

**Mayor's Report – March 3, 2026**

First off, thank you to Deputy Mayor Trainer for taking charge while I was away last month, including chairing the last two council meetings.

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Since my return last week, I along with Deputy Mayor Trainer and Councillors Betts and Peake attended the Youth and Family Wellness Fair held at Summerland Secondary School on February 24. The Fair included participation from a wide range of service providers and community partners, including the District of Summerland Rec Department, all sharing information and resources regarding services to support youth well-being.

The Fair complemented the inter-organizational work being done to create a youth suicide prevention and response plan for Summerland. And coupled with the news that OneSky will be opening a Foundry in Summerland, the whole community is stepping up to ensure our young people and their families have access to the supports they need right here in Summerland.

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On Thursday, February 26, I was joined by Deputy Mayor Trainer and Councillors Peake and Betts at the Stone Church for a fundraising launch of the final phase of the Summerland Food Bank & Resource Centre Society's new building. With \$1.2 million already raised, the Food Bank is seeking community support for the remaining \$325,000 to complete construction and expand services. Councillor Peake, as Food Bank president, hosted the event and I was honoured to say a few words in support of the project, the progress of which we see each day since it's right across the street from Municipal Hall. We all look forward to the grand opening early next year.

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Finally, yesterday, March 2, I was joined by Deputy Mayor Trainer and Councillors Barkwill and Van Alphen for the groundbreaking of Phase 2 of the Vicotria Road upgrade, from Dunham Crescent to Prairie Valley Road. This is a \$3.8million project which includes \$1.5 million in grant funding for a multi-use pathway, pedestrian safety, and watermain upgrades. We will be hearing more about this work in Capital Projects Update upcoming on the agenda.

- Mayor Doug Holmes