



CAO Report – November 28, 2022

Our electrical utility is pleased to support the implementation of the Province's one-time cost of living credit from BC Hydro. The intent of the program is to help people during these challenging times when global inflation is driving higher costs. It is estimated the \$100 one-time residential bill credit can amount to approximately one month of electricity for a family living in a detached home or more than two months of electricity for a family living in an apartment. In terms of ratepayers with commercial accounts, they will receive a one-time bill credit based on their prior year's consumption.

Once the District receives the credit from the Province, our staff will begin the process of adding it to individual utility bills. Unfortunately, this is a manual process so this will take a few billing cycles. As a result, some customers may receive the credit sooner than others. For more information on this cost of living credit visit [strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/cost-of-living](http://strongerbc.gov.bc.ca/cost-of-living).

Staff held a master planning open house regarding the rodeo grounds on November 23, with a good turn out from the community. The feedback gathered will help formulate advice for Council on the future plans and management of the 70-acre parcel on the west side of the District. Residents who could not make the session are welcome fill out the online survey which is on the District website until December 15 at [www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/summerland-rodeo-grounds-master-plan](http://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/summerland-rodeo-grounds-master-plan).

Leaves have taken their time to drop given the warm fall this year, so we are offering one additional Unlimited Yard & Garden Waste curbside collection in the regularly scheduled curbside collection starting tomorrow. For more information on preparing yard and garden waste, residents can visit the District's website or can contact Works and Infrastructure at 250-494-0431 if there are further questions

Finally, I wanted to acknowledge hard work of staff in supporting another successful Light Up Summerland event held on Friday. It was wonderful to see the community come together again after a long hiatus through the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer