



**Mayor's Report  
December 14, 2020**

On November 30, Council had a Committee of the Whole meeting to hear the results of the community engagement on the proposed Summerland Recreational and Health Centre. The meeting agenda also included a report and discussion on a review of recreation fees and charges. Staff will be reporting back to Council on proposed new fees at a regular meeting.

On December 2, I attended the Southern Interior Local Government Association meeting. Vanderhoof Councillor, Brian Frenkel, the new president of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, spoke at the meeting about the key areas UBCM are working on in 2020/21 on behalf of all local governments in B.C. These are: Infrastructure stimulus money; economic diversification; rural transit; rural connectivity; GHG emissions reduction; a 3-digit mental health hotline; and anti-racism. The 2021 Convention, originally scheduled to be held in Vernon, will be online; preparations are well underway.

On December 7, Council and I attended the virtual Utility Budget and Rates Open House. This evening we will be approving the proposed rates.

This is the last Council meeting of what has been an unprecedented and stressful year for everyone, no matter where one lives. I, like many Summerland residents, have changed how I traditionally celebrate Christmas. However, while Dr. Henry and her team project rising COVID counts over the next days and weeks, there is still much to be thankful for—not the least of which is that we, as a community, are doing our level best to protect our families, friends and neighbours.

On behalf of Council, thank you to each and every essential worker who has risked their personal safety to serve us—and continues to do so. And thank you to each of you in Summerland for your continued diligence and patience. We wish you a safe and healthy holiday season and beyond through 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot