



CAO Report – December 13, 2021

Winter weather caused impacts to some public services in the last couple of weeks. On December 6, our landfill had to close for most of the day due to extreme wind in that location. Intermittent power outages from the wind also affected service to about 600 Summerlanders on December 1, and heavy snowfall was seen in the District in the same timeframe. Crews from our electrical utility and Public Works responded quickly and efficiently and I am glad to say that at this time we enjoy clear roads, and all of our city services are back to regular levels.

The supply chain remains strained due to the record flooding from Hope and Merritt to Vancouver. One of our suppliers for the electrical utility has indicated that their Chilliwack plant will be shut down because they cannot get the materials to the plant in a timely manner, and therefore cannot plan any sort of production schedule. It is reported that our rail service for that supplier has gone from 5 days guaranteed delivery to 21 days for at least the next month. We maintain a stock of key items in our inventory, however these impacts will begin to strain our own supply and, in some cases, our own timelines for service requests or repair.

Municipal Hall and our front office services at Public Works will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from 2PM Friday December 24, 2021, re-opening on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. The pool and arena will remain open much of this time and of course snow removal, garbage and other services will continue to be provided during this period.

Residents are reminded to consult the District website for changes in regular hours of operation due to the statutory holidays. Utility payments are due December 22 - any payments can also be made through online banking or deposited in our drop box at the front doors when the Municipal Hall is closed.

If experiencing an after-hours emergency specific to water, sewer, roads, parks or the electrical utility, residents can call 250-493-0005 for assistance and information.

Respectfully submitted,

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