



CAO Report – April 29, 2024

We are experiencing a delay in the completion of our road and drainage work on Victoria Road South to Agur Street. Council will recall last year we went as far as we could go given there is a Fortis gas main line under part of the road at the next section. We are still waiting for Fortis to provide their response to our referral. It is a growing concern as couple of weeks ago a child attempting to navigate the incomplete multi-use trail fell off their bike and was rendered unconcoious, requiring an ambulance to be called. We have redoubled our efforts to obtain their authorization to complete the project, and I even reached out to the CEO personally in which I received back a response from a regional representative for the company who indicated the matter is being looked into. Unfortunately, this main gas line also intersects other projects on our capital list and without a clearer way forward we are concerned that other delays could also be experienced for those projects.

We are in the process of establishing operating hours for the temporary dog park at the Peach Orchard Beach Park. With the days getting longer there have been some concern relayed to us from area residents that people are coming quite early in the morning and later at night, along with the associated sounds and activity of dogs playing and interacting with their owners. As such we plan to move forward with operating hours from 7:30am to 9:00pm, seven days a week starting on May 1, with a lock being placed on the gate to the park when it is not in operation. Other improvements such as aerating and top dressing the sod and moving the gate have proven to be beneficial to the park which has received high use due to its popularity.

Our project to fix the roof at the aquatic centre encountered a setback when it was discovered that parts of the roof are rotten and will need remediation before we put new shingles back on. We are currently awaiting final advice and pricing on repair options, with the hopes that this can come back to Council at the meeting in May. At this point it looks like we can remediate the damaged portions, but it is going to increase the budget requirements for the project.

Work on the pier has started again with the arrival of key components including some of the steel superstructure. Once the superstructure is welded to the steel piles, the wood decking and railing will be installed with the target official opening date of July 1 this year. Rotary continues to conduct fundraising for other enhancements, and once their recommendations are known, we will begin the process of working with the province on those components. For now, our authorization from the Crown allows for a basic reconstruction of the pier and we are going to try to achieve a very similar look and feel as the original, much-loved pier for residents and visitors.

Finally, just a reminder to everyone that the Deer Ridge Sewer information session is tomorrow at the George Ryga Centre, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Staff will be on hand with maps and project

design details to answer any questions from residents on that project. We also have prepared a project presentation which people can view ahead of the session. The presentation has been placed on our website on our project page, and we also have put that link on our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

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