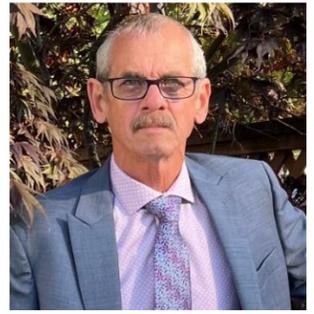




# MAYOR'S REPORT

December, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly



As the year draws to an end and we reflect on last year, it seems we have traversed from one issue of the Pandemic right into another of Inflation, high interest rates and low inventories of rental accommodations and supply chain issues. Council, as taxpayers, is very aware of these issues and the impacts that property taxes have in the scheme of things, and will consider this in our upcoming deliberations.

On behalf of Council and myself, I wish to thank all the Volunteers and organizations who go above and beyond to support those in need in our community, not just during the festive season, but throughout the year. Your support does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated.

We end 2023 with hopes of a better year ahead, and with the announcement of significant funds to complete our Sewer Treatment upgrade. The completion of this project will help accommodate the anticipated growth of our Town. Without senior levels of government's support, we would have struggled to meet the financial needs for this project.

Thanks to all members of Council for making it through our first year of the term, and to Councillor Austin for completing the role of Deputy Mayor this year. Councillor Austin filled in for me when I was unavailable to attend various events. In 2024 this role will be placed in the capable hands of Councillor Sandhu. As we settle into the renovated Town Hall, we are anticipating an Open House to showcase the improvements in the New Year and will advertise such when a date has been finalized. Many capital projects have been completed or are under construction as we move into 2024. Also, the inclusion of Recycling which the Town has assumed in house, does not come without some bumps. The Garbage, Compost and Recycling calendar [Garbage calendar 2024](#) is now posted on the website and we will have changes on pick-up dates from the previous contractor. Please bear with us as we incorporate this program into our delivery of services.

All in all it was a very busy year and all indications are we expect the same thing next year. To all Staff and Employees, a special thanks for all your contributions to make our Town run as best as it can. To everyone in Lake Cowichan and surrounding areas, we would like to wish you the best of the Season. Enjoy your Family, Friends and gatherings as we all take a much deserved break.

Tim McGonigle  
Mayor  
Lake Cowichan

