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We are working on potholes! The asphalt plants are open now and we finally have access to hot mix for pothole filling and patching. Road maintenance is happening through the next month including sweeping, line and crosswalk painting, patching, and filling of potholes as well as sidewalk grinding. With the price of oil compounded by inflationary pressures, we are experiencing about a 30% increase in our asphalt pricing, so we are monitoring budgets closely. We will be sending some Facebook posts in the coming week to make the public aware of the maintenance work and to ask that residents be extra cautious when driving in areas where crews are working. The Washington Avenue paving is also anticipated to take place in the next week or so, and portions of Canyon View Road will also be paved soon once the water main replacement is complete. With public assent now received on Giants Head Road, we are focused on that project with the intent of work being done later this summer and fall.

Due to unseasonably cold weather the week of April 11, we had to delay turning on the irrigation to agricultural properties to the following week, unfortunately. However, we did turn on our 28 water fill stations throughout the District so that farmers needing bulk water for their operations would be able to use those devices to get it. Individual farmers who were willing to take the risk and responsibility for turning on their local water service were able to do so on a request basis, as per the usual process.

It is that time of year when the bears are coming out again. It has been reported to us that some residents have been putting garbage cans out before collection days, so on the evenings of April 20 & 21 District Bylaw Staff patrolled collection routes and put notices on garbage cans that had put out the night before. The notice included tips on managing Bear attractants and highlighted that putting your garbage out before 5am on collection day is an offence under District bylaws.

It is impossible not to notice the colourful Memorial Park Playground installation underway. Just a reminder that the Community Volunteer Day Saturday is set for May 14 at 8 am to install engineer wood fibre surfacing. Residents can email [recreation@summerland.ca](mailto:recreation@summerland.ca) or phone 250-494-0447 to sign up.

We are excited about our recent grant approval for phases 3 & 4 of the Giant's Head Mountain Trails Redevelopment Project. We were one of 57 projects across British Columbia to receive funding, with over \$1.2M from the federal and provincial governments with the District contributing the remainder. These final phases will include road and washroom improvements, construction of the Grind trail to the top of mountain, remedial planting and invasive weed management, and erosion control measures. We have learnings from the first two phases that can be applied as we work on the next phases so we will be coming to Council in May with a report to confirm next steps on the project.

We have begun work on the Eneas Creek flood restoration work including the Centennial Trail along Peach Orchard Road. The environmental conditions for the work are very specific and all work is occurring under the observation of a Qualified Environmental Professional who is onsite during the

operations. Residents are reminded that the current permissions from the province were granted to ensure protection of the existing infrastructure including the road from the upcoming freshet. We hope to be able to restore the safety of the trail as well through this work and when this portion of the trail can be opened again for public use we will ensure to folks through Facebook.

Finally, just a reminder that Fortis has a planned power outage Friday, April 29 at 11:00pm to April 30 6:00am. We are supporting awareness through a media release, Facebook posts, emails to key critical customers, and sandwich boards put out days before the outage so people can plan for the event.