## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR Update August 2017



It's an exciting time for new developments in Sooke. The Sooke Brewery Company is well underway, as well as Knox Vision's Affordable Housing Project on Church, our new Regional Library and West Wind Harbour, as such is the second Co-Housing project to be developed in Sooke.

In addition to the Sooke Brewing Company opening on Otter Point Road, I'm pleased to hear about the success of Sooke Oceanside Brewery in their Saseeno's location and did you know that in neighbouring Otter Point, we have Bad Dog Brewery opening soon?

Families that use Broomhill playground will see the older 'redish' play structure removed and replaced with a new climbing structure for older children. The shared swing was removed for safety reasons and is being repaired, this popular item will be reinstalled soon.

Replacement of the Murray road staircase continue, following review by both geotechnical and archaeological specialists.

Council will also receive a fulsome report detailing significant road improvements in September. Along with reports on costs for a new washroom for John Phillips Memorial Park, seasonal adornments, an electric charging station for the Town Centre and much more. An additional meeting will be scheduled to assist in moving these items along.

Ongoing advocacy and efforts for a new health facility and improvements to highway 14 have continued all summer long, and I look forward to reporting out with updates in the Fall.

Workshops geared to improving service levels in Building and Development are being held now and I appreciate everyone's time and insight.

Further, for those that served on District committees, I do feel these committees were abruptly wrapped up, with some work left unfinished. I am looking into options to reconnect with you and resolve outstanding works. Thank you for your patience and for your dedication.

Many thanks to District staff for their ongoing efforts as it's been a very busy summer!