



SENIOR PLANNER

Summerland, nestled in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, is an idyllic town with beautiful beaches, orchards, vineyards and mountains. The population of this centrally located municipality is just over 12,500. If you are excited about building a sustainable, healthy community and you share our values of service, integrity, and innovation – the District would like you to be part of our team.

The District of Summerland has an opportunity for a Senior Planner who, under the direction of the Director of Planning and Development, will be responsible for a wide range of planning functions. The role provides advice to internal and external clients, requiring a sound understanding of federal, provincial, and municipal legislation, and offers support and advice to Council Committees. The Senior Planner will also lead and develop strategic projects for the District, as assigned by management and District Council, and provides direction, information, advice, and mentorship related to planning initiatives, long-range planning projects, and the coordination of corporate and community sustainability initiatives.

The District is preparing to undertake several large-scale, high priority planning projects, including a comprehensive Official Community Plan (OCP) review and update, a housing needs assessment, and related zoning bylaw amendments to address housing supply to be completed by the end of 2026. Additional projects include the rezoning, subdivision and sale of an approximately 145-unit high sustainability focused “Eco-Village” residential development; revitalization initiatives recommended by the Downtown Neighbourhood Action Plan; and the review and update of form and character development permits as prescribed in the District’s OCP. The Senior Planner will lead these large-scale planning initiatives on behalf of the District and will also review and process increasingly complex and large-scale development applications, guiding files from pre-application enquiry through to final approval.

Qualified candidates will possess the following qualifications:

- A bachelor’s degree in Planning, Geography or a related field with preference being given to applicants with a Master’s Degree.
- Minimum of seven years of progressive and varied land use planning experience in a municipal planning environment and / or planning practice.
- Membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).
- Strong working knowledge of theoretical land use planning principles, local land use planning policies, and possess the ability to make land use decisions and recommendations.
- Strong working knowledge and understanding with the ability to interpret and analyze the *Local Government Act, Land Title Act, Community Charter, Agricultural Land Commission Act* and other relevant federal and provincial policies and legislation as they relate to local government.

Please view Summerland’s website at www.summerland.ca/jobs for a complete job description including all required skills, knowledge and qualifications. This position is in the CUPE 1136 bargaining unit and offers an hourly wage of \$56.71 per hour as well as a competitive benefits package and pension.

The District of Summerland is currently able to offer the successful candidate the option of either a 4-day compressed or 5-day, 35 hour work week. Summerland’s Municipal Hall regular office hours are open to the public from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Qualified applicants may submit a cover letter and resume, in pdf format, by Tuesday, January 13, 2026, to the attention of the Human Resources Department by email to hr@summerland.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those short listed for an interview will be contacted.