

REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: February 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council

Since my last report to Council, I have attended the following information sessions, meetings and workshops:

1. A presentation by local and professionals from Interior Health Authority regarding mental health issues, and in particular, the proposed 2nd Street Development.
2. Two 2019 budget workshops.
3. One regular and one extraordinary meeting of Downtown Business Association.
4. A meeting of the Boundary Early Years Action Committee (BEYAC).
5. Family Day activities
6. Boundary Flood Recovery public meeting
7. The regular meeting of the Phoenix Foundation

My last report included a proposed resolution for Council to consider forwarding to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities (AKBLG) for their consideration. We discussed this at length during the Committee of the Whole and I have taken all comments and recommendations into consideration in formulating the resolution below, that I would ask Council to consider at this meeting.

WHEREAS SUBSTANCE USE, particularly drug addiction, is considered a mental health issue;

AND WHEREAS smaller communities do not have many of the supports required to assist those wanting to recover from addiction, and detox followed by immediate rehabilitation is necessary in order to recover and the wait time between the two can be up to three months;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions be encouraged to fund more detox and rehabilitation centres throughout the Province, particularly in rural and remote communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson