



Mayor's Report

August 22, 2022

It has almost been a full month since our last day of regular Council meetings.

On August 3 Interior Health hosted another Mayors and RD Chairs roundtable focussing on four items: a COVID-19 update and the upcoming flu season, staffing challenges, monkeypox and hot summer temperatures.

August 4 I was part of the judging panel for this year's Community Energy Association Climate and Energy Action Awards in the Climate Adaptation Category. You may recall that the District of Summerland won in the Community Planning and Development/Corporate Operations category in 2021. Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony at next month's Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

I attended the Sneak Peek event of the 7th annual Ryga Arts Festival on August 9 at Lunessence Winery. Such a beautiful outdoor venue to hear and see snippets of what to expect during the 2022 Festival that ran from August 13 -21. I volunteered at three events this past week, on August 15, 19 and 20. Some events are ticketed to cover cost of the performers, but many, thanks to strong local and government support, are Pay What You Can.

I had a meeting with Interior Health's South Okanagan Clinical Operations Director for Home Health on August 10 to discuss the challenges being faced by IH about community programs, staffing and housing. While the challenges exist, they are not insurmountable and working with the District is, I think, a good way to address our shared concerns more actively.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe Labour Day weekend. It is back to school time, but there are still many events and activities to enjoy. In September alone, the Skaha Kennel Club 2022 All Breed Show is being held at Dale Meadows Park from September 2-5 the Endless Summer Show and Shine returns to Memorial Park on September 10 and Summerland Fall Fair takes place in and around the Summerland Museum and the George Ryga Arts + Cultural Centre. Also, the Summerland Rodeo Grounds hosts the Endurance Riders September 9-11 and the BC Bike Race September 26, and don't forget the Terry Fox Run on September 18.

Due to the 2022 UBCM Convention on September 12-15, the next regular meetings of Council are on Monday, September 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot