



With the 2025 election complete we have changes in our Town Council. We are grateful for retiring Councillors Kim Mitchell (1 term) and Terrie Matz (2 terms) for their service to our community. Thank you to Shannon Strom for her contributions this past term and I congratulate her and Brad Parkinson for their candidacies in this election. The new Council has been sworn in, received their committee assignments and is ready to get to work. Congratulations to Randi Lynn, Robin Knibbs and Lowell Leffler. Welcome back Denise Curliss, Bill Ressler and Deputy Mayor Dave Harrison. I think we have a good mix of experience and new perspectives as we capitalize on the momentum of the last few years and work to keep Bow Island moving ahead. In this new term I foresee continued infrastructure replacement, enhancements to recreation facilities and a new municipal development plan, as well as continued residential and commercial land development. We will push for a clear decision on the alignment of Highway 3 and will continue to partner and collaborate with neighbouring municipalities on a variety of issues, especially economic development. Of course, the biggest issue the community has to deal with is the shortage of physicians.

Council was very pleased to receive letters of interest from several well qualified candidates for the Clinic Board of Directors, and we appreciate all who applied. Four of those candidates have been appointed to serve on the Board with myself as the Council representative: Alta Magee, Connie Knibbs, Denise Fode and Dr. Trina Klassen. They will also rely on Drs. Edwards and Tawfeeq as advisors. The board gets down to work right away this week, establishing a sound business structure to support the physicians and staff and on this very important initiative for the future of Bow Island and the region.

As a resident I feel our Town is blessed to have such great staff who are committed to the betterment and future of our community. It is wonderful to see and hear the kind of support they are getting from the public. I can assure everyone that Council will continue to support them as well. At the same time, remember that Staff and Council can't do everything and we are so grateful for the many volunteers that pitch in to help make Bow Island a great place to live.

The Bean Town BBQ Cook-off held on Thanksgiving weekend at Centennial Park went quite well for an inaugural event, despite some nasty weather on Saturday night. The Cook-off brought 60 visitors to Bow Island, including competitors, their supporters and judges. Several local entries were received in the "amateur" category too. Organizers are hoping for a repeat next year, likely earlier in the season.

The Town has been without a Peace Officer for many months; therefore, Council has appointed an existing staff member to the position of Municipal Enforcement Officer to enforce local bylaws. This leaves a gap in Parks and Recreation so there is an ad out now for a Public Works Operator with a closing date of December 31st. With the number of buildings, the Town has to clean and maintain the position of Facility Custodian has been created and closes on November 7th. Bring resumes to the Town office or email to townoffice@bowisland.com.

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Next Tuesday, November 11th is Remembrance Day. This year marks 80 years since the end of the second World War and notably for the many people of Dutch heritage in our community it is the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland. The annual service at the Legion gets underway at 10 am but no matter where you are, please pause at the 11th hour to remember the sacrifices of countless people worldwide in the major conflicts of the last century.

Lest We Forget

Mayor Gordon Reynolds