



CAO Report – March 19, 2024

Work continues at the location of the new pier, with pile driving happening on site. At this rate, we will be able to get all the piles in place before our environmental window closes, after which time we can build the superstructure. Initially it will be a basic pier, hopefully with the public enjoying the pier again this summer! We will target an official opening for July 1.

There are a lot of things happening on the community engagement front these days. We have had open houses for the Eco-Village site, for Organic Waste Collection, and on changes to the Official Community Plan regarding to our Downtown Plan. Folks that were not able to make the initial sessions will have further opportunities to participate and are encouraged to keep an eye on the District website and Facebook for more information.

On that note, a public survey to collect feedback on the Eco-Village zone is underway and that remains open until tomorrow. And on Thursday this week we will have the second open house on the Official Community plan changes from 3pm to 7pm at the George Ryga centre. It is a drop-in style event so feel free to come by any time during that period to learn more.

The residential organics collection project will begin on April 2, and we have been delivering kitchen catchers with several information sheets to help residents understand this program, and how it interacts with waste collection and our recycling program. Although we have already had two open houses, we are planning two more once the collection begins to continue to answer any questions people have as we move into the implementation phase.

As of March 1, 2024, the snow survey showed the Summerland Reservoir (Headwaters) at 80% and Isintok Lake at 91% of their historical averages. Staff will continue to gather snow data at these two Provincial sites within the District's watershed every month until no snow remains. While snowpack levels are a bit below normal at this time, our many reservoirs are still expected to fill. April and May are also known for rain in Summerland often translating to snow in the higher elevations of the watershed. Staff regularly monitor the dams and meet routinely to discuss snow and water levels, and whether outlet flow adjustments are required to compensate for anticipated incoming water volumes.

Finally, just a heads up that we started street clean up on Monday, March 11 on streets near the lake first and eventually working up to higher elevations. The bulk of the clean-up will start April 2 when additional street sweeping equipment will be available which will then accelerate the clean-up process. It is estimated that it will take four additional weeks to complete the clean-up within the District's 175 kilometres of roads. When there is heavy sand, it may take multiple passes and/or even coming back to finish on a separate day with the final sweep on your street. We ask for everyone's patience on the road when equipment is working.

Respectfully submitted,

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