

Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is a new Recreation Centre being proposed?

The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre is at end-of-life. The original facility was constructed in 1976, when Summerland's population was approximately half of what it is today. Offices were added to the facility in 1988, and a larger fitness centre was built in 1996.

Based on a [Facility Condition Assessment](#) that was completed in 2018, all major building mechanical, electrical and pool systems have exceeded their expected usable life. Most of the building envelope is in poor condition with significant air and water leakage and potential for mold. The facility is consuming approximately 86% more energy per unit of floor area than the average swimming pool. The facility does not have fully modern accessible, universal, or family change rooms.

Additionally, the current facility is experiencing the following ongoing issues:

- Termites that can compromise the structure of the building
- Ant and rodent infestations
- A leaky roof that requires major repair
- Hot tub failures
- Instability of the main pool basin
- Inability to source facility replacement parts due to antiquated electrical, plumbing, and pool systems

Most aquatic programs are at maximum capacity with long waitlists. Due to the current size of the aquatic centre, only one activity may take place at a time. This results in current demands not being met for public sessions, programs, swim clubs, and rental requests.

Based on a community survey that was completed for the [2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan](#), the community indicated replacing the current facility was one of the highest priorities for residents. The [2018 Facility Condition Assessment](#) report also recommends constructing a new facility that is 50% larger than the current facility to meet demands, now and in the coming years.

Why is there a referendum on this issue?

The Province of British Columbia requires public approval of long-term borrowing. The District of Summerland is asking the public to approve borrowing up to \$50 million for detailed design and construction of a new multi-purpose recreation centre, which includes an aquatic centre, fitness centre, universal change rooms, and two multi-purpose rooms. The facility would be located at 8820 Jubilee Road East alongside the Summerland Arena & Curling Club.

What is the referendum question that will be asked on the ballot?

Eligible Summerland voters will be asked to make an appropriate mark next to either the word "yes" or "no" on the ballot to the following question: "Do you support the Corporation of the District of Summerland borrowing up to \$50 million with interest, over a period not exceeding 30 years in order to finance the construction of a new recreation centre to be located at 8820 Jubilee Road E., by way of Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2023-016?"

What is the history of the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre?

The original facility was constructed in 1976 with the offices added in 1988 and a larger fitness room in 1996.

The facility was built when the population of Summerland was 6,724 (approximately half of what it is today). Over the years, spaces have been adapted as best as possible to meet increased program demands, but are not functioning properly. The facility has no leisure pool, extremely limited multi-purpose space, and does not have appropriate universal access change spaces or proper accessible entry into the lap pool.

What recent statistics are available for the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre?

The following statistics are from 2022:

- 1,618 Red Cross swim lesson registrations.
- 1,573 recreation program registrations.
- 4,974 Recope visits (aquatic rehabilitation program).
- 844 School swim participants (687 Summerland, 99 Penticton, 58 PIB Outma Sqilx'w).
- 112 Orca Swim Club members.
- Most aquatic programs are at maximum capacity with long waitlists.
- Due to the current size of the aquatic centre, only one activity may take place at a time. This results in current demands not being met for public sessions, programs, swim clubs, and rental requests.
- 12,159 registered recreation members (as of September 21, 2023) – 70% local residents. This does not include drop-in users. Registered recreation members are individuals who are signed up in our data base since 2017 in order to register in a recreation or aquatic program (i.e. program in our Recreation Guide), purchase a pass (i.e. monthly pool or fitness room pass), or book a recreation facility (this includes the pool, arena, or parks). Note, this data pertains to registration and is not an estimate of visitation (i.e. A single registrant may use a facility 100 times per year, for example, but would still be counted as a single recreation member. Likewise, a registrant may not have used a facility since last year and would still be a recreation member).

Did the District of Summerland complete a Needs Assessment regarding recreation services and facilities in the community?

Yes, in 2021, the District of Summerland completed a [Needs Assessment](#) report to explore a Community Recreation & Health Centre, which included a comprehensive community engagement process with 620 respondents to the first public survey and 386 responses to the follow-up survey.

Community survey results indicated 83% strongly supported and 10% somewhat supported (total 93%) replacing the existing Aquatic and Fitness Centre, and a willingness to pay. The number one indoor recreation space identified as a priority was aquatics.

The community advocated for the minimum/priority (core) spaces in a new recreation facility to include a separate six-lane pool and leisure pool, hot tub, universal change rooms, fitness centre, multipurpose fitness/activity classroom, youth/family multipurpose program room, and access to a gymnasium.

Other enhancements for a recreation facility were explored, but were considered “secondary” priorities, and were not included in the design, including: eight-lane competition pool (additional two lanes), child care centre, gymnasium, health centre, tennis centre.

The Needs Assessment recommended the District proceed to a Feasibility Study, which includes at a minimum, the core spaces, which would accommodate the greatest needs in the community.

Can the current Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre be renovated?

All major building mechanical, electrical and pool systems have exceeded their expected usable life. Most of the building envelope is in poor condition with significant air and water leakage and potential for mold. The facility is consuming approximately 86% more energy per unit of floor area than the average swimming pool. The facility does not have modern fully accessible, universal, or family change rooms (some building adaptations have been made to address these needs, however they are not ideal).

The facility is experiencing ongoing issues which include termites, ant and rodent infestations, leaking roof that requires major repair, hot tub failures, instability of main pool structure, and an inability to source facility replacement parts due to antiquated electrical, plumbing and pool systems.

The [2018 Facility Condition Assessment](#) did review the option for building renovation, however, it was not recommended. The Report recommends rebuilding the facility on a new site and adding 50% to meet current and future demands and to address the physical and programmatic deficiencies without interruption of the current services to the community.

What would it cost to upgrade the existing Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre?

The Condition Assessment that was completed in 2018 included an estimated cost for a schedule of required upgrades to be \$13.1 million while the estimated cost to build a new 50% larger facility was \$22.5 million. The current estimate for required upgrades has increased to \$28.4 million while the detailed design while the proposed construction of a new facility 60% larger is \$50 million (both assuming a third quarter 2024 construction tender).

If the District was to consider proceeding with major capital repairs of the existing facility, further analysis of the various end-of-life building components would be required (mechanical, electrical, pool systems, building structure, etc.) which could require borrowing and electoral assent. It is not clear how long those capital investments would extend the life of the building.

As noted in the Condition Assessment report, the upgrading scenario would include replacing the building envelope, repair the pool structure, replace most mechanical systems, and more washrooms to meet current code within the existing building area. Some program areas would be lost due to additional washrooms. The renovation would cause an interruption to services provided to the community and suspend revenues. The facility would meet current codes but would be the same size.

Council would need to review options and costs and determine whether they would want to proceed with the capital investments in the existing 47-year old building as well as potential phasing over the upcoming years.

Has the District of Summerland invested in any significant capital upgrades at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre in the last 5 years?

Based on a Facility Condition Assessment that was completed on the Aquatic and Fitness Centre in 2018, all major building mechanical, electrical and pool systems have exceeded their expected usable life. Additionally, a community survey was completed for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the same year, which indicated replacing the current facility was one of the highest priorities for residents. Since that time, the District of Summerland has been working through the various steps of investigating options (community engagement, research, condition assessment, needs analysis, feasibility study, etc.) to inform a preferred option and location for a replacement facility. Therefore, the

District has not made any significant capital investments in the current facility while the long term plans for its future are under review.

Given the consideration to replace the existing facility, it would be imprudent to make major capital investments on the current facility in advance of a final determination of the community's wishes through a referendum. Nevertheless, the building has not been neglected and staff have continued to conduct daily maintenance, implement necessary repairs, replace failing parts, complete annual shutdown maintenance tasks, and all other requirements to keep the building operational until a long term plan for the building is determined.

What amenities are included in the proposed facility?

The proposed Recreation Centre includes the following amenities:

- Six-lane, 25m lap pool, leisure pool, hot tub, steam or sauna room
- Modern change rooms including fully accessible and family/universal change spaces
- Fitness Centre
- Fitness/activity multi-purpose room
- Youth/family multi-purpose room
- Lobby, pool viewing, reception, administration offices
- Energy efficient to a LEED Silver standard

Summerland's population has nearly doubled since the Aquatic & Fitness Centre were first constructed in 1976. Based on the results of community surveys, Summerland's residents are recommending new and expanded amenities to be included in a new facility. That's why the proposed facility is approximately 51% larger (10,890 net square feet). The additional space allows for a small leisure pool, two multi-purpose recreation program rooms, and larger universal access change rooms.

How was the size of the proposed Recreation Centre determined?

The size of the proposed facility – and the amenities within it – were determined based on Summerland's growth in population* since 1976, the amount and type of sport and recreation programming residents are seeking, and extensive public consultation that took place during the [2021 Needs Assessment](#). During the Needs Assessment, the community advocated for the minimum/priority (core) spaces in a new recreation facility to include:

- six-lane, 25m lap pool
- leisure pool
- hot tub
- universal change rooms
- fitness centre
- multipurpose fitness/activity classroom
- youth/family multipurpose program room
- and access to a gymnasium

Other facility enhancements were explored, but were considered "secondary" priorities to the community, and therefore they were not included in the proposed project scope. These included: an eight-lane competition pool (additional two lanes), a child care centre, gymnasium, health centre, and tennis centre. Other ideas such as a walking track and additional programming spaces were not included to keep the size, scope and cost of the project lower.

*Summerland's population has nearly doubled since the Aquatic & Fitness Centre was first constructed.

Why build a new pool when Summerland residents can use the pool in Penticton?

There is currently limited registration available for non-residents of Penticton and many programs are difficult to access. Without a pool or recreation centre, Summerland residents would be reliant on other communities to provide recreation services, including swimming lessons and other fitness programs, such as aquatic rehabilitation (Recope). Transportation limitations are an issue for many Summerland residents, especially for those with limited income and with mobility issues.

How does Summerland compare to other similar sized communities with providing a pool and replacing older pools?

Staff have compiled a list of BC pool comparisons for municipalities with a population of 5,000 – 19,000 which is posted on the [engagement webpage](#).

Is there an anticipated increase in use of the proposed Recreation Centre?

The Summerland Aquatic Centre puts a priority on swimming lessons to ensure children in our community are safer around our surrounding lakes. Because more of the Aquatic Centre's available water and pool time is dedicated to swimming lessons, as well as Recope (rehabilitation program) and swim club, the ability to offer other public swimming time is limited.

Most current aquatic programs are at full capacity with long waitlists, indicating a higher demand for pool time than can currently be accommodated.

If electors vote in favour of the referendum question, the new aquatic centre will include a 6-lane, 25m lap pool, as well as a new leisure pool, offering the ability to have multiple programs happening at the same time throughout the day (such as swim lessons and public swimming), rather than having to choose to offer just one. Because of the ability to offer multiple programs simultaneously, it's fully anticipated that attendance would increase.

Additionally, by adding two dedicated multi-purpose rooms (for fitness and family/youth programming), new programs could be introduced to the facility, or other current community-based programs could expand capacity to better meet the growing recreation and wellness demands of residents.

What is the estimated cost to build a new Recreation Centre?

The current project cost estimate (November 2022) has been calculated at \$48,981,394. At the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting, Council reviewed options around referendum timelines and borrowing amounts and passed a resolution to direct staff to conduct a Fall 2023 referendum for the Recreation Centre project for borrowing up to \$50 million. \$49 million is the core construction project costs plus an additional project contingency of \$1 million for any unforeseen expenses or delays. The \$50 million does not include additional funding to build a net-zero building (which will be considered only if grant funding becomes available), nor does it include any future costs associated with deconstruction of the existing facility.

The District has applied for a \$25 million grant through the Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program to obtain funding to construct a net-zero carbon building. While the overall project cost estimate would increase by \$8,531,548 to incorporate net-zero building components, with the GICB grant funding of \$25 million, the overall project costs would be reduced to approximately \$32.5 million. No timeline has been identified when the GICB grant announcements will be made.

How much would a new Recreation Centre cost the average taxpayer?

At its June 5, 2023 Council Meeting, Council directed staff, upon electoral assent, to include the expenditure to pay debt servicing costs for the Recreation Centre project through a 50% leveled parcel tax and a 50% property taxation increase.

At its June 26, 2023 Council Meeting, Council made a resolution that the Loan Authorization (Recreation Centre) Bylaw No. 2023-016 receive first, second and third reading. To ensure the full amount of annual debt servicing costs are funded, staff would create an Accumulated Reserve Loan account to internally borrow sufficient funds to pay annual debt servicing costs, in excess of the annual leveled parcel tax amount and annual taxation increases, from 2024 to 2027, with full repayment of the Accumulated Reserve Loan account by year end 2027.

Estimated annual tax increases below have been calculated based on the Municipal Finance Authority’s (MFA)30-year indicative lending rate, as of June 19, 2023. In order to collect the required funds to cover the estimated annual debt payments, taxation increases of 3.76%, 3.77%, 3.77% and 3.76% would be needed in order to cover 50% of the estimated debt payment. The other half of the debt would be covered through a leveled parcel tax. Should interest rates change during any of the four estimated debt draws throughout construction, the projected tax rate increases would need to be adjusted (either up or down depending on how the interest rate moves) in order to ensure the appropriate amount is collected through taxation to cover off the actual debt payments.

This would equate to the following estimated annual increases for the below noted assessed homes*:

	Tax Rate Leveling & 50% Parcel Tax Leveling				
	Estimated Annual Tax Increases				
	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Assessed Value - \$ 600,000	114.17	116.00	117.74	119.41	467.34
Assessed Value - \$ 899,173	136.23	138.97	141.57	144.08	560.87
Assessed Value - \$1,100,000	151.03	154.39	157.57	160.64	623.65

**The ‘Total’ amount listed in the table above is the estimated cumulative increase in property and parcel taxes for the listed assessed value homes, for the purpose of constructing a new Recreation Centre, between 2024 – 2027.*

Based on the above table, a home assessed at \$600,000 would pay the following annual amounts during the four year construction phase: 2024 - \$114.17; 2025 – \$230.17; 2026 - \$347.91; 2027 - \$467.34.

After 2027, no additional property or parcel tax increases for this capital project are anticipated. The term of the loan with the MFA would be 30 years (**annual payments continue for 30 years**). This borrowing is similar to a conventional home mortgage. The District will be on a fixed term for the first 10-years of the borrowing with subsequent re-financing terms of five or ten years.

Is there a contingency in place for inflation?

Yes, the current project cost budgets for an escalation rate of 14% which reflects a late third quarter 2024 construction tender date and construction completed by the end of 2026. It is anticipated with a Fall 2023 referendum, these timelines can be met.

Of the project cost estimate of \$50 million, this includes a design contingency allowance of 10% and

construction contingency of 5%. Council further allocated an additional contingency of approximately \$1 million for any unforeseen expenses or delays. These contingencies are included to provide some room in the budget for unexpected items that may come up through the implementation of the project, which is intended to keep the project within the allocated budget.

Why build a new facility adjacent to the Summerland Arena & Curling Club?

Based on extensive public consultation and a thorough [2022 Feasibility & Site Fit Study](#), the preferred site for the proposed Recreation Centre is adjacent to the Summerland Arena & Curling Club, at 8820 Jubilee Road East.

The strengths of this site were identified as:

- Providing uninterrupted sport, recreation, and rehabilitation service during construction
- Accommodating parking development without structured parking
- Ability to accommodate childcare in future phases

Additionally, by building a new facility adjacent to the arena, the District can realize cost savings and increased energy efficiencies by taking advantage of heat recapture technology; harvesting heat surplus from the arena to assist in heating the Recreation Centre.

Building a new facility adjacent to the Summerland Arena also helps create a sports and recreation “complex” with the Arena and Curling Club, helping families take part in multiple sports and activities at one in a centralized location.

What is the expected remaining useful life of the Summerland Arena & Curling Club and why is it longer than the pool?

The 2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan recommended that Condition Assessments be completed for both the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre and the Summerland Arena & Curling Club, as they were both over 40 years old and flagged as aging infrastructure. Understanding the current state of both of these facilities was recommended to assist with future planning.

The District of Summerland proceeded with both studies and hired qualified professionals to assess the buildings. The details of the evaluation criteria and considerations are outlined in each of the reports. The results of these reports indicated that structural condition of the Summerland Arena & Curling Club had about 39 more years of useful life remaining and the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre was at end of life. Based on conversations with qualified professionals, it is believed that an aquatic environment (humidity, warmth, moisture, chlorination, etc.) results in faster building and system deterioration than an arena which is cold and dry.

How would parking be addressed for the new facility?

The Feasibility & Site Fit study did an initial analysis of parking and ensured concepts achieved Summerland’s parking bylaw requirements which reflects a net increase of approximately 60 spaces. If the community votes in favour of the referendum question and the project proceeds, part of the detail design process will be to ensure there is adequate parking available. In the preliminary concept design work, it is proposed to create additional parking at the back of the arena.

Other areas targeted for new parking are the District-owned lands currently leased to the Summerland Timber Mart as a storage yard, the District works yard/equipment storage, and the old skatepark.

What environmental standard would be used to construct the new facility?

The proposed Recreation Centre would be built to modern and efficient construction standards (LEED Silver). According to the Canada Green Building Council, “Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design (LEED) certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building project was designed and built, or operated, to achieve high performance in six areas of human and environmental health:

1. Location & transportation
2. Sustainable site development
3. Water savings
4. Energy efficiency
5. Materials selection
6. Indoor environmental quality

A [Green Building Assessment Report](#) that was completed in 2022 for the District of Summerland identifies a number of strategies that could be implemented for a new aquatic centre to achieve a LEED Silver rating. Some of these strategies include: using electric heat pumps, heat recovery ventilators, and Energy Star rated appliances and fans; installing dimmable LED lighting with occupancy sensors; incorporating natural light and daylighting; and using a highly efficient water heater system.

Additionally, the building could be constructed with materials that have Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) or Health Product Declarations (HPD); use water-efficient fixtures reducing to reduce indoor water consumption; use indoor finishing materials that are low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and contain no urea formaldehyde; and install high efficiency air filters such as MERV13.

Will grants be sought and to what extent?

Yes, major grant opportunities are being explored to help reduce the overall cost of the project. Grant availability is subject to change and is often a matter of timing. Grant approvals are at the discretion of the particular grant administrator.

The District of Summerland applied for a \$6 million grant through the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Strategic Priorities Fund Capital Infrastructure Stream. The District of Summerland has been informed the application was not approved for funding and the intake was oversubscribed.

Additionally, the District of Summerland has applied for a grant of up to \$25 million through the Green & Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program to obtain funding to construct a net-zero carbon building. While the overall project cost estimate would increase by \$8,531,548 to incorporate net-zero building components, with the GICB grant funding of \$25 million, the overall project costs would be reduced to approximately \$32.5 million. No timeline has been identified when the GICB grant announcements will be made.

What is a net-zero carbon building?

A net-zero building is one that at the end of construction can produce energy onsite or procures carbon-free renewable energy that offsets the annual carbon emissions of that building, its materials and operation. A net-zero-carbon-ready building is one that has been designed and built to net-zero carbon standards but the renewable energy system has not yet been installed. A net-zero building reduces the long-term facility operating costs through water conservation and reduced heat and power costs. At the capital outlay stage, net-zero construction would require additional capital investment, but it can save considerable money over the next several decades.

Why is the District considering a net-zero carbon Recreation Centre?

It is the goal of the District of Summerland to be a leader in sustainability and responsible development. The proposed facility design already includes features that would achieve a LEED Silver certification, supporting the conservation of water. With the emergence of the GICB Grant program, the opportunity presented itself to take the design to the next level, by achieving a net-zero standard which results in a substantial reduction in electricity and gas consumption as well, over the long term. A net zero standard requires additional up front capital costs which are beyond the District's current budget for the project; therefore, we are hopeful for the GICB Grant which would offset any of these up front capital costs.

What are the project construction cost implications with a net-zero carbon building?

The total costs for the net-zero carbon components are \$8,531,548 which includes design allowances and construction contingency. With the GICB grant funding of \$25 million, the overall project costs would be reduced to approximately \$32.5 million. This option will only proceed if the District of Summerland is successful in receiving the GICB grant funding and if electors vote in favour of the referendum question.

Can the proposed Summerland Recreation Centre project achieve a net-zero carbon standard?

Yes, the consultants engaged to review sustainability design and construction options for the Summerland Recreation Centre project have confirmed that a net-zero carbon building can be achieved through the integration of rooftop solar photovoltaics, rooftop solar thermal, geoexchange ground heat exchanger system, and heat reclamation from the adjacent arena facility.

What are the potential annual operational energy savings if the District can build a net-zero carbon Recreation Centre?

Substantial energy savings are gained through the modern construction of a new facility alone, but if we go beyond basic construction standards for a new building, the operating costs are lowered even more. For example, if the District is able to build a net-zero facility, it is estimated the savings would be approximately \$140,000 in the first year of operation, in comparison to its current energy bill rates. By 2030, savings jump to approximately \$170,000 annually just based on carbon tax increases; this is not considering any rise in actual energy costs, which are also expected.

What will happen if electors vote in favour of the referendum question?

If electors vote in favour of the referendum question, a detailed design is expected to begin immediately for a new multi-purpose recreation centre, to include a new aquatic centre, fitness centre, universal change rooms, and two multi-purpose rooms. Construction is expected to begin in 2025, and is anticipated to be complete in 2026. The proposed facility will be built adjacent to the Summerland Arena & Curling Club (at 8820 Jubilee Road E).

The District will need to continue conversations with School District 67 about what to do with the current Aquatic & Fitness Centre and the property on which it sits. The property is owned by the School District.

What happens if electors vote against the referendum question?

If electors vote against the referendum question, issues from aging infrastructure will be addressed as best as reasonably possible when they arise.

In the meantime, the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will remain in its current size and configuration. The same type and number of aquatic programs that are offered today will continue so long as the facility is operational, as there is no ability to expand program capacity. Basic operational repairs and maintenance would continue.

Council would need to consider its options for major capital investments and any associated tax increases to fund those investments, but without major capital investment Summerland could eventually be left without an aquatic and recreation facility, ending school programs, swim lessons, competitive teams, rehabilitation, and aquatic fitness programs for residents of all ages.

How can I find out more about the proposed Recreation Centre project and the referendum?

The District of Summerland is rolling out a 10-week information campaign starting August 28 to provide the community detailed information about the Recreation Centre project and referendum which includes:

- Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre building tours:
 - Wednesday, September 6 at 1 p.m.
 - Thursday, September 7 at 10 a.m.
 - Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m.
 - Saturday, September 9 at 11 a.m. (plus an afternoon session if there is demand)
- Public Open House
 - Wednesday, October 11 at 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Summerland Arena Banquet Room
- Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre staffed information sessions
 - Wednesday, October 18 at 3 – 5 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 19 at 9 – 11 a.m.
- Videos
- Information booths at a variety of key locations around Summerland
- Pop-up booths at events
- Presentations to local organizations
- Weekly media releases
- Weekly social media posts with key information
- Handouts
- Advertisements
- Website information and online engagement page www.summerland.ca/recreationcentre with ongoing updates

How do I know if I'm eligible to vote in the referendum?

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register to vote at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below.

RESIDENT ELECTORS

You can vote in a referendum in Summerland if you meet all the following criteria. A resident elector must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day, November 4, 2023;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months immediately before the day of registration (at the time of voting);

- be a resident of the District of Summerland (at the time of voting); and,
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in a local election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS

You must provide proof of ownership of the property for which you are voting and you meet all of the following requirements. To register as a non-resident property elector, you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day, November 4, 2023;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months immediately before the day of registration (at the time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in the District of Summerland for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at the time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one person is registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

Types of documents that will be accepted as identification:

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The following classes of documents will be accepted:

- a) a Driver's Licence;
- b) an Identification Card such as
 - i. a photo BC services card;
 - ii. a non-photo BC services card;
- c) an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- d) a BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard;
- e) a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8, (now Monthly Form EA181);
- f) a Social Insurance Number card;

- g) a Citizenship Card;
- h) a real property tax notice;
- i) a credit card or debit card; or
- j) a utility bill (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services).

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

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