



Mayor's Report

July 11, 2022

After a two-year hiatus, it was wonderful to celebrate Canada Day in Memorial Park with Summerland residents and visitors. Ongoing global events only emphasize how much we have to be grateful for, including the generosity of Indigenous hosts who share land with those of us who—as newcomers or through ancestral immigration—have chosen to live in Canada. It was a sea of red and white in the Park that day and everyone enjoyed the cake, ice cream, hamburgers and hot dogs. On behalf of Council, my thanks to the Summerland Legion for organizing this celebration and the many Legion volunteers who cooked and served the food.

Also on July 1, I was pleased to open the Bluegrass Festival, another Summerland event to return after a two-year break. Judging by the number of campers and RVs at the Summerland Rodeo grounds and the number of people enjoying the music in the stands, the Festival was well-attended. Denise Trudeau is the president of the Summerland Bluegrass Society, and, on behalf of Council, thank you for your leadership in bringing this music festival back to our community. It is not an easy task at the best of times.

Known as the Summerland Community through 2020 and 2021, market manager Linda Van Alphen persevered through the stringent COVID protocols and it's great to see the Summerland Rotary Sunday Market bustling again on Main Street. Welcome back to downtown!

Council wishes George Pugh a happy retirement from his service to the community at the Summerland Fire Department. George was an auxiliary for 14 years and a career firefighter for 15 years. Thank you, George, for your 29 years of keeping Summerland residents safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni J. Boot