

## Mayor's Message June 2015

Gibsons is a wonderful place to spend the summer. In fact, this is also the time when guests descend from across the country and around the world to share in what Gibsons has to offer.

As I write this column, the weather is nearly perfect, an excellent setting for the activities of our diverse community of world-class artists, artisans and musicians, our local festivals, and the arts organizations that promote an abundance of opportunities for arts and culture in the Gibsons area.

Again this summer, the Town of Gibsons is pleased to support Music in the Landing, with buskers providing impromptu weekend concerts on street corners, on the pier, and at the Winegarden Park bus shelter. What could be better than a visit to Gibson's Landing, sitting on the lawns or benches overlooking our busy harbor, listening to some of the Coast's finest musicians, or discovering the many galleries, cafés, boutiques and specialty businesses that give our community charm and diversity.

Starting this weekend, the Town is proud to, once again, host an event such as The Home and Garden Expo that will take over the Gibsons Community Centre to showcase the best local businesses have to offer to those considering a home improvement project.

Next week, Gibsons Landing Jazz Festival, a well-attended and star-studded event, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will take starting June 19. For more information, please visit: [www.coastjazz.com](http://www.coastjazz.com). As it's often the case, hard-working volunteers invest hundreds of hours into making it the success that it is. Similarly, in a few weeks, Sea Cavalcade weekend will provide more smiles with a parade, fireworks and family fun – if you haven't yet bought a raffle ticket, I encourage you to support the event, and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Returning for a second year, the Gibsons Public Market offering treats, souvenirs and delicious meals every Friday, as well as the various Farmer's Markets happening Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays in the Town. Join your friends and neighbours in sampling all that Gibsons has to offer. Visit our website at <http://www.gibsons.ca/arts-and-culture> for more information on markets, events and festivities – I hope to see you around!