

The Gibsons Way

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Fibre optic comes to Gibsons!

The arrival of fibre optic in our area marks an economic coming of age for our region. This long desired service is finally here. Not only is the Town happy that fibre optic has come to Gibsons but we welcome all telecommunications service providers and new technologies that would benefit the Town and its residents. The benefits to Gibsons' residents, businesses and community are extensive. You will be able to operate your business right from one of the world's most liveable towns and access the kinds of services you need to operate locally and compete globally.

Fibre optic technology allows the Town's SCADA (Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition) system to continuously monitor critical assets such as the water reservoir and the treatment plant.

Gibsons Public Market

The Gibsons Public Market project is a proposal to renovate the old Yacht Club building on Gower Point Rd, and turn it into a vibrant, year-round community hub, including a permanent site for the farmers' market, meeting space, community kitchen and educational centre. Gibsons would benefit from increased citizen engagement, economic activity in the Landing, food security, jobs, business opportunities and more.

Recently, Council agreed to act as the recipient of donations of funds from a GPM Founders Club. The Town in turn will contribute those funds to the project and become a major shareholder of this site. For more information please visit www.gibsonspublicmarket.com

Armours Beach Committee

Members of the Armours Beach Improvement Design Committee have been selected and are currently advising on the preliminary design of Armours Beach site improvements that will best meet the needs of the community.

The draft design of these improvements is expected soon and an opportunity for public consultation will follow.

Aquifer Monitoring - Year One

Although the bi-weekly testing of the Town's distribution system provides assurance of potability and some indication of the water quality from the Gibsons Aquifer, it does not provide adequate data to maintain an early warning system of impacts including contaminants, excessive drawdown and impacts from annual weather changes.

To address this, the first annual Aquifer Monitoring Program has been awarded to Waterline Resources Ltd. Waterline will be completing more advanced aquifer testing, including measurements of aquifer water levels. This data will form a valuable tool to determine how to proceed with development in the Town and what measures need to be taken to protect this natural asset.

Community Shuttle Service

A long talked about project became a reality in Gibsons this summer. In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, Sunshine Coast Credit Union, Community Futures and Sunnycrest Mall, a community shuttle bus connected passengers between lower and upper Gibsons.

The majority of the users were local residents running errands and accessing services such as banking and groceries. The pilot project served to demonstrate that a "local bus loop" is needed and the Town is working with the SCRCD to look at the feasibility of adjusting the public transit plan to include such a route as part of the overall public transit system.

OCP Update Committee

Members of the Official Community Plan Update Committee have been selected.

The current Gibsons OCP (nicknamed "Smart Plan") has been an effective guide for several years. However, it was last updated in 2006 so it is due for a refresh. The update will address current trends and issues facing the Town and reduce redundancies between the OCP and the Town's local area plans that are currently part of the OCP.

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