



**Mayor's Report
February 22, 2021**

In December 2020, the federal government announced that regional consultations for the new Canada Water Agency would run until March 1, 2021. The agency is being established to improve freshwater management across Canada. On February 16, I attended two hours of the regional freshwater forum for B.C. The Okanagan Basin Water Board has made a submission.

On February 17, I and Councillor Holmes attended the first in the Southern Interior Local Government Speaker Series. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to meet in person, so the executive has created a virtual series of eight speakers on a variety of topics of interest to local government. Jason Locke, the Community Planning and Sustainability Manager for Kamloops, spoke about the public engagement used when the City created the North Shore Neighbourhood Plan.

Also on February 17, Councillor Patan and I attended the Development Process Improvement Advisory Committee meeting.

On February 18, I attended the first of weekly calls for mayors and chairs with Interior Health. As you have heard, the vaccination program will be ramping up in the coming days and health authorities are looking to local government leaders to help them get the facts out about the program. Immunize BC is an excellent source of information including comprehensive FAQs which cover dose timing, vaccine allergies, timing, and more: <https://immunizebc.ca/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>. Updates will be posted on our website (summerland.ca) and on the District's social media platforms.

Thank you for continuing to follow the public health orders and keeping your family, friends and neighbours safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Toni Boot