

Hello,

It has been 6 months since election day 2022 and just over 16 months since the by-election in 2021.

Over this time, we have seen a number of successes and have had some early wins, including recruiting **29 new family doctors**, creating a **Tree Retention Policy**, bringing in an **Affordable Housing Contribution Policy**, creating a **Heritage Registry**, Comox joining the **Regional Parks Service**, holding a **Climate Change Open House**, and approving the creation of a **Climate Change Risk Assessment and Action Plan**, prior to the new Official Community Plan (OCP) review.

It has been a pleasure to represent Comox on the Comox Valley Regional District board and various commissions (water, sewer, recreation, waste management, hospital board, etc). Working with other elected officials across the Valley, we have been able make a real difference on various social and environmental issues, ensuring that we take care of all Comox Valley residents while also taking care of our planet.

You can [view a record of how I voted](#) on important issues at Comox Council and the CVRD Board [here](#). A few highlights from 2023 include:

- YES vote in support of a Summer Market in Comox
- YES vote in support of a regional Climate Action Plan
- YES vote in support of a "Snow Angels" sidewalk assistance program
- YES vote in support of a Regional Emergency Management Program
- YES vote in support of waiving Development Cost Charges for Affordable Housing projects
- YES vote in support of a new bike lane and sidewalk for Beaufort Avenue
- Opposed to a Water Extraction facility in Merville

I have also enjoyed working with each of the other Comox Councillors, knowing that we all care deeply about Comox and the Comox Valley, and that we agree on much more than we disagree on.

Comox Council, November 2nd, 2022



Just yesterday, I was thrilled to represent Comox at the [announcement](#) by Minister Anne Kang of \$30 million towards the CVRD's sewer extension south project. This new infrastructure will be critical in adding new housing while keeping our environment and ocean safe. A win-win!



Our **primary focus** over the two election campaigns in the past two years was fostering **meaningful community engagement**, through various activities such as knocking on over 3,000 doors, hosting two Community Listening Events, sticker-stations, mailed and online surveys, coffee shop chats, and social media posts. I learned that Comox residents want to share their opinions, especially on topics that they are passionate about.

In addition, I truly believe that I will make better decisions as an elected official by understanding what Comox residents are thinking and feeling about each issue.

Stay tuned for upcoming activities and events this spring and summer where you can get involved and make your voice heard.

If you have any specific Town of Comox issues that you would like to discuss or want to let me know about, please email me at jkerr@comox.ca

You can also keep track of [upcoming events in Comox here](#).

On a personal note, we have just wrapped up the biathlon season. I had the pleasure of coaching our Vancouver Island biathlon team at the BC Winter Games in Vernon. It was a wonderful experience to support these young athletes and promote the positive, respectful, inclusive, and accessible environment of the Games.

Vancouver Island (Zone 6) BC Winter Games biathlon team:



With respect to my own biathlon competitions, I managed to get on the podium in each of the 6 BC Cup races I competed in this season. In a couple of weeks it will be time to start training for next season.

Crossing the finish line in the BC Cup Pursuit race in Prince George:



Thank you and feel free to connect with me anytime if you have a question, concern, or if I can be of service in any way.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Jonathan

Dr. Jonathan Kerr
Councillor, Town of Comox
(He/Him)

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“Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.”
– Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I respectfully acknowledge that I live, work, and play on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.

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