

Mayor's Communiqué

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OUR 3 YEAR TERM IS DONE!

The old cliché “But OH, How time flies” is very true in the case of serving my first term (3 years) as your Mayor for the Town of Creston. Admittedly the first year was a powerful “Learning Curve” being my first year in the local government arena, the last 2 years have been enjoyable and our Town Council saw positive progress in our community.



Year 1 – a Feral Cat Bylaw enacted -- approval received from the ALC (Agricultural Land Commission) to exempt land from the ALR (Agricultural Land Reserve) for a Hotel and Conference Center and then future economic development would be allowed on the balance of the property -- Our new Town of Creston website was launched (www.creston.ca) – we received Build Canada grants of \$5 million for our Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade – Regional Rural Policing meetings and public meetings started – attending the FCM conference in Whistler and the UBCM conference in Vancouver.



Year 2 – MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and Friendship with the Lower Kootenay Band was signed – our local Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations was awesome – our RD Aquatic Complex opened – Tim Horton's opened – attending the FCM conference in Toronto and the UBCM conference in Whistler.



Year 3 – emceeding the Lower Kootenay Band Council Inauguration at our PCSS Theater – the opening of our RD Complex Fitness Center facility – the hiring of Lou Varela as our new Town Manager – the Jenny's NIGHT OUT event at Centennial Park – attending the FCM Conference in Halifax and the UBCM conference in Vancouver and participating in the Creston Fire Department “Fire Hose Laying Competition” – Dr. R. Elemuo arriving to open his practice at the Osprey Medical Offices.



Projects in progress that will enhance Creston and the Creston Valley are the new Ramada Inn and restaurant, the 24 unit Seniors Housing project, the new Creston Place office building and upgrading the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Council continues to work toward the removal of heavy truck traffic off Canyon Street including a true aligned intersection at Pine & Railway, create a Enhanced Rural Policing Unit for the Creston Valley – continue to recruit new physicians through our Creston Valley Health Working Group – continue with Economic Development strategies -- grow our Agricultural base and industry by supporting local community projects like the Farmer’s Market and the Greenhouse Society.



I want to hear from you:

Please share your concerns, your experiences, and 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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