

## March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Councillor Moslin's Report

The last two weeks have seen significant progress on the BFR Team's initial infrastructure project: the armouring of South Ruckle. Trucks are rolling daily carrying rocks and fill to the excavator working on the newly built road along the water's edge. Shortly, these highly skilled workers will begin to place the large 'toe rocks' that will support the rock rip rap up to the top of the existing shoreline. Despite persistent permitting challenges, inspections and plan revisions, this project is on schedule to provide shoreline protection for this vulnerable neighborhood.

But there is hard news as well from the BFR Team. Council received a delegation from concerned businesses along Highway 3 east of town. These people were deeply disappointed when they found out that their properties were not going to be part of the DMAF grant application to the federal government. This means their hopes for 'buy outs' or flood mitigation infrastructure to protect their properties have been put off until future grant applications can provide relief. Council was reminded quite strongly that this group of businesses is not on the 'edge' of our town but actually an important commercial and visitor 'anchor' for our town. Council assured the group that we are working hard to bring their struggles with DFA and insurance companies to provincial awareness. The group should also know that Council is continuing to consider other ways to sustain these important businesses.

Six members of Council drove to Kimberley this past week to take part in the Local Government Leadership Academy for elected officials. This conference was aimed at the newly elected. There were over 120 delegates from around the Kootenay's and half of them were newly elected. Topics were wide ranging: from chairing public hearings to asset management to current legal issues. We gained new insights from these sessions into the difficult tasks facing this council.

And finally, I would like to congratulate the Boundary Musical and Theater Society on their outstanding production of Mamma Mia. It has been one of my greatest joys to watch our local theater groups master challenging performing arts. Often families contribute more than one member and the production becomes a whole town effort that builds spirit and resilience and joy. A special thank-you to Councillor Zak Eburne-Stoodley for his part as the technical director. Bravo, BMTS!