



CAO REPORT – November 14, 2022

On behalf of staff, I would like to start by welcoming Council to your first regular meeting day since your inauguration. A special congratulations to you Mayor Holmes as you put on the mantle of your Mayorship, and to you Councillor Trainer with your appointment as the Deputy Mayor. We look forward to serving and working with Council over the next four years, and we are excited about the many projects and priorities we will deliver together!

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With the early season snowfall, staff have been busy plowing and sanding roads and shoveling sidewalks. I am proud how the team rose to the challenge, and especially that conditions could be made safe in the downtown area quickly so the Remembrance Day ceremonies could proceed unencumbered. Residents will note that in certain areas we have had to stockpile snow, and we do apologize for any inconvenience this may causes in some of our parking spaces.

Due to the sudden plunge into the unseasonably cold weather and snowfall, the Giants Head Road Project is wrapping up for the season. As noted in our most recent newsletter, we had hoped we could finish the paving on the last stretch this year, but mother nature gets the last word on our construction window, and she has closed it. We are at the mercy of the paving plants being open for hot mix asphalt, and it has to be a consistent +5 degrees for the paving to proceed. We will return to the project as soon as possible next year and in the meantime the contractor will do what they can to move aside equipment, so the road is more easily passable through construction areas in the meantime.

On the flip side, the warm fall has delayed the leaves falling from the trees throughout the community! As a result, we will be offering an additional Unlimited Yard & Garden Waste curbside collection. The dates for this event will be on the regularly scheduled curbside collection day during the week of **November 29 to December 2**. Many residents experienced broken branches and trees with the snowfall, and I would like to remind folks that we can pick those up as well during the unlimited yard and garden waste collection if they are prepared properly. For more information on preparing yard and garden waste material for pick up, residents should visit the “Community Updates” page on our website.

We have installed porta-toilets for the winter season at key areas in the community where people continue to frequent in the winter months. We must shut the water off in our regular facilities during the late fall and winter period to avoid freezing the lines. Porta-toilets are installed at Rotary Beach, Peach Orchard Campground at the pickleball courts, the Dale Meadows temporary dog park. The District also pays the regional district to maintain the pit toilet on the TransCanada Trail which remains open in the off season. For this year we are once again placing a porta-toilet in Memorial Park given the increased use of that park during the winter months with the new destination playground and the number of people walking their dogs on-lease through park, with Council’s change to the bylaw to allow its use for that purpose.

The District is undertaking a master planning process for the Rodeo Grounds property which is 74 acres of parkland on the west side of the District. The project consultants are in the initial stages of completing a site assessment and gathering input from the public. Anyone interested in providing input into the master planning process is welcome to attend the Summerland Rodeo Grounds Master Plan open house on Wednesday November 23 anytime between 4:30pm and 6:30pm at the Rodeo Grounds clubhouse at 18707 Bathville Road. For those who are unable to attend in person, there will be an online survey where you can submit initial feedback. For more information about this project or for the link to the survey, visit the District of Summerland website and check out the project website.

Finally, I wanted to mention that starting this week, we will be producing a “Council Highlights” document for media and the public within two days following each regular meeting day of Council. The document will provide a high-level summary of Council’s discussion and associated decisions for the meetings that day. Streaming and recording of Council meetings will continue to occur and this document will not replace or modify any regulatory requirement for the official recording and publishing of minutes of the meeting. The Council Highlights will be posted on the website under the “Your City Hall” heading, and people can also sign up to the email group [councilhighlights@summerland.ca](mailto:councilhighlights@summerland.ca) to have the highlights sent directly to their inbox. I am sure this will be a welcome compendium for those who like to follow the discussion topics of Council but who do not have the time to review the meeting package or meeting recordings.

Respectfully submitted,

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