



**Mayor's Report
November 9, 2020**

I begin the Mayor's Report by again congratulating Dan Ashton on his success in being re-elected as MLA in the Penticton riding. Thank you to Dan, Ted Shumaker and Keith MacIntyre for putting their names forward for their respective parties. Although I was hoping to be in the position to serve Summerland and surrounding communities in a different capacity, I am very pleased to again take up the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor's role. Thanks to Councillor Carlson and Councillor Holmes for stepping in as acting mayor during my leave of absence.

On October 29 I was honoured to be invited to attend a special assembly at Giant's Head School to celebrate the School's new logo. It depicts a story about Giant's Head Mountain that tells of determination and overcoming adversity as told by Anona Kampe, who has been working with the School to further Syilx cultural understandings. After the ceremony, I had a brief discussion with newly-elected Penticton Indian Band Chief Greg Gabriel. We will resume efforts to strengthen the relationship between our two Councils in the New Year.

Because of the pandemic, this year's Remembrance Day service will look quite different. Much like Canada Day, we are unable to have a large gathering in Memorial Park. An invitation-only ceremony will be recorded and posted on the Summerland Legion website. On Wednesday morning, please pause to remember those who died fighting for our freedom. Also, you are invited to place your poppy at the Cenotaph anytime on November 11.

Tonight is CAO Anthony Haddad's last regular council meeting with the District. Anthony continued to work on Council priorities and worked diligently to strengthen relationships between municipal hall and the community we serve. He also built mutual respect and trust amongst staff and encouraged confidence in their skills and abilities. Certainly the pandemic added new challenges this year but Anthony took everything in stride and stayed collected and upbeat. On a personal note, Anthony, thank you for your support and guidance, particularly over the last several months. While I am sad to see you go, I understand your decision and hope we have the opportunity to collaborate on community initiatives again the near future.

On behalf of Council, District staff and the community of Summerland, we will miss you, Anthony, but wish you all the very best in your new position as General Manager of Community Services for the City of Penticton.

Summerland, Dr. Bonnie Henry tells us we are in the 'second wave' of the COVID-19 pandemic. On top of that, we are entering the annual cold and flu season. Please continue to follow the recommendations and guidelines on the B.C. Centre for Disease Control website (bccdc.ca). As always, we are all in this together and working together we can continue to keep cases low here.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot