

# The Gibsons Way

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## Gibsons Way Upgrade Complete

The construction on Gibsons Way is now complete and the new watermain has been brought into service.

This was an essential rehabilitation project that replaced an existing old watermain that had been prone to breakages over the past few years. This watermain has improved service and reliability for a number of Gibsons Way properties, improved circulation of the Town's water system in Upper Gibsons and has eliminated a leaky watermain.

Thank you for your patience during traffic detours, water service changes and evening work as we completed this important upgrade.

## Gibsons Marina Arbitration

The Town went to arbitration with Gibsons Marina Hotel Inc., and the arbitrator has ruled that the terms and conditions of the Marina Lease are to remain unchanged for the renewal term, ending March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2042.

We will sit down with GMHI and have a conversation about how to move forward, and what areas we can improve on to have the marina do its best and serve the Town of Gibsons the best it can.

The Town will focus on solving issues like live-aboards, marketing, maintaining the overall quality of the marina infrastructure and ensuring the marina serves both local and visiting boaters well.

## Economic Development Strategy and Action Framework

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Council adopted an Economic Development Strategy and Action Framework. One of the benefits of this framework is the clarity it brings to the role the Town of Gibsons plays in supporting economic development activity, and with it, a higher degree of certainty and comfort to support a specific action. Most importantly, the framework serves to organize and coordinate a variety of actions in a coordinated and integrated format.

The framework builds on work previously done, going back to the 2004 Gibsons Economic Development Partnership, and the more recent Economic Development Forum, as well as, the Town's Strategic Plan.

## The George Hotel Updated Plan

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the revised proposal for The George Hotel and Residences was presented to the Committee-of-the-Whole. The consultant group included the architect, landscape architect, environmental consultant and head engineer who provided an overview and explanation of the updated design application. Staff is reviewing the application and will report to Council in December.

Have a look at the new design drawings on our website page for The George Hotel. Also, the architectural model is now on display in the foyer at Town Hall.

## Telecommunication Tower Replacement

Following a well attended public meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, staff has prepared a report for Council for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The report can be viewed on the Town website in the agenda package of this meeting.

## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas...

Thanks to the Parks and Public Works Departments, the Town is beginning to look very festive.

Upper Gibsons has been decorated with Ed Hill winter banners and staff has been spreading holiday cheer throughout Lower Gibsons as well.

Following Council's decision to move towards energy-efficient LED holiday lighting, Town staff have been installing these lights on festive hanging baskets and in the trees along Gower Point Road.

Happy Holidays to all of you!

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