



CAO Report – September 29, 2026

I am glad to report that as of September 21 the Landfill has returned to full operations. The fire at the landfill is out now and I want to give big shout out to our public works staff who were on site for many long hours rearranging sprinklers, running heavy equipment, and moving materials to get things under control. The landfill will be very important as we start to accept fire damaged waste from the region. Power is now restored to the whole community as well except for a couple of complex locations. We do have 31 powerline structures in town that still need replacements and we will have contract crews in town to help with these once funding is secured with the province. Again, the work of our power crews has been exceptional, and I applaud them for their incredible service.

We are currently evaluating the use of a small-dog area within the existing Peach Orchard Dog Park that we set up by using temporary fence. This is for a **for a 3-month trial**, with fencing scheduled to be removed on December 1, 2026. Feedback collected during the trial will then be compiled and shared with Council to help inform future decisions regarding the space. Dog park users are encouraged to share their experience and feedback throughout the trial by emailing recreation@summerland.ca.

We are targeting October 3 to transition from our state of local emergency to state of local recovery. The recovery period will be 90 days and while much work remains, this signals that the response phase is coming to an end. We will continue to run the Recovery Centre and Giants Head School and are working with our Recovery Manager to conduct a needs assessment that will inform a Recovery Plan.

Finally, with the forthcoming election I just wanted to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our excellent staff who preparing for the October 17 event. This is a very important element of our public service, and we will conduct things with the highest diligence and professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,

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