beautiful, and welcoming place we all love to call home.

Warmly,

- Mayor Patrick Van Minsel

Council Highlights

October 21, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

Bear Sculpture Location Determined

Council agreed to accept Stewart Steinhauer's offer to loan his Four Directions Bear Family sculpture to the District of Peachland for display near Beach Avenue for a term of two years. Council received the initial proposal at its meeting September 18 and, since then, staff met in person with the artist and support team to view the sculpture and analyze potential locations for display. The sculpture is made of granite, is approximately 12 ft x 6 ft x 5 ft in size, and weighs approximately 16,000 lbs, which means it will need a crane to lift the sculpture into place. The best location was determined to be the grassed area on the lakeside of Beach Avenue near 2nd Street and north of Cenotaph Park. The sculpture at this location will add cultural vibrancy and attract visitors to downtown Peachland.



November 4, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

2026 Council Meeting Schedule

Council approved the Council meeting schedule for 2026 as follows:

January 13 & 27	May 12 & 26	September 8 & 22
February 10 & 24	June 9 & 23	October 6
March 10 & 24	July 7	November 3 & 24
April 14 & 28	August 25	December 8

The BC local government election will be held October 17, 2026.

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UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 25
December 9
January 6, 2026

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.

peachland.ca/council

