



CAO REPORT – September 26, 2023

I echo the Mayor's comments on the value and importance of the UBCM meetings this past week and would like to congratulate the Mayor and Council on being recognized for their hard work by way of those two prestigious awards! Also, a shout out to the staff who supported the preparation of briefing materials, speaking notes, binders, and travel arrangements to support the meetings. Well done.

Meanwhile back in Summerland – progress kept marching on. In terms of roads, folks will be noticing progress on the Victoria Road drainage and roadwork project now that the delays in mobilizing due to the rockslide have been resolved. In the same vicinity, the Dale Meadows project is plowing ahead.

The asphalt is done at the new tennis courts, and fencing is going up. For now, we have put some temporary lines on the court so that it is playable as the final surfacing and complete court painting will need to wait until special temperature conditions can be met when things warm up again in the spring. That is when the final surface sealing and finishing touches will be put on the courts.

We have also now (finally) demolished the derelict former SADI building next to our substation on Prairie Valley Road. It has been in the works for two years but required special approvals from the province to work near the creek, and specialized abatement procedures for the asbestos present there. While there was a small contents fire recently within the building, that was unrelated to the work which has been underway for a long time. But it does underscore the importance of removing this abandoned building from the site which only attracts risks and liability in the state that it was in.

We are in the commissioning stage for the award-winning solar and battery storage project and will be working on the new road to the site this week, so people will begin to see the final result shaping up. At this time the public is asked to stay away from the area while crews complete the work, and once we are done, we will make sure folks are aware and perhaps can do some tours up there for the public to see what it looks like.

Lastly, regular users of the Gartrell trail will note that the north entrance is closed temporarily while a small retaining wall is placed beside the trail in relation to the adjacent development there. The wall will protect the trail as well, and none of the work will proceed into the riparian areas on the northern side of the project. It is anticipated that the trail will be open again by September 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham