



CAO REPORT – MAY 9, 2022

Flood restoration in the approved areas along Eneas Creek continues, however we are delayed by the discovery of nesting birds in the location of the Centennial Trail near Peach Orchard Road. As soon as we receive clearance from our consulting biologist, we will resume activities on site. While we intend to be able to restore the safety of the trail through the work, the project is not a major trail rehabilitation and beautification project. The key focus of the approved work is to ensure protection of the existing infrastructure, including the road, from the upcoming freshet.

Work continues at the Isintok Reservoir to gather up and burn woody debris. Snowpack is below normal so we are beginning to fill the reservoir to ensure that we reach our water storage goals this season; however, remaining work to resolve the wood debris issue will resume in the fall if needed. Despite the low snowpack values, currently we do not have any concern with our ability to fill up our key water storage infrastructure for use later in the season.

The Fortis power outage to service their substation was carried out according to plan on April 29 and 30. I have received reports from both the Fire Department and the RCMP that, other than two false alarms, the power outage did not increase crime or fire events in the community. Thank you to all residents for their patience as Fortis makes these changes. A further power outage will be scheduled in the fall to finalize the work on the substation.

Lastly, I wanted to say how proud I am of the work of staff from many departments who supported the revitalization work at the George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre which resulted in the District receiving a Community Excellence Award from the Southern Interior Local Government Association at their annual convention. It was a huge project with all the challenges that a project of this size brings. Staff worked across departments and with many stakeholders and contractors to see this project come to fruition and now it has been recognized for excellence in the region as well.