



CAO Report – March 14

I am pleased to report that we are already making good progress on our procurement efforts this year. The tender for the four new electric vehicles has closed and within the next 3 or 4 months we will see these vehicles replace existing, antiquated vehicles in our fleet to help our District's emissions reduction targets. The RFP for the Solar and Battery Storage Project is also posted, about one month ahead of schedule, as is the tender to clean up deadfall in the Isintok Dam Reservoir. Finally, I am pleased to report the bid to create our new Organics Facility is also posted, which should keep us on track for a fall completion of that project, with regular operations beginning in the first part of 2023 as planned.

I wanted to make Council aware that due to supply chain issues and steel shortages, we continue to experience significant cost escalations and delays in materials and supplies such as steel wire and transformers for our electrical utility. Staff recognize that these pressures stem from global conditions in these markets but we are making further efforts to provide certainty for our needs and those of our customers. This includes engaging in longer term contracts, keeping more inventory on hand, and providing estimates to customers that include some contingency to avoid price changes later.

Several public comment opportunities are underway. The public response period for the Giants Head Road upgrades began today, and the survey on the Eco-Village Concept Plan is posted, as well as the public survey for the Waterfront Concept Plan. More information on all these opportunities can be found on the District's website and Facebook page.

Finally, Council may have noticed that the roundabout on Rosedale and Jubilee was damaged last week. A semi-trailer accidentally hit the structure when navigating the turn. I am glad to say the company has stepped up and will work with us to see the structure fixed, which is estimated to be thousands of dollars in damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer