



## **CAO Report – September 9, 2025**

Our major projects underway in the community remain on track and on budget. These include the Wharton Street critical infrastructure project, the Prairie Valley Road rebuild and the primary clarifier construction. There are a couple exciting improvements worth highlighting. First, now that the deep underground infrastructure at the Main Street and Victoria Road intersection is installed (including replacing water lines from 1938 there) we are installing a raised intersection there which will have the beneficial effect of slowing traffic down and protecting pedestrians at this high-traffic location. At the Prairie Valley Road project, we are now installing the multi-use pathway along the roadway which will keep bikes and people safely off the roadway. Because of our safety improvements, we are receiving grant funds from ICBC to help offset these costs, which will be announced in further detail soon.

Other major projects underway in the community include the 5-story affordable housing project being built on Henry Ave across from Municipal Hall and the seniors affordable housing project on Dickson Avenue. Although these are not our projects, the District is supporting both projects financially by helping cover some key costs. We also are supporting them by working closely throughout the permitting process, facilitating utility tie-ins and off-site improvements.

The Henry Avenue project will need to close a portion of Henry Avenue and the alley way immediate to the south of the project later this month. This is to install a new water main there that will increase water flow not only to accommodate all the new units but also to ensure there is adequate fire suppression capability there in the meantime while the building is constructed. Later this month we also anticipate the project on Dickson will need to close one lane of Jubilee Road West for a few weeks while they conduct necessary offsite improvements. All these changes will be communicated separately as well – but just pointing out that there will be some necessary inconvenience coming to ensure these projects can keep moving forward.

I am glad to report that our aquatic and recreation centre opened again after a two-week closure for repairs to the pool and upgrades to the fitness centre including some new equipment including a new treadmill, a recumbent bike and more. Come check it out and see what you think!

Finally, just a reminder that we have a one-day recycling depot scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at the Arena from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Check out Facebook or Instagram for more details.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer