



CAO Report – August 19, 2025

Starting with some good news on our Hotel Tax application – we have been notified that Destination BC has now completed its review of our application and are satisfied as to its completeness, which they will now forward to the Ministry of Finance, who will present it to Cabinet for approval. Once Cabinet approval is received, the Ministry of Finance will work with the District and accommodation providers to implement the program in our community, which we are targeting for January 1, 2026. I will keep Council informed of future progress.

Our newly-minted Instagram Account is doing well jumping to 84 followers now, and climbing everyday. Residents are invited to follow us on the platform where we will post similar information to what we do on Facebook such as public updates, useful information, and happenings around the community. Check us out and give us a follow at [Instagram.com/districtofsummerland](https://www.instagram.com/districtofsummerland), if you have not done so already!

The Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre will be closed from **August 25 to September 7** for our annual maintenance. During this time, we'll be working on a deep clean of the fitness room and installation of new fitness equipment, fully draining and cleaning the pool and hot tub basins, and pool basin tiling repairs and installation of new floor drain covers. We'll be reopening on **Monday, September 8 at 6:30 a.m.**

Prairie Valley Road is turning black, and we have put down the first lift of asphalt with the second one scheduled for the end of August. In the meantime, we are trying to accommodate single-traffic during the day but please follow all signage as conditions on site are changing quickly as we head into the final stages of this project.

Finally, just a reminder that all the latest updates on the Wharton Critical Infrastructure Revitalization project can be found at www.WhartonStreet.ca – from pictures of the progress being made, to traffic updates and project highlights, we are trying hard to keep everyone apprised of the happenings on site with this one-stop-shop for your information needs. More signage has been

added in many places and key parking areas are well profiled for ease of access. Please head downtown to support the local businesses if you get a chance, all of whom remain open during construction.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer