



CAO Report – June 11, 2024

As we are less than a month away from Canada Day I wanted to start with an update on the work at the Summerland Pier. We are still targeting to have the pier accessible for the public for the long weekend in July. At this point it is going to be down to the wire with the last part of the work being the assembly of the railings on the pier. When we get closer, we will send further information out to the public over Facebook. While people should be able to use the pier on the long weekend, we are moving the “official opening” ceremony to the beginning of July to accommodate the provincial Minister responsible for the Growing Communities Fund. It will be an event open to the public as well, so more information will be forthcoming once we have that date nailed down.

Over the past few weeks, we have put together a plan to be able to sell soil amendment product to residents. We conducted a one-day sale which resulted in about 300 loads being provided to residents and so we want to continue the momentum. The province has clarified that we can't store and sell the material the way we used to because anywhere we host the product must be a lined area with a leachate plan. Since we can only sell in lined areas of the landfill, we have made some small changes to the new compost facility area to accommodate a safe loading area for trucks and trailers. On a trial basis we are going to be making the loading of soil amendment available to residents from 9am-noon, Monday through Friday. This means that we will be loading trucks and trailers using our loader. Unfortunately, we do not have a system in place yet for residents to self-load soil amendment (i.e. using shovels into pails) but we are looking into a few options that we hope will allow for this in the coming weeks. Once this is in place we are hoping to be able to allow for self-loading whenever the landfill is open to the public (Monday through Saturday). We will begin advertising this opportunity on our website and Facebook tomorrow.

We have posted a community survey on the website regarding our upcoming work on a new Transportation Plan. The Plan is a comprehensive, long-term document to guide the future of Summerland's transportation network. It will encompass all modes of transportation, from walking, biking, rolling, transit, driving, parking and even the movement of goods. We want to make sure everyone can get around safely and easily, no matter how they travel, and we would love to hear from residents on what their priorities are and how they get around currently. Folks are encouraged to fill out the survey by June 28 and to come out to the open house on June 20 from 4-7pm at the George Ryga Centre to learn more – also, keep an eye out for our pop-up information booth around the community.

Finally, just a heads up to residents that we have another one-day recycling depot planned for Saturday June 15 at the Summerland Arena.

Respectfully submitted,

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