



## CAO REPORT – June 26, 2023

I had the pleasure of attending part of the “Between the Lakes” Pow Wow at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton this past weekend. It was a great event, and I really appreciate the partnership of the Chamber of Commerce who manned our booth at the pow wow for three days, sharing information with the travelling public and area residents, and inviting them to come check out Summerland!

It has been a busy start to summer with the farmer’s market starting up, the “Schools Out for Summer” pool party, one day recycling weekend this past weekend, the long board free ride event, and of course various graduation activities... with all that busyness I thought I would provide a gentle reminder that property taxes, including eligible homeowner grants (HOG) are due Friday, July 7, 2023. There is a 10% penalty for payments after the due date. Property tax notices were mailed May 23. If you did not receive your notice in the mail please call 250-494-6451 or email [propertytaxes@summerland.ca](mailto:propertytaxes@summerland.ca). Please note also, homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall. Homeowners must apply for the HOG directly to the Province of BC by phoning 1-888-355-2700 or online.

The Giants Head Road and Water Project is coming into its final phases. Final tie-ins for the water on the Hillborn side are now complete, and we have engaged ICBC to provide advice on traffic calming measures. Crews are working in the area between Gartrell and Hillborn to prepare the road surface for pavement, which is being scheduled within the first half of July. With all the equipment working and the constant delivery of gravel and other materials, crews are doing their very best to minimize any road closures but residents are asked to please obey all signage and follow the directions of flaggers on site for the project. Once we have the advice from ICBC we will proceed with painting the lines and final signage placements. RCMP will be on site now and throughout the coming month intermittently to enforce against speeding in the area. Please note that the speed limit is 50km per hour unless otherwise posted.

Finally, just a shout out to our fantastic parks staff who have been keeping our parks and beaches clean. You may have noticed that the sand seems extra beautiful these days – that is thanks to our new beach groomer machine that picks up branches and rocks, broken glass and all manner of other debris from the sand, leaving it in a beautiful, groomed state. I hope everyone gets out to our local beaches this summer to enjoy some rest and relaxation.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer