

# PEACHLAND News

## Coming Soon!

Council enthusiastically supported an offer from acclaimed Indigenous sculptor, Stewart Steinhauer, to loan the municipality a large, marble sculpture called "Four Directions Bear Family." Steinhauer, from Saddle Lake, Alberta, spends winters in Peachland. Other examples of Steinhauer's work can be seen at Kelowna General Hospital, Lake Country Municipal Hall, Summerland Museum and Kelowna Friendship Centre. The artist offers to cover insurance and transportation costs, and the District would cover the installation costs. Peachland would have the right of first refusal to purchase the piece as a permanent installation at a future date. The District is investigating appropriate locations to showcase the sculpture.



**FOUR DIRECTIONS BEAR FAMILY:** a mother bear and her four cubs of differing colours, symbolizing the underlying unity of humanity despite surface differences.

Please see Page 4 for a message from Mayor Patrick Van Minsel about the Drought Hill and Peachland Creek Wildfires



July 30, 2025 Drought Hill Wildfire - Photo Courtesy of the Peachland Phoenix



## Peachland Fire & Rescue wants you to... **BE PREPARED**

During major incidents or emergencies, Peachland's emergency plan is supported by the regional emergency program through the Regional District of Central Okanagan and, in turn, by the Province through Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. Even the best plans can only do so much. It is up to you to be prepared for emergencies. Sign up to receive email notification in your community.

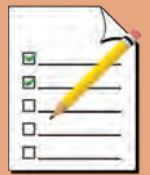
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**Know the Risks**



**Get a Kit**




**Make a Plan**



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## Curbside Collection of Glass & Flexible Plastic Coming May 2026

Starting May 2026, Central Okanagan residents with curbside collection will be able to recycle non-refundable glass bottles and jars and flexible plastics, such as chip bags, crinkly wrappers, zipper-lock pouches and bubble wrap. To support curbside recycling of these materials, households will receive two new recycling boxes prior to May 2026. The gray box will be for non-refundable glass bottles and jars and the pink box is for flexible plastics.

The expansion of services is part of the region's transition to Recycle BC managing curbside recycling which was presented to the Regional Board on September 4, 2025. RDCO staff collaborated with Recycle BC to enhance service levels for residents which will also include avoiding financial penalties for contamination, expanding materials collected at curbside, maintaining bi-weekly pickup and existing cart programs while controlling costs.

Recycle BC works with local government and private partners to collect residential paper and packaging, including the materials managed in curbside collection programs and the materials managed at depots, such as foam packaging.

Residents who receive curbside service for flexible plastics and non-refundable glass bottles and jars will still need to take foam packaging to a local depot for recycling.



For more information, visit [rdco.com/recycle](https://rdco.com/recycle)

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## BACK TO SCHOOL



With school back in session, motorists should keep these road safety tips in mind:

- **Peachland BGCO Childcare Centre Construction is underway near the Peachland Elementary School.** Please use the designated crosswalks and be aware of construction distractions and equipment.
- **Build in time** to prevent rushing. Your to-do list is long and there's never enough time in your day. That's why we recommend you anticipate school zone congestion and give yourself extra time to get through it safely.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Look out for safety risks such as kids darting from cars, kids who are on wheels, and other pedestrians.
- **Follow school zone rules.** Respect your school's drop off and pick up rules. Be mindful of traffic rules such as driving the speed limit, stopping at crosswalks and avoiding distracted driving.
- **Reduce congestion.** Maybe leave the car at home (or park blocks away) and then walk or cycle with your child.
- **Focus on what you can control.** No matter what's going on around you, be patient and courteous.
- **Obey crossing guards and watch for buses.** Always come to a complete stop when an adult crossing guard or student patroller signals you to do so. Be extra cautious around school buses and never pass a bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

## 2026 Permissive Tax Exemptions

On Sept. 9, Council gave first three readings to the 2026 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, identifying the following properties as eligible for full or partial exemption due to community benefit:

- Peachland United Church
- St. Margaret's Anglican Church
- Peachland Baptist Church
- Peachland Wellness Centre & Peachland Food Bank
- Peachland Riding Club
- Okanagan Boys & Girls Club & Our SPACE (School for Peachland Arts, Culture & Ecology)
- Peachland District Retirement Society
- Maple Springs Bible Camp
- The Nature Trust of BC
- Peachland Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion
- Okanagan Regional Library
- Peachland Chamber of Commerce

The estimated financial impact of the 2026 tax exemptions, based on a 5% general tax increase, is \$72,456 or 0.89% of the 2025 budgeted general municipal tax revenue or \$22.52 for the average residential property.



# FALL

## Recreation Guide

AVAILABLE NOW ONLINE!

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



## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

### Orange Shirt Day September 30

[www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca)  
[www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org)



# Peachland Water Restrictions

 WE ARE AT STAGE 2

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

**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

**Please do your part to not attract the bears!**



[www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)

# EVENTS

## Farmer's & Crafter's Market

LAST CHANCE THIS SEASON!  
 Every Sunday through September  
 10 am to 2 pm  
 Heritage Park at Beach Avenue and 1st Street.  
[www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca](http://www.peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca)




## Glow Run

Friday, October 3, 6 to 8 pm  
 Enjoy a stroll or run with the whole family under the spell of the night. Starting at Peachland's Heritage Park, participants can choose between a 5K and a 3K run along scenic Beach Avenue. Check in at Heritage Park beginning at 6 pm. Wear your brightest clothes, don some glow, and join the fun! [www.peachland.ca](http://www.peachland.ca) or call 250.767.2133

## Pop Up Recycle

Saturday, October 11  
 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)



# Mayor's Message

## Grateful for the Support

Council and I extend our heartfelt thanks to the outstanding firefighters of Peachland Fire & Rescue, who recently responded with courage and commitment to two wildfires in our community. With deep gratitude, I commend these dedicated men and women for their quick action and tireless service in protecting Peachland.

We can't thank our regional partners enough for coming to our aid. This time firefighters from North Westside, Wilson's Landing, West Kelowna, Kelowna and Lake Country were there for us. We are also grateful to the BC Wildfire Service, whose expertise and coordination once again proved invaluable. Our emergency responders' skills and their teamwork continue to grow stronger, benefitting us all.

The Drought Hill and Peachland Creek wildfires, both sparked by vehicle incidents, served as a powerful reminder of the importance of preparedness. I was deeply moved to see Peachlanders respond with calm, kindness, and cooperation—sharing information, assisting neighbours, and supporting visitors. Volunteers, emergency staff, and countless community members showed the very best of what Peachland stands for.

These moments highlight not only the realities of living in the Okanagan but also the resilience, teamwork, and generosity that define our community. While the land will show the marks of these fires, the stronger legacy is that of people coming together to protect and support one another.

On behalf of Council, I offer sincere appreciation to all who stepped forward—firefighters, responders, staff, and volunteers. Peachland is safer, stronger, and more united because of you. Let us continue to stay prepared, stay connected, and care for one another as we face the challenges ahead.

- Mayor Patrick Van Minstel



Patrick Van Minstel

## Council Highlights

August 26, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

### Fees and Charges Bylaw

Council adopted a Development Application and Licence Fees Bylaw Amendment to better reflect current costs of providing municipal services, the staff time required to facilitate reviews and approvals, and to ensure fee alignment with regional municipalities. Council first considered the Amendment on July 8 when they requested an adjustment to the recommended Bed and Breakfast license fee. The new fees and charges take effect on September 25, 2025.

### 4758 Princeton Avenue Development

Council adopted Zoning and Official Community Plan amendment bylaws for 4758 Princeton Avenue, rezoning the property to Multi-Unit Residential – Low Density and Cluster (RM3) to allow for an improved access and moderate expansion of the townhouse proposal associated with a previous application on the adjacent property below Turner Park. All zoning conditions have been met, including approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

### Thorne Road Maintenance

Council agreed to double the maintenance of Thorne Road after a request from residents to have it paved. The road serves nine residences and a parcel of farmland which lies outside of District boundaries. The District will conduct grading monthly, including dust control, and will increase monitoring of the condition of the road, reporting back to Council every 4 meetings with an update on road conditions.

September 9, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

### RCMP Update

Staff Sergeant Brendan Dolan presented an update on policing, indicating crime statistics in Peachland are good. A large uptick in traffic incidents can be attributed to the RCMP's commitment to Peachland Council last year to increase enforcement of speeding. He said the detachment's Crime Reduction Unit will investigate an increase in break and enters (from 0 to 4 incidents). S Sgt Dolan gave details about a drug bust of a property in Peachland in July which seized large amounts of a variety of illegal drugs, multiple firearms, body armour and stolen property. He said he believes the individuals have left Peachland. He also provided information for Council about bringing enforcement of electric motorcycles to Peachland, where they have been seen speeding and stunting on local roads. Electric motorcycles are not allowed on public roads, they cannot be insured and are for off-road use only.



August 27, 2025 Peachland Creek Wildfire Wildfire

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### UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

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)

