



## CAO Report – October 15, 2024

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break for Thanksgiving – for those residents who may have been away for the break – just a reminder that starting today irrigation services are being turned off. Already we have seen frost in parts of the District and whether we like it or not the cold temperatures are fast approaching ... so we need to get these water services shut down for the year.

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Since April to the end of August, an estimated 230 tonnes of food scraps have been diverted from garbage into composting. This is an over 30% drop in the amount of garbage Summerland residents put out to the curb. Estimated net savings comparing to landfilling have been over \$15,000 in five months with the potential offset of over 400 tonnes of CO2 equivalent. However, we have some issues with some items being diverted to the green cart which should not be there - Just a reminder that compostable plastics are not allowed to be composted in British Columbia so please never use plastic bags. Also, please don't put throw away cups or food containers in there as those are often coated with materials which are not suitable for composting. Lumber and Treated Wood cannot be put in the yard waste bin; either of those need to be disposed of at the landfill correctly.

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Finally, with construction beginning on the Prairie Valley Road rebuild, there has been some dust resulting from gravel trucks and equipment moving material. We are aware of those issues and have been making sure water is put down from time to time, as well as some street sweeping in key areas to reduce the dust where we can. Residents are also encouraged to use the bypass we have set up onto Dale Meadows Road wherever possible, even during times when Prairie Valley Road is open, just to keep the dust down. We thank everyone for cooperating with us during this important project and a big thank you for the patience of those property owners most directly impacted by dust and noise during this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer