

PEACHLAND News

Hwy 97 intersection work starts

The Province of BC began construction in September at three Highway 97 intersections in Peachland, part of promised safety improvements for the corridor.

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit will upgrade the Highway 97 intersections with Trepanier Bench Road, Buchanan Road South and Buchanan Road North. The work will eventually result in changes to how the intersections function. When complete, access to Highway 97 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. Buchanan North and South intersection movements onto Highway 97 will be restricted to enhance safety. The upgrades are meant to address concerns that have arisen due to increasing local and visitor traffic which has led to longer intersection lineups and higher risk of collision.

While the project is underway, motorists are asked to obey construction signage. The District has requested that traffic delays and detours be as short as possible. Construction is expected to be complete in May 2026.

For more information, visit news.gov.bc.ca. 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.



Buchanan Road North

Fire ban remains in place



The campfire ban in the Central Okanagan has been extended until further notice. This change is due to recent fire activity in the region, along with continued high temperatures, dry conditions, and elevated fire danger ratings.

While the Kamloops Fire Centre lifted its campfire ban on September 29, local fire departments in the Central Okanagan will maintain the campfire ban until further notice. This applies to all local government fire jurisdictions in the Central Okanagan.

The start of open burning season was delayed to October 15 but no outdoor burning permits will be issued until conditions improve. For details on open burning permits and alternatives to burning, visit rdco.com/airquality.

Residents are encouraged to report illegal burning by calling the Regional Fire Dispatch Centre at 250-469-8577.

Winning Photos CAPTURE PEACHLAND winning photos



The winning photographers were celebrated at Council's October 7 meeting. Each received a \$200 Gift Certificate to their favourite Peachland business.



Category:
VIBRANT
VIEWS

Gary Klassen took this stunning photo of a mountain goat near the flag on Pincushion Mountain.



Category:
PEOPLE & PETS
IN PARKS

Teresa Triggiano captured the charm of fall in Heritage Park with this picture of her delightful pup.



Category:
PEACHLAND
CLOSE UP

Lucy Mattu timed it right to catch this amusing llama's sweet smile.



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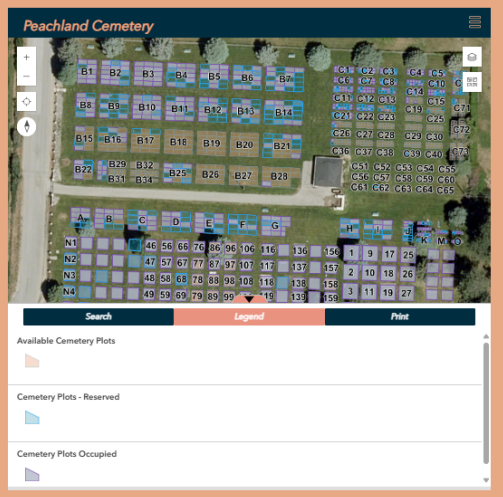
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District launches cemetery map viewer

In September, the District of Peachland launched the **PEACHLAND CEMETERY MAP VIEWER**, an interactive map allowing users to virtually navigate the Peachland Cemetery and locate burial sites.

You can search by family name or cemetery block. The cemetery data is compiled from historical records dating back to the late 1890s. Some earlier burial records have been lost over time.



Find the map at
peachland.ca/cemetery
The map is provided for informational purposes and may not reflect real-time updates.



Peachland Cemetery

The Peachland Cemetery, located at the intersection of Elliott and Vernon Avenues, is always open to pedestrians through two unlocked access gates. Please contact the Operations Department to arrange access through the main gate or to arrange a burial;

email operations@peachland.ca or call 250-767-2108
The Peachland Cemetery is thought to be one of the oldest in the Central Okanagan, established in the late 1890s. Some of the oldest grave markers date as far back as 1900. It is believed the Peachland Cemetery was donated by J.M. Robinson, the founder of Peachland, Summerland and Naramata. (*Kelowna and District Genealogical Society, 2012*)

Prescribed burn project underway

The BC Wildfire Service, Penticton Indian Band and Okanagan Nation Alliance will conduct a 40 hectare prescribed burn as part of the multi-year Munro prescribed burn project, located about five kilometres southwest of Peachland, adjacent to the Munro Lake FSR wildfire. This project is implemented with support from Gorman Brothers Ltd., the Okanagan Shuswap Resource District, and Westbank First Nation. The purpose of this prescribed burn is to:

- provide a level of community protection from wildfire by reducing fuel,
- restore the ecosystem, including mule deer winter range, and
- enhance Indigenous cultural values in the area while also supporting the traditional use of fire as a tool to improve the landscape.



HYDRANT TESTING UNDERWAY

The District of Peachland, with a contractor, is conducting pressure testing and necessary maintenance on all fire hydrants in the community. District staff and members from Pacific Flow Control began the project on September 16. The project is expected to continue to the end of October. Small amounts of water may be flushed from hydrants during this testing. Questions can be directed to Operations by email at operations@peachland.ca or phone 250-767-2108.

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Sign up to receive utility bills by email

Don't get caught by a mail strike!

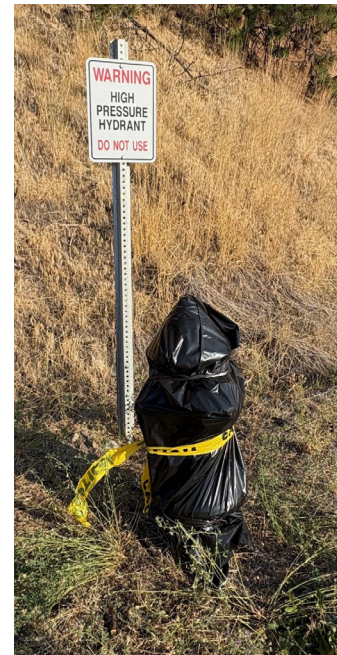
Utility customers are responsible for keeping accounts up to date and paying by the due date, regardless of any mail service disruption.

Make life easier! View your balances online by registering at peachland.ca/online-services

Or, sign up to receive your utility invoices by email. Send your name and address to finance@peachland.ca to register today!

These aren't fire hydrants

You may have noticed new, black bags covering what you might think were fire hydrants on Trepanier Bench Road, Ponderosa Drive, or on the slope behind Peachland Elementary. Although these look like fire hydrants, they were installed during the construction phase of the Trepanier Interconnect as blow offs. After the completion of the project the isolation valves were closed to ensure no accidental use. The District decided to add this extra layer of protection as a temporary safety measure until a permanent solution is implemented.



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SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE FAMILY EVENT!
DANCE PARTY, HAUNTED HOUSE,
TATTOOS AND MORE!

SATURDAY OCT 25

5:00-7:00PM
Peachland Community Centre
4450 6th Street, Peachland, BC

FALL Recreation Guide

AVAILABLE NOW ONLINE!

www.peachland.ca/recreation

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.

www.wildsafebc.com



EVENTS



Remembrance Day

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Gather at 10:30 am for the 11 am ceremony at Peachland Cenotaph Park, Beach Avenue & 2nd Street. Attendees are welcome at the Peachland Legion afterwards.

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.
peachlandarts.ca



Winter Light Up

Friday, December 5, 5 to 7:30 pm. Start with crafts and refreshments at the Art Gallery in the Old Schoolhouse (5684 Beach Avenue) then take a glow parade to Heritage Park, Beach Avenue and 1st Street. Enjoy music, hot chocolate, Santa visit and more! Countdown to the light up and fireworks (weather permitting)
peachland.ca

Mayor's Message

2025 UBCM convention very productive week



Patrick Van Minsel

Between ministerial meetings, town halls, plenary sessions, workshops, and exploring new funding opportunities, the experience at this year's Union of BC Municipalities convention Sept. 22 - 26, has been invaluable. None of this would have been possible without the teamwork and dedication of my fellow councillors — Dave Collins, Rick Ingram, Alena Glasman, and Keith Thom. Over the course of ten ministerial meetings, several stood out as particularly significant:

Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs – Minister Christine Boyle

We reiterated our request for matching sewer infrastructure funding to connect 1,274 homes currently serviced by septic systems to the municipal sewer network. While the Ministry currently has no funds allocated for sewer infrastructure in its budget, we were encouraged to continue advocating for this critical support.

Ministry of Transportation & Transit – Minister Mike Farnworth

We raised several key transportation concerns, including high-speed traffic through the town, limited alternative routes, gaps in transit service, and the status of the technical review for the New Monaco Development and Highway 97 improvements.

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sports – Minister Anne Kang

Discussions focused on funding to support local arts, sports, and cultural programs. We highlighted the need for operational funding for OUR SPACE and emphasized the future expansion and upgrade of our Recreation Centre to meet growing community needs.

Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development & Innovation – Minister Ravi Kahlon

We discussed the implementation strategy for downtown revitalization, the New Monaco Development, and how these initiatives align with the province's broader economic development mandate.

Ministry of Forests – Minister Ravi Parmar

Our conversation centred on the need for increased funding for wildfire prevention, enhanced vegetation management, and stronger support for forest interface mitigation. We also brought forward our upcoming Watershed Governance Study for the Ministry's awareness and collaboration.

Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship – Minister Randene Neill

We emphasized the importance of legislation to protect watersheds, maintain both water quality and quantity, and empower communities to co-manage watershed resources in partnership with Indigenous and local governments. We urged the province to work collaboratively on long-term watershed protection policies that safeguard water for future generations.

Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs – Staff Meeting

We also discussed the need to curb land speculation and accelerate housing delivery, with particular concern around developers flipping land. Our focus was on identifying practical tools and policy measures to address this issue. Given the urgent demand for affordable housing, modular construction emerged as a promising solution. We continue to seek clarity on how the province plans to support modular initiatives and what programs or funding streams are being considered.

- Mayor Patrick Van Minsel

Council Highlights

October 7, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DCC and ACC Workshop

Council took part in a workshop to update the District's Development Cost Charge (DCC) Bylaw and develop an Amenity Cost Charge (ACC). DCCs are a financial tool that help communities recover the costs of off-site infrastructure needed to facilitate growth, including roads, water, sewer, drainage, fire halls, and police stations. DCCs are provincially regulated under the *Local Government Act* and require approval from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs. ACCs help communities recover the costs of amenities that provide social, cultural, heritage, recreational or environmental benefits. ACCs do not require approval from the ministry. The District's current capital projects lists that trigger DCCs are resulting in extremely high DCC rates and staff and consultants sought Council's input on what, if any, capital projects can be removed to reduce the proposed DCC and ACCs.

October 7, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING

6488 Renfrew Road Rezoning

Council adopted a bylaw to rezone 6488 Renfrew Road from Rural Residential (RR1) to Multi-Unit Infill Residential to facilitate a future subdivision. The following conditions have been satisfied:

- Registration of a covenant restricting development on identified portions due to steep slope hazard and the environmental sensitivity.
- Registration of a covenant requiring remittance of Community Amenity Contributions and installation of two speed (30 km/h) and curve-ahead warning signs prior to building permit issuance.
- Registration of statutory rights-of-way on the north end of the property and with a minimum width of 4.5 meters for the sanitary line at the south end of the property.
- Completion of required road dedication on Renfrew Road.

Regulation & Enforcement of Electric Bikes & Scooters

After discussion stemming from concerns raised in the community about inappropriate use of e-scooters, e-bikes, e-motorcycles and e-dirt bikes, Council agree that enforcement of these motorized vehicles should remain the responsibility of the RCMP. They further agreed to request that the RCMP consider incorporating e-bike, e-motorcycle, e-dirt bike and e-scooter safety education in its school liaison and community outreach programs, with a focus on helmet use, legal age limits for operation, safe operating behaviour and acceptable locations for use. The District will share information with residents about appropriate use of these electric vehicles.



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UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

