



Mayor's Report

October 12, 2021

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving weekend. Whether or not you were able to share a special meal with family and/or friends, we have much to be thankful for, not the least of which that we live in Summerland.

Not too much to report on tonight. On October 6 I attended the executive meeting of the Southern Interior Local Government Association. Council and staff, if you have not yet registered for the Fall Speakers Series, this is a reminder to do so if you are interested. The three seminars in the Fall Series are Asset Management on October 20; Best Practices for Building Relationships Between Local and First Nations Governments on November 24; and a Roundtable with Minister Katrina Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development on December 8. After Minister Conroy provides an update on her Ministry's activities, registrants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The seminars begin at noon and run for 45 minutes and are free; it is recommended that you register for the entire series and attend those you are able to.

October 7, I attended the bi-weekly Mayor's Vaccine Roundtable with Interior Health. In our health authority case numbers are stabilizing in response to the vaccine passport and ongoing recommendations for reduced numbers of people at gatherings. The message remains the same: Please get vaccinated. Although COVID-19 may be with us for years to come, the sooner people get vaccinated the sooner we can all begin to resume life without public health orders.

Following the IH update, I attended the South Okanagan Respect Network meeting. South Okanagan Immigration and Community Services provided an update to members. Both CAO Statt and I attend these meetings on behalf of the District. As mentioned at our last Council meeting, of particular interest to South Okanagan communities is the UnBox program. SOICS has partnered with the Summerland and Osoyoos Branches of Okanagan Regional Library and the Penticton Public Library on this anti-racism initiative. Visit soics.ca or drop into the Summerland library to register for UnBox and learn more about First Nations culture and the experiences of people of colour in our region.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot