

## MAYOR'S REPORT - OCTOBER, 2022



Two years ago when I was elected Mayor, it was obvious that the two years left in the term would not be such that one could plan for.

It was obvious by the outcome of the by election that the public was looking for stability in their local government.

I am very proud to say that over the past four years our local government staff, elected officials and the residents of the Town of Lake Cowichan have navigated through three elections, a social media storm, a pandemic, unprecedented development pressures, a heat dome, a drought, an atmospheric river, an old growth logging dispute, a mass vaccination program and record breaking tourism seasons all of which affected our daily routines in ways we probably were not prepared for. But, we made it through it all by sticking together as a community.

Now it is time to say congratulations to the newly elected Mayor and Council. I wish you the very best in all your deliberations and more importantly in all your relationships together as a governing body at this table and others that each of you will sit at.

For myself, now it is time for me to be thankful

Thank you-to my family who support my will to serve, I know that sometimes that has not been easy on this road less travelled.

Thank You-to all the residents of the town for all your support and encouragement over the years.

Thank you-to all the critics that make us pause and reflect when considering initiatives that could affect your daily lives and your pocket book.

Thank you -to all of management and staff both past and present for your daily commitment to the work of operating a municipality and putting up with us elected people and our grand ideas. You have performed miracles with a modest budget and I hope you will continue to believe in the vision set out in the Official Community Plan and provide sound advice to your Mayor and Council as this community grows.

Thank you-to those I have served with in the past and up to the present. When I look back over the time I have served, the list is long of what our local government has accomplished that has made our community a better place to live for many. I feel very privileged to have been a part of this organization and the people in it as an elected official for 12 years.

Looking forward, if I could wish for one thing on this day, it would be that our elected leaders and staff advocate for community initiatives that help us become an even more all inclusive community when it comes to housing, healthcare and recreation that is affordable and accessible to all classes of health and wealth. I believe this can be accomplished through robust community engagement and financed by collaborating with other levels of government.

All the best to all of you , I have confidence our Town will be served well by your collective decisions. Thank you for stepping forward to take on this most important role.

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