



**Mayor's Report
June 22, 2020**

It's hard to believe we are almost halfway through 2020. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer solstice, Father's Day and National Indigenous Peoples Day yesterday. Lots to celebrate, including being able, today, to hold our first in-person meeting in three months. Thank you Anthony and District staff for your work in making this happen; I look forward to the time when citizens can also be physically present in Council Chambers.

On June 9 I attended the Arts Council board meeting. CAO Haddad presented on the revised project plans for the upgrades at the Centre, as discussed in our Afternoon Regular Council meeting held earlier today. The Arts and Culture Centre re-opened this morning, with pandemic protocols in place. The Board hopes to have an adapted Music in the Park program organized soon to bring forward to District staff.

The Southern Interior Local Government Association held the June executive meeting on June 10. The executive director brought forward six possible speakers for a fall speakers event. Once three speakers are chosen and plans are finalized the information will be shared with the SILGA membership. We also heard an update from UBCM about how to have an AGM and vote on new Executive members given that UBCM will not be held in-person this September. The next newsletter will be out in early July.

On June 12 Councillor Holmes and I attended the Primary Care Network meeting for local government hosted by the South Okanagan Similkameen Division of Family Practice. We have not met since February; the Division gave us an update on how the pandemic has—and will—change how health care is delivered and how facilities are designed post-pandemic. The PCN Penticton/Summerland Advisory Committee meetings will resume early next month.

Last Thursday, June 18, Councillor Holmes and I attended the RDOS meeting. Councillor Holmes has written a summary of the meeting which will be posted on the District website.

Following the RDOS meeting I joined the bi-weekly teleconference with Minister Robinson, Municipal Affairs and Housing. As we move further into B.C's Restart Plan, the calls are getting shorter. From what I am hearing, the cautious and methodical reopening is working well in our region and throughout B.C.

Friday afternoon I attended a Virtual Tourism Town Hall hosted by South Okanagan MLAs Dan Ashton and Linda Larson. Although there are understandable concerns about what the 2020 tourist season will

look like, the overall tone was positive and several people shared innovative stories of how they are adapting and collaborating.

The Summerland Chamber of Commerce released the virtual Community Excellence Awards gala last week. Congratulations to all nominees and thank you to the sponsors: it's folks like you that help make Summerland the community it is. Winners in the four categories are: Devyn Slade, Youth Leadership; John Bubb, Citizen of the Year; Linnea Good, Arts and Culture and the Summerland Youth Ambassador Program, my pick for Mayor's Award of Excellence. On behalf of Council, congratulations and thank you for your outstanding community service.

We also congratulate the Summerland Kinsmen Club for being recognized as the Outstanding Partner of the Year for their demonstrated leadership and initiative in advancing the mission and vision of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Well done, Summerland Kinsmen.

As I close tonight, two reminders: firstly, new COVID-19 cases are still being reported every day; please continue to be vigilant. And secondly, please respect the pandemic protocols at local businesses and at municipal hall. These are in place to keep you and staff safe. As Thumper said, "If you can't say somethin' nice, don't say nothin' at all."

Be kind and continued health.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot