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FINDING HUMANITY, SHARING LOVE

These past weeks have been fraught with fear of the unknown, fear of each other and fear for all humanity. The world has been changed by recent events and it is our choice to change with them or to stay as we were and fear them. Embracing our differences, accepting these challenges and doing something to change the world for the better appears to be our common path. Yet, how many of us will accept others without questioning who they are, where they live or how they got here? Is diversity not essential in any community? What we see happening in larger communities south of the border should be lessons for us in acceptance of others. We've seen the negative impact on our own community where a few offer negative comments or commit acts of property damage and yet those who fear not come to the forefront by showing random acts of acceptance and love. Isn't that who we are Revelstoke? I encourage you to reach out to those who find themselves in our community, whether through travel, employment or personal family matters and show them the grace of humanity, the collective of kindness and love that we truly are. Everyone in this community is part of our extended family, a group of people who collectively embrace the better part of diversity and are accepting of each other. Again, members of the travelling public, whether currently present or may come in the future will be accepted the way we accept each other, with kindness, love and a smile.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gary Sulz

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