



CAO Report - February 10, 2026

Given the drought we entered winter with, we have been regularly monitoring precipitation and snowfall, with data posted on our website. Currently, we are seeing 81% of the historical average for the Headwaters area and 75% for Isintok Lake but it is still too early in the season to predict where things will land.

In collaboration with the provincial Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and the Okanagan Nation Alliance, the District of Summerland installed a supplemental water line to Trout Creek from the Emergency Wells located at the Summerland Rodeo Grounds. This new infrastructure will help support emergency Environmental Flows for Trout Creek in the event of water scarcity. We are proud of this project as it was done quickly and in collaboration with multiple governments, and under the supervision of environmental professionals. As irrigation season approaches things will become clearer, and in the meantime, we will keep the public aware of the changing situation.

We are hiring summer student positions for both the Works and Infrastructure and Parks departments. These positions are a great opportunity for young people to try out the fun and rewarding work in the District while contributing to the maintenance and upkeep of the community, including our beautiful parks system. Check out our website for more details.

Speaking of parks, special thanks to Council for coming out to celebrate the official start to construction for the Peach Orchard Playground yesterday. Over the next few weeks, the old playground will be removed followed by installation of the new equipment. The new playground, **expected to open mid-April**, will feature a treehouse for kids 5–12, a sandcastle junior play structure for ages 2–12, a zipline, musical instruments, sensory panels, and a variety of climbers, slides, and balance equipment.

Finally, thanks to generous support from the Kinsmen, we will be offering free skating and free swimming on Family Day weekend. Swimming is offered on 14th from 2-6:30pm and skating on the 15th from 5:15 – 7pm. The new Junior B Hockey Society will also be there to help drive awareness of their project to launch a community owned team in Summerland. There will be a bouncy castle, inflatable axe throwing and other kid-friendly activities on the mezzanine level of the arena. A booth will be set up with information about the team in case you would like to learn more about how to get involved. There will also be a ballot box for the public to provide their ideas for a team name which they hope to shortlist by the end of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer