



CAO Report

July 24, 2022

Since my last report to Council, the District has seen increasing temperatures with the heat of summer arriving in full force. This week promises to see the warming trend continue with highs approaching the 40-degree mark.

With heat comes increased risk of wildfire, but thanks to the wet spring this year we started summer in a good position. However, we continue to watch it and changes may be forthcoming regarding fire restrictions from the District or the Province based on changing indicators. Speaking of fires, we had a fire at the landfill Saturday night which our fire teams were quick to resolve. While the exact cause is still being investigated it is believed that improper disposal of waste materials such as batteries or contaminated materials may be the cause. There was no loss of infrastructure or structures at the facility.

We have been using VoyentAlert! and Facebook to ask the community to reduce water consumption on a voluntary basis where possible to assist the Water Treatment Plant in meeting demand. By the end of the week the plant was operating at 85% of its capacity. We have been following the recent Council-approved Water Emergency Plan which includes calling high water users who have put themselves on a voluntary list to assist our efforts. While we are hopeful these efforts will be successful in addressing the pressures at the plant, next steps may include further domestic water restrictions according to our usual staged process, or further temporary restriction of major water users. All documents are on the website, and we will continue to communicate the situation to the community as things move along.

Lastly, and still on the theme of heat, I am glad to report that the new water bottle fill stations have been installed in Memorial Park and Rotary Park and they have already seen a lot of public use. We have engaged the Chamber of Commerce to see if any downtown businesses would be interested in hosting misting stations for the public outside their business where feasible, and we are looking at a misting station solution for Memorial Park as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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