



Mayor's Report

April 11, 2022

A very short report tonight, beginning with my thanks to Councillor Carlson for ably chairing the March 28 Council meetings so I could attend a Climate Solutions Council meeting in Vancouver.

On March 31 I attended the South Okanagan Similkameen Local Immigration Partnership Council meeting at the South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services offices in Penticton. Since I was invited to join the Council early in 2021, this was the first time I have been able to attend a meeting in-person.

SOSLIP is a community-based partnership that brings together representatives from government, business, community services, financial institutions, education, libraries, health, and others to develop and implement a settlement and integration strategy for newcomers to the region. Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) are established throughout Canada. The program is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

LIPs also help newcomers by fostering access to the labour market, assisting with social inclusion and building welcome communities, with the goal of achieving increased economic, social, political, and civic participation by newcomers.

For three days last week I attended the Local Government Leadership Academy annual Forum. Council, earlier today I sent a summary of the sessions I attended; if you have any questions, please reach out.

Finally, on behalf of Council, whether you are staying at home or travelling to be with family, we wish you an enjoyable and safe Easter Weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni J. Boot