

CAO Report – September 26, 2022

It was my pleasure to support attending members of Council at the annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention the week of September 12. It is the first in-person session of UBCM since I have been CAO and the seminars and Minister meetings were especially helpful to me to make connections with other local government staff and to exchange ideas and challenges facing local government administration.

During that same week, the passing of our late Queen Elizabeth II was acknowledged with lowering of flags across the District, as well as the closing of District offices on September 19 in alignment with our provincial government and local governments across BC.

On September 30, we will also be closing District offices in respect for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This is a recently created statutory day and we have been actively working with the Penticton Indian Band to explore proper protocols which best honour the truth, and which guide our path of reconciliation for future years. For this year, District flags will be put to half mast on September 30 in recognition of the solemnity of this day.

The 2022 General Local Election is fast approaching. Residents will have the ability to vote during one of the three upcoming voting opportunities. Advanced voting will take place on October 5 and 13 between the hours of 8am and 8pm in the Summerland Arena Banquet Room located at 8820 Jubilee Road E. General Voting Day is on October 15 from the hours of 8am to 8pm in Summerland Secondary School located at 9518 Main Street. For those who were unable to attend the candidate forum hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, most of the session was recorded and is available by visiting the Chamber's Facebook site.

Finally, just a note of thanks to our procurement and public works staff who were able to secure our first electric vehicle! It has been delivered and has been allocated to our bylaw services team, with the various decals and identifying information necessary for that function. It looks great and I am sure it will turn a few heads in the community as our officers conduct their patrols!



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Respectfully submitted,

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