

Mayor's Report, 26 March 2024

The first quarter of 2024 has just flown by! The Town staff and commissioners are exceptionally busy working on numerous projects, many of which you can see as you drive around town. Stick around for our Action Item review for more details or wait until the April Cardinal comes out.

One of the most important tasks ongoing right now is revising the Town Charter. Several Charter Workshops will be held in the next few months so residents can understand the changes and provide input. The Charter is our Town's most important document. It defines the organization, powers, functions and essential procedures of the Town's government, your government. While our current Charter has served us well, it is bloated with items superseded by State Statutes and outdated in many ways.

Adoption of a new Charter requires an affirmative vote of a majority of electors in the 2024 November election. That means we need 50% +1 vote. No tie breaker for a referendum such as this. As Tim Bobanic, BC's Supervisor of Elections said last night – every vote is critical when there are so few votes available in a small town like ours. Spread the word! We need and want all residents to participate in these workshops, so we don't have a 1 or 2 vote difference or uninformed voters deciding the future of our Town. Talk to your friends and neighbors who don't come to meetings or workshops – ask them to make an exception and participate in these important meetings. Mark the Date! A Charter workshop is scheduled Saturday morning April 20th in the Town Hall. The updated Charter will be posted on the Town website and available in the Town Office for review soon, NLT April 10th.

Preparation is underway for our Founders' Day Weekend on April 27-28th. The weekend starts with the Commission hosting our Ice Cream Social Saturday evening. This will be held in the newly restored HWCH -in case you needed additional incentive to come eat ice cream. Founders' Day activities start at 12N on Sunday with live music, games, raffles, and traditional picnic fare of hamburgers and hotdogs. Side dishes and desserts are potluck so break out your best picnic recipe. Come celebrate old and new friendships, dance the afternoon away, and Dunk the Mayor!

Let's keep the conversation going!

Sue Ditty, Mayor