



We had a very successful compost sales event on May 11 from 8:30am to 4:00pm, with well over 200 loads being purchased by residents. We are currently exploring additional options for public purchase or our high-grade compost, as well as bulk sales to large consumers, such as local agricultural operators and others in the community and region.

The official opening of the pier has been penciled in for 1pm on June 28. We will have various dignitaries, staff and members of Council present to celebrate this project and of course the public and media are welcome to attend as well. The basic pier design will be completed by that day, and the official opening will occur just in time for Canada Day, with residents and visitors alike once again enjoying this historic feature on our waterfront.

The planned work on Giants Head mountain is proceeding nicely, and many former areas have been remediated and signs have been put up to remind the public to stay on formalized trails so these other areas can grow back in. Work on the lower parking lot has also been conducted, and road improvements are currently underway over the next 2 weeks. The gate opening will be delayed from noon to 3 pm on May 21-24 and May 27-29. We appreciate the patience of park users while we work to improve the site for all.

Fortis Gas permits are now in hand for the road and drainage improvements on Victoria up to Agur Street, which will allow us to resume our work there. The contractor has been re-engaged and is now just in the process of mobilizing the necessary equipment to conduct the work; equipment that was gobbled up by other projects when this one was delayed due to the Fortis processing timelines. We have scheduled a meeting in June with Fortis staff to discuss other projects that are on the docket for this year, with the intent of seeing those permits come through in a more timely manner.

Finally, I wanted to relay that this weekend we were made aware of illegal brush and tree clearing in the riparian area adjacent to two properties at the new Lakehouse development. Enforcement actions commenced on the long weekend, and while I cannot comment on the specifics of any active enforcement file, I would note that in a situation like this it is common for the offending parties to be fined, and restoration of the area to take place under the supervision of a Qualified Environmental Professional. I also have personally contacted Kerkhoff developments, who is going to communicate with the strata association there and remind all residents that these activities are not permitted in this environmentally sensitive area.

Respectfully submitted,

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