



CAO Report – January 9, 2023

Welcome back from the Christmas break, I hope that everyone has some much-deserved rest this holiday season. During the break staff were busy with snow removal duties given the frequent snowfall we experienced. The department of Agriculture also notified us that a case of avian influenza was detected in a non-commercial poultry operation in the community. A primary control zone has been established which effectively covers the entire District, so we also put out some information on Facebook. The zone aims to limit the spread of avian influenza and so residents planning to move birds or eggs need a permit from the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency. More information can be found on the Agency's website and on the District's Facebook and website.

As we turn the corner into the new year, we also take a step closer to flood and fire season. It is still early, however the data we do have suggests a higher-than-normal snowfall in our headwaters. If this trend continues over the coming months some flooding in the community is possible. A key tool we use to communicate with residents in an emergency is the use of "Voyent Alert". Residents are encouraged to download the app today. Beyond fires and floods, we also use the platform to communicate day-to-day communications such as road advisories, utility outages, garbage/recycling reminders etc. down the neighbourhood level. The app can be downloaded in the App Store or Google Play and resident can choose how to be informed via text, email or voice calling to landline. For more information, including how to register: <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.

Respectfully submitted,

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