



CAO Report – April 24, 2023

Some good news this evening – staff have been able to source and purchase temporary fencing for the new pop-up dog park at Peach Orchard. We were able to get enough fencing to make it a full acre, and we anticipate the fencing will be delivered on site May 3-5. Installation will be done by our staff, depending on weather and when the delivery arrives. We will do a news release once it is installed to make the community aware of the new location.

Once the Peach Orchard pop-up dog park is installed, we will target a time in June to install permanent fencing at the Dale Meadows location. Grass rehabilitation and construction will take approximately four weeks thus the dog park will be closed for public use during that time. One of the consistent comments from users of the dog park at that location has been that it would be nice to make the park a bit bigger if possible. Staff did further analysis on that in consideration of operational needs, and infrastructure there and I am pleased to report that we will be able to go from 0.22 acres to 0.35 acres when we put up the permanent fencing by pushing the western boundary a bit.

As Council is aware, we will be deconstructing the Kinsman Pier this summer. It is exciting that Council has set aside money from our portion of the *Growing Communities Fund* to allow for a basic replacement of the pier. We have met with Rotary regarding the proposed partnership and with Council's formal approval of that partnership approach in the afternoon meeting, we will be bringing back design options to a future meeting with the intent that the fundraising can take us from a basic design to something more deluxe!

To do anything in the water, we must meet a lot of environmental standards, so we have been working to get authorizations from the Province for the work. Because the pier has been determined by an engineering professional to be unsafe for public use, we will be taking the decking off the pier off soon, to avoid any unauthorized use as the weather warms up. Some of the materials for the deck are still in good shape and can be repurposed for other building projects rather than thrown away. To get the pier fundraising kickstarted, the Rotary has agreed to take possession of the material and will be selling it to raise funds for the pier.

Once the decking is off, it may be a month or two before we can get permission to remove the piles. To pull the rotten piles, comprehensive work has to be done by a qualified environmental professional to survey and relocate any Rocky Mountain Ridged Mussels in the area, when the water is exactly 72 degrees. There are also some birds who have made nests in the rotten piles and so we will need to wait until they move on after nesting season to avoid any impacts there as well. So, there may be piles in the water without decking for a period while work through this process. Finally, when we do receive authorizations to build the new pier, the qualified environmental professional will need to return to the site, locate the

mussels that were labeled and moved, determine if there has been any loss during that period, and then move them back to their original habitats in the vicinity of the new pier. We are targeting 2024 for construction of the new pier.

Respectfully submitted,

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