



CAO Report – March 28, 2022

I am glad to report that since the recent regulatory structure was finalized by Council for Short Term Rentals, we have already seen our first few short term rental business licence applications come forward. We are encouraging short term rental operators to get licenced before enforcement starts after Labour Day...application forms and guides are available at summerland.ca or at Municipal Hall.

Some good news! Some of our approvals have come through for the Eneas Creek work, including the Centennial Trail work along Peach Orchard Road. Among other things, these provincial approvals will finally allow us to remediate the public trail and restore bank stability by re-grading the bank slope and installing riprap, removing dangerous trees and large woody debris, along with riparian planting. All work will be conducted with guidance from a Qualified Environmental Professional.

Memorial Park playground will be closed starting Tuesday, March 29, as construction will be starting on the new Playground Project. Access to the outdoor fitness equipment, bandshell, washrooms and open space of the park will still be available. Due to a miscommunication from one of our contractors for the project, they came a few days early. We have apologized to residents on Facebook for any inconvenience this brief interruption to the access of the playground caused users.

We are preparing to replace Pressure Reducing Valve #14 on Harris Road. On Thursday, March 31st, Harris Road will be closed, the road will be excavated, and the pipework will be installed. We hope to then backfill the road so it can be used until April 7th, at which time the valve itself will be replaced. On April 7th the road will be closed again, and about 176 properties will have no water service from 8am to 6pm between Front Bench Road and Giants Head Road that day while we replace the PRV. Addresses within the impacted area will be sent notices so they can prepare to meet their water needs during this period.

Finally, I wanted Council to be aware that, in line with direction from the province, on April 8 we will be transitioning from "COVID safety plans" for each of our facilities to the standard Communicable Disease Plan for our operations. We will remain vigilant for staff health and safety of our those whom we serve. The Communicable Disease Plan, which is posted on the website, will support that effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer