



CAO Report – August 8, 2023

I am excited to report that all of Giants Head Road from Harris Road to Hillborn Street has now been paved, with twinned water lines beneath the road surface to support future water separation. Road painting starts tonight. Additional signage is also forthcoming to support road safety, and the addition of the allowance for bikes along the roadway and on the separated multi-use trail will also support public safety. We will schedule an official opening announcement in the beginning of September.

Regarding road improvements, the road work and water infrastructure at Jubilee Road is well underway. In accordance with the Cycling Master Plan a widened shoulder for two-way bike use will support the safe passage for children who frequent the area. It won't restrict the laneways for vehicular traffic. This road standard is implemented as roads are rebuilt and, like links in a chain, will eventually connect to fulfill the ultimate vision of improved active transportation routes in the community.

Similarly, we are about to embark on a road project on Victoria Road South from Agur St. to Dunham Crescent which will also include a multi-use pathway according to the capital plan and designs. As a regular motorist on that road, I will be greatly relieved to not have to worry about pedestrians walking and biking in the traffic lane on that stretch which currently does not have any pedestrian walkway.

The Dale Meadows road and water project is also set to begin, and it can't come quick enough. Once again, we had a water break there recently which required a boil water advisory for residents of the area. It will be wonderful this year to go through the Christmas season without a water main break at that spot... while I am big on Christmas traditions.... this is one tradition I am sure residents would love to end and this project is going to do just that with the installation of a new watermain under the roadway.

The Community Energy Association is running their 25th annual award nominations for the 2023 Climate and Energy Action Awards. The District is excited to be part of 25 total nominations, and winners will be announced at the UBCM Convention in Vancouver on September 20. The nomination is for our Battery Storage and Solar project, and it would be wonderful to receive some recognition for this project which is being built as we speak! Fingers crossed on that....

Due to some unforeseen delays relating to environmental requirements beyond our control the pier project is currently in a holding pattern. We do anticipate that we will still get done what we hoped for this year in our operating window, and I will have further details in my next report on August 29.

Finally, I wanted to share the unfortunate news of the unexpected passing of former employee Kevin Taylor from a sudden illness. Kevin was with the District of Summerland as a Development Planner from September 4, 2018, to January 3, 2020, and was most recently employed as the Director of Corporate and Development Services for the District of Lillooet. While I did not personally work with Kevin, I am told he was well liked by his staff peers and was very diligent and professional. On the personal side Kevin was a smart and witty person who was well liked by everyone who knew him. Our sympathies go out to the District of Lillooet and friends and family who will certainly miss his presence and zest for life.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Stat, Chief Administrative Officer