

MESSAGE FROM THE CAO



As I look back on 2017, there is a realization that much was accomplished in a year that seemed to fly by. I was fortunate to take part in a relatively new Municipal Administration Training Institute course for fresh CAOs, followed by attendance at the CAO Forum in Victoria. I'm happy to say that there is a great wealth of knowledge that municipal administrators are pleased to share and the networking has and will help me to serve the interests of Lions Bay that much more efficiently. In the spring, we completed consultation on the new Zoning Bylaw which helps set the stage for fulfillment of some of our OCP policies. By early summer, we had launched the new Municipal website, which provides a wealth of information for residents and enables us to communicate information more fully and efficiently. We also got word of our success in applying for a \$2.25M infrastructure grant to help replace some of our aging water storage tanks and associated control systems.

To enable the Municipality to build reserves for continued infrastructure projects and other community necessities, a road end in Brunswick Beach was closed off and put up for sale with part of the pending proceeds being used to purchase the last viable piece of waterfront land at the north end of Brunswick Beach in the event we may someday, far in the future, need to build a desalination plant. Further on the subject of water, we were able to utilize the balance of our New Build Canada Fund monies to replace the Harvey Creek intake weir, which was on its last legs. Council also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with UBC to complete a long-term hydrology study in our watersheds.

In the fall, we held another by-election and gained the services of Norman Barmeier as a Councillor for the balance of the term with the next General Election coming up shortly in the fall of 2018. And in November, Council and management staff undertook a detailed review of Council's strategic plan for 2018 and beyond, which you'll find in the pages above. It's an exciting and ambitious body of work that has been laid out and staff looks forward to continuing to work on accomplishing these goals and priorities.

I am constantly impressed by the dedication of all who live and work in Lions Bay, from staff to Council to all the volunteers who serve on committees and organizations which benefit the community as a whole. It's truly a pleasure for me to serve the Village of Lions Bay.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter DeJong".

Peter DeJong
Chief Administrative Officer