

Mayor's Message – June 2016

On foot, on bikes, on skateboards or scooters – the old-fashioned kid-powered kind, or the motorized version – people are out and about, exploring Gibsons at its early summer best. Many of them are already making plans to participate in events that help create a lively vibe in our town each summer – events such as the Children's Festival and Duck Pluck on June 25 in Dougal Park, which helps support the child development programs offered by Sunshine Coast Community Services, and Sea Cavalcade with hours of good times on and around our beautiful harbour on July 23 and 24. These events offer not only a source of entertainment, but great opportunities for you to volunteer, and help ensure their success.

Aside from festivals, events and parades, we are blessed here in Gibsons with a wealth of world-class artists, artisans and musicians, and the arts organizations that promote an abundance of opportunities for arts and culture in the Gibsons area, such as the 'open microphone' session at the Arts Building, and the impressive talent of local writers who shared their work. And again this summer, the Town of Gibsons is pleased to support Music in the Landing, bringing melodies to our street corners, the Gibsons Pier, and the Winegarden Park bus shelter.

As our Gibsons Public Market takes shape, looking at the moment rather like an adolescent boy who has shot up taller than he ever expected, residents and visitors alike will soon have the opportunity to purchase local produce, baked goods and souvenirs, by visiting the Market vendors in their temporary location in Dougal Park on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Sunday Market in Lower Gibsons from 10 am to 2 pm, and the Thursday Night Market on Shaw Road, beginning at 5 pm.

It's shaping up to be a great summer. I hope you seize every opportunity to enjoy all our town has to offer.