

REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: December 10, 2018

SUBJECT: Report to Council

This is my first report to Council following the election. I want to say that I am looking forward to working with Council as together we strive to move our community forward following the devastating flooding in May.

November 6th, Councillor Korolek and I took the roles of “management” when Grade 3 classes visited City Hall. Children from each class volunteered to be Mayor and Council and debated one current issue. Thank you to our Corporate Officer and Deputy Corporate Officer (Daniel Drexler and Kevin McKinnon) for facilitating this. It was fun.

As the City’s liaison to the Boundary Country Regional Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC), I attended their monthly meeting on November 6th. At that meeting, Councillor Korolek resigned her position as Chair, and at my suggestion and with the concurrence of their Board, she will be their liaison. I will be the liaison for the Downtown Business Association.

November 7th, I went to one of three workshops at gallery2 facilitated by the Boundary Flood Recovery Team. There were different sessions facilitated by the team where various issues were discussed. While I was unable to get to each session, the ones I did go to had excellent participation from our citizens.

November 8th was the first of several workshops Management has prepared for Council, where each department manager explains the work that they and their staff do for our City. These informative sessions provide Council an opportunity to ask questions in order that we can better understand what is being done.

Along with Mayor Taylor and Councillor Korolek, I participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11th.

At the invitation of Boundary Early Years Action Committee (BEYAC) to I attended a webinar of “Help Early Learning Partnership” on November 14th.

November 14th, I attended the Downtown Business Association meeting. They had a full agenda, including presentations from Graham Watt, Manager, Boundary Flood Recovery Team; Peter and Andrew Novokshonoff, Park in the Park; and, James Wilson, President of the BCRCC.

I attended an intensive 2-day workshop with professional consultant, Lisa Zwarn, where presentations were given to Council regarding our roles and responsibilities, and, Council relationships with management. I found these sessions to be excellent with an

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opportunity to ask questions and to discuss issues that we face and may be facing in the future.

November 30th, I accompanied Mayor Taylor to Summerland to meet with ElectroMotionEnergy, a revolutionary company that through sophisticated technology combines heat and power that replaces conventional systems. We toured a Tiny Home on site that is currently under construction and uses this technology. I found it to be a most interesting visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson