



CAO Report – February 27, 2024

I am excited to report that we now have provincial authorization to work on the pier! We also just closed a request for quotations on Thursday last week, and we have some solid quotes that came in within the budget. Our environmental window for mussels closes March 26 but we are feeling good about getting the piles in at this rate before that window closes, which will allow us to then put together the basic pier before the height of summer. Rotary is still fundraising for the special features, but those will come later and can be added on through separate authorizations once the basic design is in. Right now, we are targeting an official grand re-opening of the pier for July 1, 2024.

Speaking of the Summerland Rotary they continue to sell tickets for their second 50/50 draw as a contribution to their overall fundraising goal of raising up to \$100,000 for the enhancement of the new pier. Ticket sales close Feb. 28th so check out the Summerland Rotary website to get your last-minute tickets for this important cause!

Tomorrow is also the Eco Village Open House from 4PM-6PM at the George Ryga Arts Centre (9525 Wharton St). Updates on the Zoning and Conceptual Plan for the project will be presented by staff and more information can be found on the project webpage: www.summerland.ca/ecovillage. All are welcome to come out and participate in the session but if you can't make it, please check our website for more information on this exciting project.

Now that Family Day is behind us, I wanted to share a few stats. As a reminder, we offered free family swims, free family skating and a free Sportball demo with crafting opportunities, and a photo scavenger hunt. Special thanks to the province who provided partial funding support so that this could happen. Overall, 175 attended the family swims and 187 attended the family skates, which was great to see.

Finally, just a quick mention that Wildfire Risk Reduction work continues through our Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan in the 100-hectare area on the west side of the District just east of McLennan Road. As part of the Wildfire Risk Reduction, there will be pruning, thinning, tree falling, brushing, grazing, debris management (e.g. pile and burning) and/or reforestation. People in and around the area can expect chainsaw running and pile burning to take place. This work will continue until April 15, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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