



CAO Report – February 27, 2023

As an update regarding the Domestic Second Services project, an initial batch of ‘choice’ letters have now proceeded to 240 property owners in the community with these unmetered second water services. Because we require an understanding of who wants to keep those second water services before we turn the water on this year, we will also send a second batch of letters through registered mail shortly. We have been responding to enquiries and questions, and will further update the Questions and Answers document as a resource for those who will need to make a decision on the future of their service. We will work to schedule out the work in such a way as it works with our crews and their busy workload.

With the 2023 Financial Plan being adopted by Council today, and because of the guidance Council has already provided with the creation of your 2022-2026 Strategic Priorities, the administration will now action our workplan to accomplish these goals. One item includes the removal of the Kiwanis pier, which has been determined by qualified engineering consultants to be in disrepair and a public safety issue. The 2023 budget includes \$200,000 for both the removal of the existing structure and the preparation of several design options for Council’s consideration. Council’s approved Waterfront Master Plan acknowledges the value of the pier to the community and so while we prepare options for Council, we will continue to search for grants that might assist with potential replacement of the pier.

Finally, I just wanted to remind residents that the next public engagement opportunity for the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan is set for tomorrow. Please drop by and share your thoughts anytime from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre at 9525 Wharton Street. We will have design concepts prepared that reflect the input received so far, and staff and design consultants available to answer your questions. Come on out and help shape the future of the Rodeo Grounds site!

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer