



CAO REPORT – October 12, 2021

I wanted to make Council aware that FortisBC will be upgrading their transmission system that provides power to Summerland which will result in a community wide power outage on Oct 15th from 10:00pm to 4:00am and Oct 22nd from 10:00pm to 2:00am. We are distributing a media release, putting posts on our Facebook page, the website, and making the outage known through a newspaper ad to ensure that people can plan around the outage.

When there is a *planned* outage like this, it is a good idea for all of us to take the time to be ready for *unplanned* power and water outages. Unplanned power outages can happen anytime and during a power outage, which can result in interrupted heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. Means of communication like phone or internet service can also be affected. In order to maintain a resilient community, it is good for residents to visit [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca) which has resources for citizens planning for these kinds of interruptions.

Staff is now working on the budget preparation for the 2022 year. As usual, this will involve consideration of utility rates, capital planning and our general financial plan for the operations. We are aiming for a public open house in early December regarding the utility rates for 2022, and another one likely in February for the overall financial plan. Specific format, location and timing of these events will be communicated in more detail in the future given the changing COVID landscape right now, but whether it is an in-person event or another virtual opportunity this year we hope to hear from the community and so will make every effort to communicate about it well in advance.

Lastly, I have good news! The new LED light fixtures for the Lakeside pathway between Peach Orchard Park and the Yacht club have just arrived and our crews will be installing them starting this week. With the days getting shorter I know these lights will be a welcome addition to our renewed pathway along the lakeshore. Thanks to our residents for their patience as we dealt with some supply chain delays in getting the materials to complete the project.

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