Dear Half Moon Bay Residents,

The Summer Village of Half Moon Bay is a unique lakeside community that values the long-term environmental health of Sylvan Lake while meeting the needs of both permanent and seasonal residents. Protecting our lake, our groundwater aquifer, and the value of our properties is a responsibility we all share.

One of the long-term environmental challenges facing lakeside communities is the continued reliance on individual septic fields. As these systems age, they present an increasing risk to groundwater and, ultimately, Sylvan Lake. Connecting to a regional wastewater system is an important step in protecting our environment for future generations while helping preserve property values and the enjoyment of our community.

The Summer Village has now received confirmation that the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission (SLRWWC) has secured the provincial funding required to construct the regional wastewater line that will serve Half Moon Bay. With this funding in place, Council has directed Administration to proceed with the planning and implementation of Half Moon Bay's internal wastewater collection system.

Our objective is to have the system operational in late 2027, aligning with the SLRWWC construction schedule. While the municipal system may be ready at that time, residents will be provided additional time to complete the connection of their properties.

Council and Administration have been preparing for the possibility of this project for several years. A conceptual design has been completed, along with an order-of-magnitude cost estimate. Funding for a significant portion of the project has already been identified through government grants, Half Moon Bay reserve funds, and previously approved debt financing. At its most recent meeting, Council directed Administration to issue Requests for Proposals for a Project Manager and an Engineering Consultant. These appointments will allow the project to move into detailed design and procurement.

As this work progresses, additional information will become available. Residents can expect updates on construction timing, construction methods, property connections, septic tank inspections, septic field decommissioning, homeowner responsibilities, estimated costs, and other important project details. Similar wastewater projects have been successfully completed

in the other Summer Villages around Sylvan Lake, and we will draw on their experience and lessons learned throughout this process.

Keeping residents informed will remain a priority. Over the past several years, Council has shared information through Council agendas and meetings, community discussions, and regular updates. We recognize that many residents will have questions as the project moves forward.

To help answer those questions, Council will host a public information session. The session will provide an overview of the project, explain why it is being undertaken, review the current project schedule and funding, discuss anticipated costs, and outline what residents can expect over the coming months. We also intend to have technical experts available to answer questions.

This project represents a significant investment in Half Moon Bay's future. By working together, we can protect Sylvan Lake and our groundwater resources while ensuring our community remains a desirable place to live and enjoy for many years to come.

Thank you for your continued interest and support as we move through this important project.

Sincerely,

Jon Johnston
Mayor
Summer Village of Half Moon Bay