



## Mayor's Report

November 22, 2021

On November 9 Council had a meeting to continue budget discussions following the Q3 updates from department heads at our November 8 Regular Afternoon Council Meeting.

November 11, I attended the Remembrance Day ceremony outside the Legion and laid a wreath at the base of the flagpole after saying a few words honouring those men and women and their families for their service—both those who came home and those who lost their lives. My thanks to the Legion for organizing and hosting this short ceremony.

I was invited to present on November 12 to the newcomer community working with South Okanagan Similkameen Community Services. I spoke to participants about my path to the mayor's seat, the role and responsibilities of the mayor and of councillors, and the local government election process before an interesting Q+A session.

Monday, November 15 was a full day meeting of the Climate Solutions Council. It was the end of the term for many people on the Council and, for some, the first time we met in person. Due to other commitments, I decided late Friday that I would not attend the Vancouver meeting in person. As it turns out, that was a good decision.

On November 16 CAO Graham Statt and I had a virtual meeting with MP Dan Albas to bring him up to date on ongoing and upcoming projects as the House begins the Fall Session today. Later that day I attended the open house on the proposed new recreational and fitness centre and the Summerland Community Arts Council board meeting.

One of Council's priorities is to build the relationship between Council and the Penticton Indian Band Council and between Council and the SD67 Board. This month CAO Statt and I have had meetings with Chief Gabriel and their Natural Resources Manager and, this morning, with SD67 Board Chair James Palanio, Superintendent of Schools Todd Manuel and their consultant. The school district is undertaking a Long-Range Facilities Plan review and is asking for feedback from Summerland parents of school-aged children. Access the community survey on their website at [sd67.bc.ca](http://sd67.bc.ca) or on the District's Facebook page. The survey is open until November 29.

The CAO and I had a meeting on Thursday with Ministers Farnworth, Fleming, Osborne, Popham, EMBC and Ministry staff to hear updates on the actions being taken on rescue efforts, financial relief, and other measures being taken following last weekend's extreme weather events.

I'd like to end tonight with notice that, at the request of Princeton Mayor Spencer Coyne, the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan has set up a Princeton Relief Fund to help the recovery effort. CFSO is taking donations and administering the funds. I spoke to Mayor Coyne on Thursday and he is worried that this week's forecasted heavy rain for the region will make a challenging situation even more difficult for Princeton residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot