

Mayor's Report

July 13, 2020

It's been three weeks since our last regular council meeting and I have had a relatively slow schedule. I guess it's because we're in the long, hot, dog days of summer. (Ha!)

On June 25th I had the pleasure of attending (on line) the AquaHacking Challenge sponsored, in part, by the Okanagan Basin Water Board. There were five teams in the finals and each presented a very innovative idea related to addressing a challenging water issue. The winning team—from Sherbrooke University in Quebec—was awarded \$20,000 for further development and marketing of their product. This award can be leveraged to \$45,000 by other supporters.

OZero puts 40 degree water through the ballasts of boats to ensure that any invasive species (specifically zebra and quagga mussels) are killed. The process from start to finish takes 10 minutes: two minutes of that time kills the invasive species. The OZero team also spoke to a 60-degree water spray over the boat hull and trailer will kill the invasive mussels in a 10-second contact.

On June 30th Council attended a six-hour session to review our Strategic Priorities, have a COVID-19 update from staff, and do a check-in.

Last Friday, July 10th, Council had a quick closed session to confirm release of the redacted Fractal financial analysis report to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot