

Councillor's Report

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I'm pleased to report that my application for a Level 1 Certificate in Local Government Leadership has been approved by the LGLA Board. Certificates are normally presented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing at the annual UBCM Convention.

On April 12, the Rec Commission met to begin a budget review for the year, discuss additional after school programming with our school board representative, the purchase of a new score clock for the arena, the completion of the wheelchair lift, a new water polo program run by the Piranhas, the addition of a new sound system at the aquatic centre as well as the monthly usage statistics. Long time coordinator for the aquatic centre, Cora Ludwar has officially announced her retirement and will be sorely missed. She will continue to help out on a part-time basis to ease our scheduling concerns. Our Legion representative also informed us of approximately 250 pipers and drummers that will be coming to Donaldson Park on May 4th & 5th.

As a result of grant funding in last years budget, Urban System's presented council with a workshop last week, explaining their recently developed Service Sustainability Assessment Tool (SSAT). The overarching goal of this tool is to be an easy to use resource designed to guide local governments towards a sustainable and resilient future. This simple and effective self-assessment resource, identifies areas where deliverability of services may be threatened and provides feedback on practices that contribute to service sustainability. The SSAT is the first tool of its kind. The resource was developed to identify areas within local governments where services are strong, where the sustainability of service delivery is at risk, and to track progress over time. Areas included in the SSAT are wastewater; water; drainage and flood protection; transportation; fire protection; parks and recreation; solid waste; and civil facilities. The SSAT was created as an Excel workbook to make it easy for communities to use without external guidance. Each Excel sheet represents a different service area and includes a set of measures, scored from zero to three, to assess current performance and preparedness for the future. Once scores have been entered, users are able to generate reports for the community and Council, senior managers, and department staff. By taking only 15 minutes on an annual basis, local governments can use the Service Sustainability Assessment Tool to significantly improve communications with Council and the public, and better prepare for today and the future.

The AKBLG for 2018 took place from April 16-20 in Fernie, BC. Councillors Tripp, Hammett, Thompson and myself attended but due to submission deadlines, my summary of the event will be included in my next report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Butler