

# Mayor's Communiqué

(May 2010)

My activities during the month of April were:

**AKBLG** (Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Government) Conference held in Castlegar on April 14 to 16 – my attendance was limited to a half day which included a “**Highway #3 Mayors & Chairs Coalition**” meeting with 14 participants to discuss plans and strategies to upgrade Highway #3 from Hope, BC to the Alberta border. 3 staff from the Ministry of Transportation were in attendance.

**Victoria meetings** – on April 26<sup>th</sup>, I had 5 meetings during the day with Ministry of Transportation staff, Solicitor General staff, Ministry of Community Development staff, and MLA Michelle Mungall at the BC Legislature building. The opportunity to review and update our progress with Creston Valley projects is an important function of my mayoralty duties.

RDCK meetings – as the **Regional District Director** representing the Town of Creston, I attended 3 meetings in Nelson during the month of April, as well as, our local Creston Valley Services Committee meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The date of Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> has been announced as the official date for the Creston & District Recreation Complex Aquatic indoor pool opening.

Other notable events during the month that I was able to participate in included the Creston Valley **Home & Garden Show** with our Town of Creston booth. The **Yard Waste Drop-off** program that was held on the 4 Saturdays in April, and I participated in 2. This pilot project resulted in a total of 78 loads, or about 65 cubic metres, of tree pruning and grass clipping materials that will be suitable for chipping and composting. Town staff and Council will be reviewing the success of this project to determine future community initiatives. I attended and spoke at the **Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce** members meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We attended the **Arts Council of Creston** opening event on April 18<sup>th</sup> for their weeklong provincial celebrations. It was an honour to participate in the **Alex Nilsson “Order of Canada”** celebration held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It was an opportunity for the 200+ people attending to acknowledge his many years of volunteerism in the Creston Valley.

## ***I want to hear from you:***

Please share your concerns, your experiences, your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).

Thanks

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