



CAO Report – April 14, 2025

There has been a slide on Penticton Indian Band lands on Trout Creek further upstream from the Summerland Golf Course. There is no imminent risk to public safety downstream currently, and the hydrometric station at Trout Creek bridge shows water flows within the normal range for this time of year. Currently we are working with PIB, the Ministry of Transportation and others including the RDOS to share information and keep tabs on the issue. People should avoid hiking on or around the slide area while things settle and keep an eye out for public communications which at this time are coming from the PIB Emergency Operations Centre which has been established to coordinate efforts. As we approach Emergency Management Week it is also a good reminder to sign up for the VoyentAlert! App which is a key tool we use to communicate with the public. Unless things change that necessitate direct public communication to our own residents, we will work alongside PIB as the lead agency at this time and they will provide any general information updates as necessary.

Next Thursday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM we will have an open house at the George Ryga Centre as we start to ramp up for the Wharton Street revitalization project. Come out to learn more about the specific timeline of the project and the various moving parts that should be expected over the spring and summer period. It is our intent to minimize impacts from the project as much as possible but obviously there will be inconvenience to residents while we work on Wharton Street itself, in the park, on Henry Avenue and the intersection of Victoria Street and Main Street. Right now, we are targeting the substantial completion of the project for Remembrance Day so ceremonies can proceed in the new plaza being built in the park to bring prominence to the cenotaph and the original memorial intent of the park.

Speaking of roads projects, residents will notice that the Prairie Valley Road project has started back up again, and detours are in place to guide traffic away from the area. We are trying to accommodate movement of traffic wherever possible, but there will be some points during the project that we have to limit all traffic for periods of time during the project area. Please drive in courteous manner to keep workers safe and obey all signage and traffic control personnel during the project.

Finally, everyone is invited to come out to our many earth week events from April 22 - 27. From workshops and seminars to a recycling depot to a special earth day planting at Memorial Park behind the playground, there will many things to do for the whole family. To learn more and register for select events, please visit the event webpage: www.summerland.ca/earthweek

Respectfully submitted,

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