



# Resort Village of Manitou Beach

October 6, 2025

## ***Around the Beach!***

It has been a great summer season in Manitou Beach with many activities around Manitou Beach, hence a new regular communication from Mayor and Council titled ***“Around the Beach”!***

These seasonal activities have been enjoyed by many local and regional residents and visitors from afar. That’s what makes Manitou Beach so special for everyone. A few things that we are sure residents and ratepayers are curious about include the recent administrative leadership change and sewer installation project that is currently in progress.

Councils are elected by the people to help guide the activities of a municipality and set its direction. Earlier in September, Council introduced a new direction and engaged Ron and Donna McCullough of R. McCullough Management Consulting to support us through this transition. They are providing leadership along with administrative and financial support services.

Over the past several weeks, much of the focus has been on important administrative and financial work. This has included completion of the 2024 audit, a presentation of the financial statements by our Auditor, and Council’s approval of those statements on September 29. Both the full and summary versions of the financial statements will be available on our website within the next week.

Looking ahead, Ron and Donna will be helping Council and staff set priorities and begin strategic planning. Together, we’ll be developing a three-year operating budget with operational plans, as well as a five-year capital budget. Their guidance reminds us to keep looking forward—learning from the past but not dwelling on it.

At the same time, we’re placing strong emphasis on legislative compliance, financial accountability, and customer service. An “Issues Management” process has been developed to help us respond more effectively to resident and ratepayer concerns.

We know that transitions can bring a few short-term challenges, and we appreciate your patience. One example is online Council meeting broadcasts, which will resume with the next regular meeting on **October 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM.**

There’s more to come as we move forward, so please stay tuned for future updates.

Mayor Cheryl Hanson  
Resort Village of Manitou Beach