



## Mayor's Report

July 12, 2021

On June 30, I attended the official openings of the reconstruction of the lakeside pathway from Peach Orchard Beach to the lakeside tennis courts and the outdoor fitness gym at Memorial Park. My thanks to Councillors Tim Lezard and Clint Gabriel of the Penticton Indian Band who joined Councillor Barkwill, District staff and our MLA and MP at these events. The reconstruction of the pathway was funded jointly by the Province of BC and the District; the outdoor fitness gym was fully funded by Parks Development Cost Charges. CAO Statt, District staff has done an excellent job on completing both of these initiatives in time for summer enjoyment; I encourage Summerland residents and visitors to enjoy these accessible amenities.

The Summerland Legion did not host a Canada Day celebration in Memorial Park this year due to uncertainty about COVID-19 restrictions. For me, July 1 was a day of reflection and thought as well as profound gratitude that the syilx Okanagan Nation share their beautiful traditional territory with us.

Last Monday, July 5, Councillors Carlson, Van Alphen and Barkwill and PIB Councillors Lezard, Gabriel and Charlene Robards toured the solar site and the proposed eco-village site with senior staff. Council is expecting an update on the the environmental assessment and other analyses in August.

Ending on a personal note, I received my second vaccine dose on Wednesday and am looking forward to July 21 when I will be considered fully vaccinated. A reminder that Interior Health has closed the clinic at the Summerland Curling Club. Vaccinations are being done at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre and, for those unable to travel, at the Summerland Health Centre (former hospital building). A pop-up drop-in clinic was open today from 11 am to 6 pm in Memorial Park for first doses and those who had their first dose 49 or more days ago. This clinic runs tomorrow as well for those 12+; this information is posted on [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca) and the District's social media accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot