



The Harvest Festival last month was quite a success thanks to the hard work of our amazing Tourism Action Committee and their volunteers. Many thanks to the organizers, volunteers, sponsors and all who came out and gathered as community. One of the big highlights was the Pinto Princess competition. 12 amazing young women entertained a large crowd with speeches and a variety of talents. **Makaya Porteous is the Grand Princess, Chloe Hume is Princess and Mila Wever the Junior Miss.** The speeches all had a Bow Island theme and many of them spoke of what Bow Island and area produces, but I have to say the twelve contestants are great examples of our best products: bright, intelligent and talented young people. Our future is promising! The Chamber of Commerce, "**Taste of Bow Island**" event was also quite successful last month. The excellent four course meal featured locally produced and prepared foods for a good sized crowd that also enjoyed a concert in the Bow Theatre after. The majority of the attendees were from outside the community, so they had a chance to see some of what our community has to offer. A great job by all concerned.

The Town is seeking community minded and energetic persons to volunteer on various boards and committees. By being part of these committees and boards you are able to share your skills, experience and ideas to enhance life in our community, now and for the future. We need people on the following:

- Municipal Planning Commission
- Municipal Library Board
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Tourism Action Committee
- Safe Streets and Community Protection Committee

For more information or to put your name forward call the Town Office at 403-545-2522 or email Dave Matz at dave@bowisland.com.

In a meeting this week with the **RCMP**, I learned that a recent vacancy in our detachment will soon be filled. For a number of years these vacancies often went unfilled for extended periods of time. During this meeting I heard once again that the detachment isn't getting a lot of calls reporting issues in Town. It would appear that a big part of the problem is that the number published for the detachment is the admin number which is usually only answered during the day. If you have a serious life threatening emergency or accident, call 911. If you have a less urgent complaint call **403-545-2100**. This number connects with an RCMP dispatcher who will have a member respond in an appropriate manner and timeframe. Concerned about street racing, suspicious individuals, witness vandalism or some other crime? Call **403-545-2100**. The members are more present and visible in our detachment area, which is huge, but we can all help by calling in.

I also just learned that the Hiebert Cabinets team is busy turning out their quality products in temporary quarters beside Jade Homes. While the company wrestles with the insurance company and makes plans for moving forward, their resilient staff is carrying on.

For a number of years Bow Island has contracted with Park Enterprises to provide Safety Codes Services for Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Gas services within the Town. As of October 1st these permits will be administered by **The Inspections Group Ltd**. Any permits opened prior to October 1st will remain with Park Enterprises until the work is completed and the permits are closed. The Town's contract with Park was expiring and due for some changes so Administration asked for quotes and proposals from several companies and chose The Inspections Group. Anyone requiring a permit will deal directly with The Inspections Group but you can get information on how to connect with them from the Town Office.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mayor Gordon Reynolds