



CAO Report – May 27, 2025

I am glad to report that all of our reservoirs are now full and are spilling (or will be spilling) in the next few days or so. The exception is Headwaters where we are keeping the reservoir lower than normal at the request of the Dam regulator who is examining a specific water management profile for that site. So, our 11 reservoirs are in a good state of water storage as we enter the intensive growing season and the key thing we will watch now is how long they will spill before we start to rely on the stored volumes, which varies year-to-year.

Residents will note that the Wharton Street revitalization project is now in full swing, with the old asphalt being torn up and various pieces of equipment on site, and pedestrian and vehicle access being limited down the roadway. Parking in that area has been temporarily decommissioned as well, and so we will see a spillover effect into other parking areas in town. Because of the increased use of other parking areas, we will be enforcing the parking rules including the 2-hour time limit. This ensures that we have a turnover of available parking stalls in the area. District staff will continue to engage directly with affected businesses to determine parking options and identify additional parking areas that may meet their business needs. We know that parking and movement in the area will be a challenge for a few months while we conduct the project, so patience is appreciated. We will continue to share key information on Facebook but also please check out the Wharton Street project for more information and the latest changes at www.whartonstreet.ca.

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit has been replacing the asphalt on Highway 97 over the last week or so and this work will continue in the coming weeks as well. With the old asphalt surface being torn up and milled into a granular form, we have been accepting and stockpiling these millings. Residents may notice piles of asphalt millings in various places around the community – we had to locate convenient temporary storage locations not too far from the highway quickly to accept the material which is valuable and of a very

high quality. We plan to spread and pack down the millings in key places where the road surface is in very poor condition in Summerland. This work will be done as schedules and budget allow, and we are excited to recycle the material into a better road surface as those locations are identified.

Respectfully submitted,

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