



CAO REPORT – February 14, 2022

For Council's awareness, we have now posted the public tender for our acquisition of four new electric passenger vehicles (EVs) to replace existing vehicles in the fleet. These EVs will assist the greening of our fleet and achieving tangible emissions reductions in accordance with our Corporate Emissions Management Plan. We are hopeful that we will see the replacements arrive by late summer/early fall and once they do, we will schedule some time for Council and the public to come see them.

We did a press release last week to communicate the good news that we have received grant funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport in the amount of \$280,000 to refurbish the washrooms at Peach Orchard Park and Rotary Beach Park. This project will assess both facilities to identify and complete upgrades required to address accessibility, health and safety, energy efficiency and structural improvements. This project will winterize one of the washroom buildings to allow for year-round use by visitors and residents who enjoy the pathway, playground, dog beach, Spirit Square gathering space and beaches throughout the year. Because we do not want to impact the use and enjoyment of the current facilities during the summer season, we are timing our efforts to occur in the fall/winter period. The funds must be expended by March 2023.

Finally, I wanted to let Council know that we have been closely monitoring the Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletins produced by the BC River Forecast Center. In our region we remain within normal parameters. It is early days, and much can change, so we will keep a close eye on things as Spring approaches.

Respectfully submitted,

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