

The next 4 years from my perspective!

One of my favorite quotes about leadership comes from Martin Luther King Jr. – “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” For me, the meaning in these words can be equally relevant when applied to an individual, group or community context. It’s during the tough times that we get to demonstrate who we really are.

In recognizing both the challenges and controversies that our community has worked through this past year, I’d say that collectively we have a lot to be proud of. THANKYOU to the 2,245 Town of Creston voters who participated in the Democratic process last month. With the outcome of the election, I find myself ready to continue on the path of meeting challenges head on and working for the betterment of our outstanding community.

Our new Town Council members will be formally “inaugurated” on November 6. After that, we will meet to strategize about our goals and priorities for the upcoming term. During my time serving as your Mayor, I’ve had the great privilege of working with 3 previous Councils and we have realized many successes during that time. I am looking forward to working with our newly elected Council members, with the invaluable support of staff, to secure many more wins for our community.

You guessed it - our first priority will be moving forward with our new Fire Hall that will serve our entire Creston Valley for the next 50 years plus. Our leadership group will continue with its commitment to seek out funding opportunities with the goal of reducing the actual amount of borrowing required. This, in turn, will reduce the long-term mortgage amount and the cost of that borrowing. While I have some ideas of my own, I would welcome you to visit me in my Town Hall office to share your ideas and thoughts.

While the borrowing referendum was a central focus for many during the election period, I can assure you that my perspective as Mayor is far more global. I will continue working to prioritize implementation of the community vision declared in our award-winning Official Community Plan and it is my hope that Council will support this approach in the Town’s upcoming Strategic Planning process. In this decision making, we will roll up our sleeves and get down to the business of municipal governance - a task that is far broader than any one single issue. Now we can come together and move forward.

I would be remiss if I failed to congratulate all of the candidates who put their names forward to run for the Town of Creston Council, the RDCK Board of Directors and the School District #8 Trustees. Regardless of the role in which you choose to serve, I believe that leadership is not for the faint of heart.

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