



CAO Report – July 28, 2026

Just an update on our water storage situation as we approach the end of July. Council had provided unmetered use of agricultural irrigation water until our dams stopped spilling in Mid-June. Since that time, agriculturalists have been using water based on a reduced allocation, and we have been working with the province to temporarily reduce our Trout Creek flow requirements. We have also been supplementing the creek flows with ground water from nearby wells as a test of that system. These actions are working, and at this point we are feeling cautiously optimistic. Continued responsible use by all residents is encouraged as there are many hot days left before we conclude the summer season.

People may have noticed we are going to be installing a four-way stop at Quinpool and Victoria Road. This is to support safe traffic and pedestrian movement, and it has been the request of many residents of the area for some time now. We are waiting for one more stop sign and once that arrives, we will finish the sign installation and do some line painting. The new signage should be active in the next week or two.

The provincial Mining Ministry is allowing residents to provide input on the proposed garnet valley mine. Interested parties have until August 15 to submit comment, and we have put the information on Facebook to ensure community awareness. We have also requested that the Ministry hold and open public meeting on the proposed mine but at the time of writing, no response has been provided to that request. The District remains opposed to any development of this nature in this sensitive ecological and archaeological area.

Finally, we are keeping an eye on the smoke situation in our area. Check out our public swim times for an indoor activity option. If conditions worsen, we will add some public skate times and family activities in the Curling Club dry floor area. Keep an eye on Facebook for opportunities should the smoke get more serious in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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