



Mayor's Report

August 23, 2021

Another weekend of cooler weather and some precipitation. Some may lament the end of hot summer days, but perhaps this change in weather signals the beginning of the end of the 2021 wildfire season and the hundreds of British Columbians who have been under evacuation alert or order can experience some relief from this traumatic experience.

On August 20 I attended the Summerland Community Arts Council board meeting. Discussions included the board's preferred name for the Centre, events that are being planned over the next several months including Light Up the Arts and the re-opening of the renovated building. CAO Statt will be speaking more on the Centre reopening and Council will be discussing the naming of Centre later this evening under item 13.1.

I attended the most recent meeting of the Development Process Improvement Advisory Committee that was held on August 18 and am looking forward to the District's Grasslands Weed Walk this Wednesday. The District is partnering with the Grasslands Conservation Council of BC to co-host this event. Again, CAO Statt will speak more on this event during the CAO Report.

A reminder that Summerland, as part of Interior Health, is subject to the updated COVID-19 protocols announced last Friday. Updates are available on both the District's home page (summerland.ca) and at interiorhealth.ca.

Council will be virtually attending the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities convention during the week beginning September 13. Because of this, there will only be one series of Council meetings in September—on September 27.

Even though the days are cooling off, September is a busy month for many Summerland folks: Crops continue to be harvested, students and educators head back to school, both the Apple Valley Cruisers Show and Shine and the Summerland Fall Fair return after a year hiatus and the Friends of the Ornamental Gardens host their fall plant sale. Happy Labour Day everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot