



MAYOR'S REPORT

March, 2023



This will be the first of quarterly updates that will be reported moving forward. Council is currently reviewing and updating our Strategic plan, checking off the objectives that were completed on the original plan, and inputting new ideas for possible improvements that we heard were desired during the past election campaign. As we move along with the Strategic Plan, we are also aware of emerging issues that have arisen and may need to be dealt with as well.

We are working through the Budget process currently, and with the recent Provincial funding announcement, it has allowed us to look at much needed infrastructure projects that have been delayed due to lack of funds. Council members have been looking carefully at how these decisions will impact residents, considering the financial impacts of the Regional Recreation Referendum on our CVRD contributions, and the cumulative effect of Inflation, supply chain issues and project delays, remembering that we are taxpayers as well. Once we have finalized the Budget, the impacts of our discussions and the already approved CVRD budget will be shared with the public.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of countless volunteers in our community, working tirelessly to better our communities. Without these efforts we would not have been able to accomplish all the things that have been thus far realized. Many organizations suffered volunteer losses during the pandemic, including The Lake Days Society, and hopefully, as the restrictions on gatherings are eased, this important group can reconvene to bring these celebrations back for all to enjoy. We also acknowledge gaps in services in our area and will continue to lobby senior levels of Government to fill those needs.

I personally wish to thank my fellow Council colleagues for their hard work and support as we try to make Lake Cowichan a better place to live, work and play. Also, thanks to our staff and employees who continue to support the decisions that Mayor and Council bring forward.

Tim McGonigle
Mayor
Lake Cowichan



Spring flowers are starting to bloom

Save these dates

Budget Meeting – April 4th, 2023 at 4:30 pm
Parcel Tax Review – April 11th, 2023 at 5:00 pm
Public Town Hall Meeting – May 15th, 2023 at 6:30 pm