



CAO Report – August 9, 2021

I am pleased to inform Council that the Hunter's Hill development has achieved substantial completion of the phase 1 portion of development, which allows occupancy to take place in the homes that are ready for that purpose.

There are 26 regular single family lots in phase 1 of the project. Regarding phase 2, substantial earthworks have been completed, with a rough grading target completion date at the end of August. Detailed Design for the utilities and roadworks has been submitted, and District staff are reviewing presently. There are 31 single family lots proposed in phase 2, with a mixture of walk-out, rancher, and walk-up lot types, all with incredible views of Summerland and many of the lake. Lot sizes are generous and in keeping with the semi-rural / urban character of the adjacent areas. Phase 3 is already starting to take shape, as the fill for that site is coming in large part from the earthworks being completed in phase 2.

Last week we had a power outage which was the result of a passenger car striking a power pole. The outage affected 850 customers. I am proud of the quick response of our electrical, fire, water, works and IT teams that saw the restoration of the power to customers very quickly. It was a big team effort to get the power back on for all residents quickly and to keep the community informed about this issue.

The Request for Proposals for the construction of the Solar and Battery Project has been posted with a closing date of September 7. We are excited about moving into this next stage of the project which will see steps taken to prepare the site and ultimately construct the solar facility that will have the capability of powering 100 homes. Council also received a presentation this afternoon on an ECO village concept in the immediate vicinity of the Solar project which staff have been exploring with the area property owners, recreational groups, and the Penticton Indian Band. Due diligence is being performed on environmental and other planning considerations for both sites to ensure we maintain the District's high standards for development in these areas.

Our water storage levels continue to drop at a typical rate and things are looking good with no immediate concerns. The District's decisive action to move to stage 2 water restrictions early in the summer season have also helped the demand side of the equation with the Water Treatment Plant operating at below 60 ML/D over the last few days and lower flows are expected through this weekend. This is well within defined operating parameters for this facility. The Garnett reservoir is also in good shape currently as well, both in terms of volume and algae. The Isintok reservoir has been almost completely drawn down now and will no longer be contributing to Trout Creek flow next week, to allow for the planned install of the water outlet pipe.

As noted in our most recent newsletter, the Aquatic and Fitness Centre will be in "shutdown" mode from August 28 -September 12, reopening on September 13. The reason for the shutdown each year around this time is to conduct needed maintenance. During this time the centre is not providing its regular services. More information will be forthcoming on the District website and Facebook, for residents who regularly use the service offerings of these facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer