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The outlet pipe at Isintok Lake has now been replaced. The new pipe was officially opened on July 19, 2022. The work came in under budget. (John Arendt - Summerland Review)

Summerland reservoir upgrade completed under budget

Failing outlet pipe at Isintok Lake has been replaced

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An upgrade project at one of Summerland's reservoirs has been completed under budget.

The official opening of the Isintok Dam outlet was held on July 19 at the reservoir lake west of Summerland.

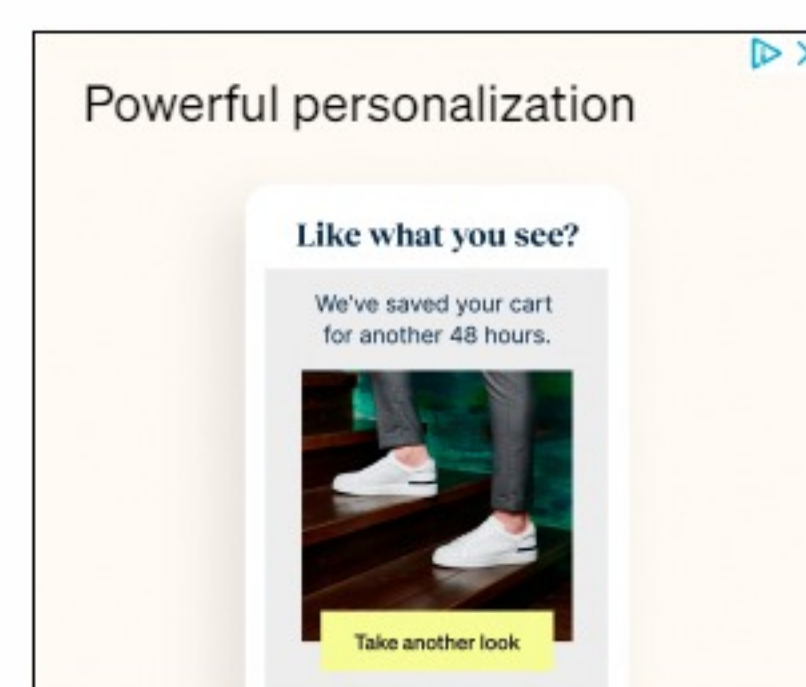
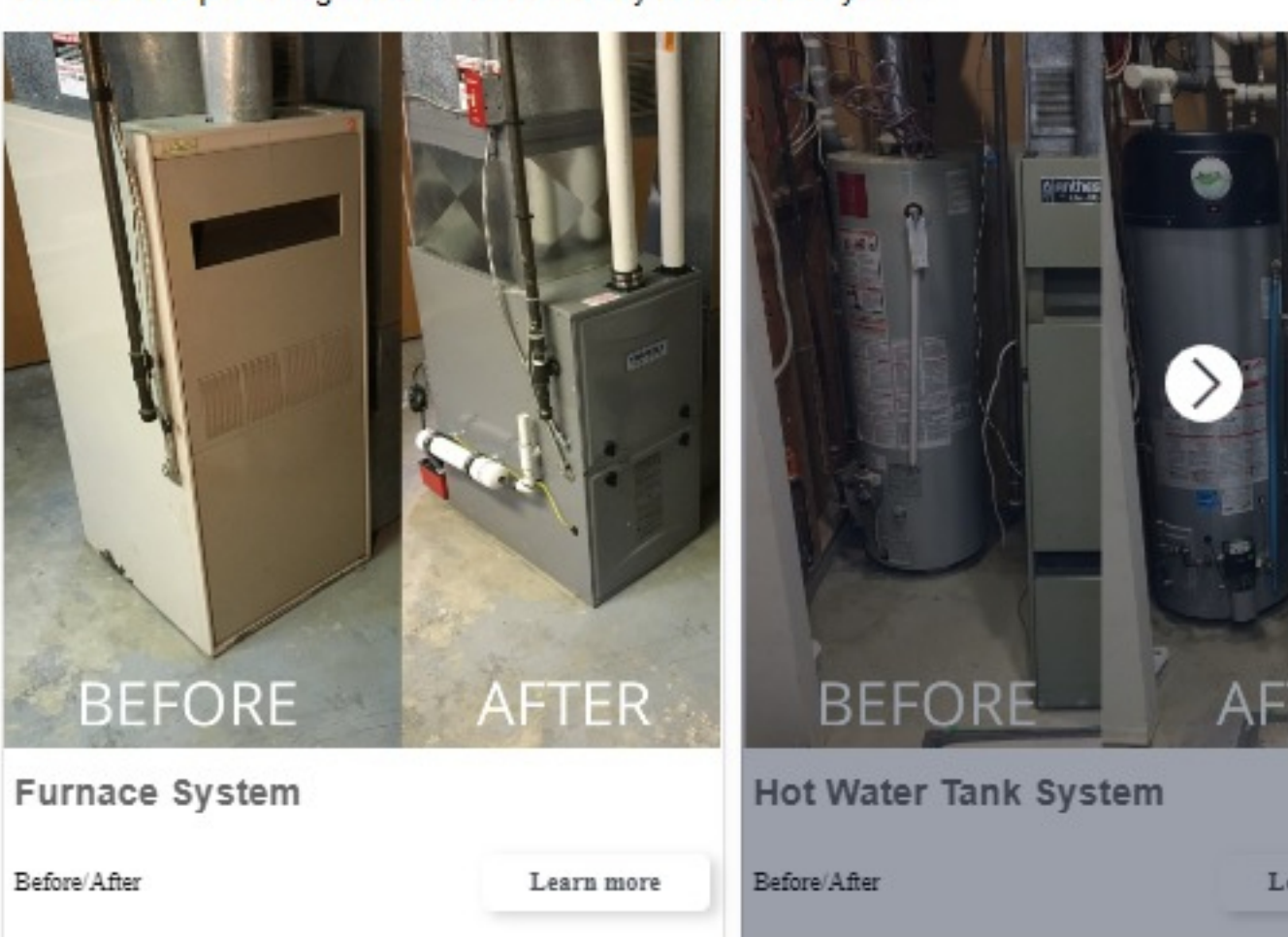
A dam has been in place at this lake since 1926. In 2013, a video inspection revealed the outlet pipe would need to be replaced. The contract for the detail design work was awarded in the spring of 2019 and the construction work began in August 2021.



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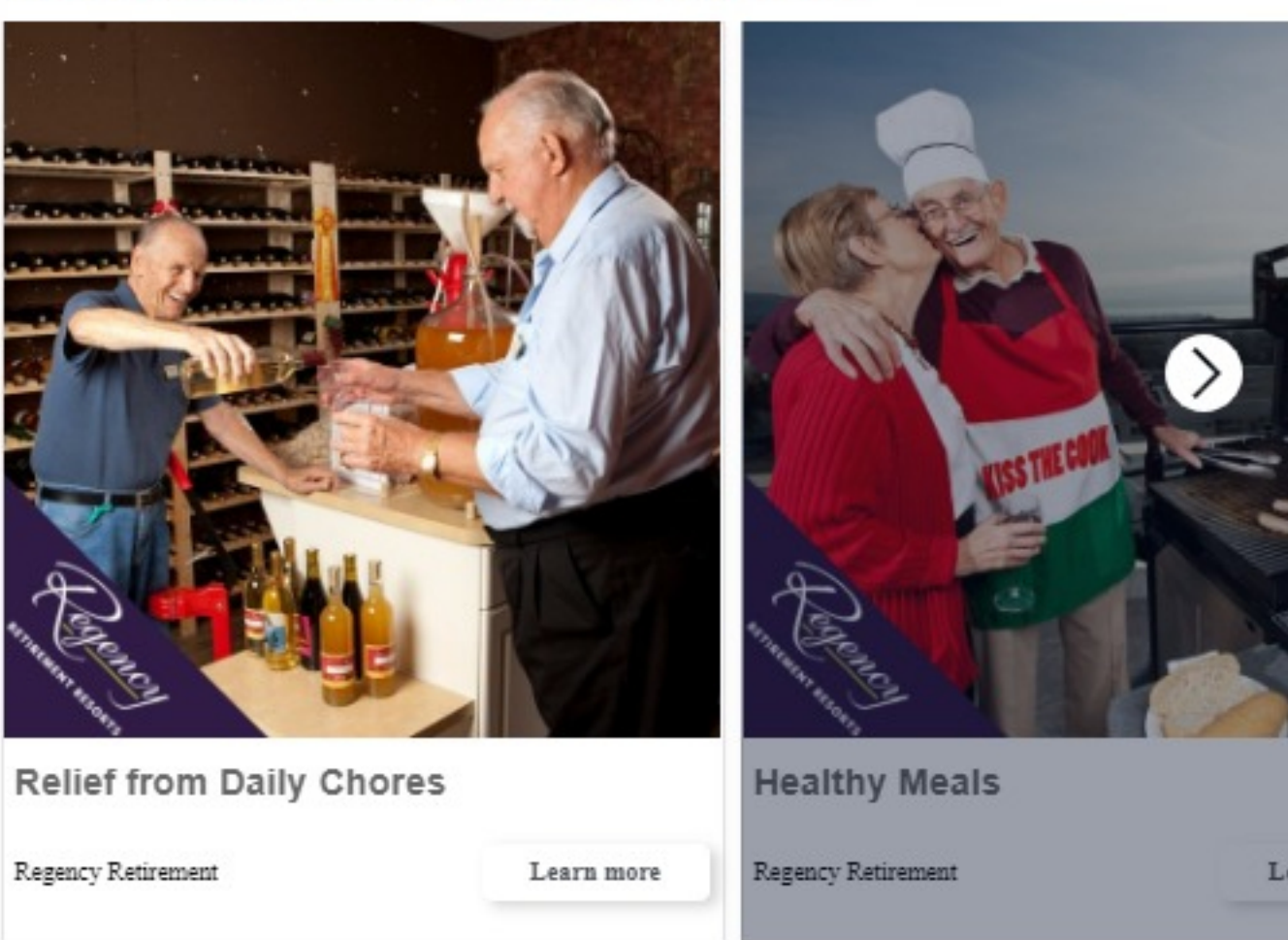
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Penticton MLA Dan Ashton said the outlet project showed amazing foresight by the municipality of Summerland. He also thanked the provincial and federal governments for allowing this project to proceed.

Anna Warwick Sears of the Okanagan Basin Water Board said the infrastructure work and maintenance of the dam are necessary.

"It is very important to keep this dam in good condition," she said.

Jeremy Storvold, director of utilities with the municipality of Summerland, said the maintenance of the dam is important for areas downstream, including the Summerland neighbourhood of Trout Creek.

"If all of this water came through all at once, Trout Creek would have a problem," he said. He added that widening the spillway has been identified as a future need for the community.

The design work was done by Kerr Wood Leidal and the construction was done by Jim Dent Construction. Consultation with Indigenous groups took place and planning was done to ensure environmental outcomes were met.