



CAO Report – July 12, 2021

I am glad to report that our community's response to the Stage 2 water restrictions has been helpful in reducing demand on our water treatment plant. With temperatures staying high we intend to maintain the restrictions for the foreseeable future and appreciate the patience of the public in working with us to ensure the continued safe and reliable provision of water to all users. As previously noted, these changes are not due to any drought or water shortage issues in our watershed. Rather, the lack of line separation in our system requires that water is distributed primarily from our single treatment plant, which puts pressure on this critical infrastructure during times of high volume.

I am pleased to report that the Code of Ethics has been completed in final draft form and I intend to table it with Council in our first regular meeting in August for your awareness. The document underscores that we are a values-based public service organization, centered upon transparency, respect, honesty, stewardship and creativity. The Code of Ethics has gone through many drafts and was developed with staff at all levels of the organization. It will be a touchstone for all us in how we do our work every day for the people of Summerland.

Finally, on the staffing side of things, in addition to our new Corporate Officer Kendra Kinsley starting on August 3, 2021 I am glad to inform Council that we have now concluded interviews for the Director of Works and Infrastructure. We received an excellent response on that competition and conducted 13 interviews over the last week. A preferred candidate has been selected and we are just now working through the final offer stages and will hopefully be in a position to provide more details in a few days. Special thanks to our General Manager of Utilities Jeremy Storvold while he covers off in an acting capacity for that important role.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer