

My Post Campaign thoughts!

The Town of Creston held our official inauguration on November 6th in Council Chambers. The results of the judicial recount were confirmed the evening of November 2nd, and incumbent Councillor Wilson learned that she would be able to continue her work for another 4 years.

Myself, the four incumbent Councillors plus our new Councillors Arnold DeBoon and Ellen Tzakis read and signed their “oath of office” as well as affirming our Council Code of Ethics and Conduct. A special thanks to all the candidates, to our Town staff and Election officials for their extra time spent during the entire election process.

I would like to outline the some of the changes that unfolded here in the Kootenays on October 20th.

In reviewing the Mayor positions in 26 Kootenay municipalities, there were 14 NEW Mayors elected, six Mayors were ACCLAIMED and six incumbent Mayors were successful in retaining their office. In my opinion, this indicates that many communities embraced the “theme of change”.

The Mayors who retained their office (incumbents) and were re-elected are in Creston, Greenwood, Kaslo, Kimberley, Silvertown and Warfield. Mayors who were acclaimed are in Cranbrook, Elkford, Golden, Radium Hot Springs, Roseland and Slokan. Of the new Mayors, five communities saw their previous Mayors retire or change offices and nine were defeated incumbent Mayors.

It was very interesting to follow that the District of Peachland Mayor was eventually awarded to incumbent Mayor Cindy Fortin. She and challenger Harry Gough finished in a tie with 804 votes each. After a judicial recount, they were still tied and the winner was determined by drawing a name out of a box!

On another front, my favourite photo taken during my campaign (attached) was when I was invited by councillor candidate Trish Drinkle to participate in a Cubs & Beavers meeting at St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church on October 3rd. It was so refreshing to be able to crouch down, talk, listen and answer questions face-to-face with young boys who were so earnest and genuine. This was a definite bright spot for me during my 28 day campaign and was very rewarding for me. I wish that I could say that all candidates received only courtesy and respect in person and on social media during the campaign period but unfortunately, this was not always the case. It should be noted that generally, as Mayor, I do not participate on social media although I do personally participate with my family and friends.



I am truly honoured to have been re-elected as your Mayor for the Town of Creston. Thanks to all who supported me and my family with your kind words and actions. I look forward to our next four years of “Building Together” with our Town of Creston citizens, our Lower Kootenay Band Community and our Regional District of Central Kootenay community!

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