



## ***Acting Mayor's Report***

*October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020*



Good evening ladies and gentlemen and fellow Councillors. As I preside over my last Regular Council meeting as Acting Mayor, I would like to take a few minutes to express thanks to those who got us where we are tonight. Mr. Peters, thanks for your service and your dedication to your family. To my fellow councillors, thank you for having trust in me to fill in as Acting Mayor during a very difficult time. To all staff and employees, a huge thank you for steering us and helping us accomplish what we have to date.

When we look back at what we, as a team have accomplished in the last six months, I for one am very satisfied. Certification and commissioning of the water treatment plant, qualified operators to run the said plant, and training opportunities for those interested, columbarium improvements, residential paving program, grant applications for active transportations study, Centennial Park upgrades, sidewalk improvements, collaboration with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure improvements for safety on Highway 18 with the installation of flashing lights indicating the need to be aware of wildlife, knowing that there is still room for further safety improvements. Preliminary work on the streaming of Council meetings and Committee meetings, investigating the best way forward to accomplish this. All while being cognizant of the impact these improvements will have on taxpayers.

I would also like to congratulate Mayor Elect Bob K. Kay, on his successful campaign and victory. To the other candidates also a huge thanks for putting your name forward, you should be proud of what you accomplished and learned during your campaign. I do not think I envisioned the impact of holding the position of Acting Mayor during these sorts of circumstances and without everyone's support, I don't think we would be where we are today. We all knew when we put our names forward for Councillor or Mayor that we will not please everyone all the time. When we strive to do the best, we can for the whole community, we are all better for it. It is important that we move forward and continue to serve our community to the best of our ability, coming out from the pandemic stronger and better for it together, as a whole community. I look forward to the remainder of this term, and where we will be in two years.

One quote that really stuck out to me during this time goes like this "what people think of you, is really none of your business". Again, I thank you all for your ongoing support with apologies to any former Lake Cowichan Ambassador and with poetic license, may I close by saying something similar to the Ambassador's goodbye speech.

My name is Tim McGonigle and I am, and forever will be, your 2020 Acting Mayor.