



Mayor's Report

April 25, 2022

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter Weekend, whether you stayed in town or travelled to be with friends or family.

This past Saturday I had the pleasure of attending the Canadian Home Builders Excellence Awards at the Delta Grand in Kelowna and seeing Summerland's own Edgehill Homes win for their work on The Hampton, a private residence in our community. Congratulations again Nick and Teresa Braam and their team.

With the exception of a Pro-D Day Earth Day-themed event today at the Summerland Museum, yesterday wrapped up a week's worth of events in celebration of the 13th annual Earth Week in Summerland.

Lisa Scott of the Okanagan-Similkameen Invasive Species Society oversaw the 16th Earth Day planting event at the Summerland Wastewater Treatment Plant in Trout Creek. It was a beautiful day to be out preparing the planting area and getting plants into the ground. Forty volunteers of all ages participated this year — many hands make light work!

In the afternoon I also attended the Earth Day Fair organized by First Things First Okanagan. There were plenty of things to see and do, including a EV vehicle Show and Shine, live entertainment by the talented Kyle Anderson, and a short talk in the Summerland ORL Branch on the science of climate change and what we can do as residents to help our community adapt and build resilience. Several businesses, local farmers and non-profits were on hand to provide information.

At the Fair, I also learned about the progress being made in the second year of the Indigenous Food Plant Garden being installed at the Summerland Research and Development Centre (SRDC). This initiative, headed up by two university students— Dana Johnson of Gitksan ancestry and Kyle Clarke, who is Métis— includes 20 plant species that are culturally significant to the syilx/Okanagan people.

Tomorrow I head to Salmon Arm to attend the Southern Interior Local Government Association 2022 convention, running through to Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni J. Boot