



CAO Report – July 11, 2022

First, I wanted to recognize the great work of our first responders in Summerland who put on a special community event at the Summerland Fire Department on Saturday from 1pm – 2pm. Ambulances, a police cruiser, and all our fire equipment were on display, with cool drinks and Freezies on hand to cool off participants. From flashing lights to displays and the opportunity to interact with first responders and their equipment – including an operational fire hose – fun was had by all, and the effort was a great success. Special thanks to Chief Rob Robinson in his efforts to coordinate this special event.

Also on the weekend, Okanagan Granfondo ran through our community on Sunday with more than 3000 participants coming from across North America to compete in this cycling event. Special thanks to our Public Works and Infrastructure crews who worked hard to prepare the portion of the route that runs through Summerland, which required patching and sweeping to make things safe and clear for these fast-moving bikes.

We continue to monitor water levels in the lake closely and before the weekend the lake was at 12.5cm above full pool, with inflows in the lake being about the same as outflows down through water control infrastructure. While the heavy rains received last week did cause some localized flooding in communities around the lake, the overall effect on the lake level has been manageable.

Environment Canada is expecting a drying spell this week, and ultimately the expectation is that the drying trend with the lack of inflow should start to bring lake levels down. In terms of Summerland specifically, we have heard reports of impacts of the high water table in some parts of the community, but we have not had any further requests for sandbags since June 17 so it appears residents are feeling that things are stabilizing. With the heavy rains in recent days, there were areas of the community where drainage infrastructure was temporary overwhelmed, and where low-lying road surfaces gathered water. Our crews

were quick to get out to those locations to divert water and in some cases to use hydrovac trucks to remove the water off site to avoid impacts to residences.

Respectfully submitted,
Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer