Mayor's Message - July 2017

Summer took its time to arrive this year, but here on the Coast, it showed up just in time for Canada's 150th birthday. Throughout the past several days, we've had perfect weather for enjoying – and sharing with numerous tourists – everything our town has to offer.

Of course, the warm, dry weather is also the best time to complete important infrastructure work. Our current projects will require traffic changes all along Gibsons Way, as we replace the main water lines; improve storm sewers and ditches; and install a new multi-purpose pathway to increase pedestrian safety and cyclist access. It is important to us that cyclists be able to travel safely both through, and within Gibsons – and it is vital that we focus on pedestrian safety in general, and safe routes to school in particular. Your patience, as we carry out these needed improvements, is greatly appreciated.

During the last week of July, Sea Cavalcade will enliven our town for its 49th year. Events to delight the whole family – from delicious pancake breakfasts and salmon barbecues, to feats of athletic prowess, lively music and a multicultural extravaganza – will result almost entirely from the work of volunteers. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the 'Golden Girls' event, always a crowd pleaser. As a participant or an enthusiastic supporter, don't miss the Keats to Armours Swim, the Sea Cavalcade Mile, kids' sailing races, and a host of other fun activities.

Topping it all off this year will be 'Nomadic Tempest', a world renowned laser and light show including feats of gymnastic daring performed each evening at 9:30 aboard the tall ship Amara Zee in Gibsons Harbour. Gibsons is one of only four locations on the West Coast to host the Amara Zee, so it is little wonder ticket sales have been brisk for this spectacular show.

I hope to see you and your families at many Sea Cavalcade activities. For more information, please visit www.seacavalcade.ca