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When I am outside relaxing beside a fire pit while eating a toasted marshmallow, I should remember to check and that I might and walk towards

the two families of a few weeks ago. I back down and the back down the hill to the feeder.

feeding the ants. Easing the ants. Easing the ants and they a lot of ants and up before I relax by almost stepped on ants that were alling a dead hornet underneath one of the

ey had come from working group about and tow, push and about four feet e a green lawn. ing the front lawn ver have to water would have a huge

to look at my ton the horses get I pulled 41 burrs 52 from Nancy's pulling the burrs em on my T-shirt n on the ground. mistake of stick- ee pullover I was would not give fight.

e weather predic- ut judging by the apricots our resi- busy storing and may be in for a arm and safe.

Make Water Work loss is just Peachy

In their ongoing tug of war for the title of water champion, Armstrong Mayor Chris Pieper ceded a loss to Peachland's Cindy Fortin in the Make Water Work campaign.

"We didn't really get going on it this year, because of other things going on around our community," Pieper said of the pandemic and fire activity. "I hate to make excuses but...you can't come from behind if you never get behind."

Organized by the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB), the annual challenge pits communities against each other to see which can get the most pledges from residents committed to using water conservation methods.

After Oliver won the first year in 2014, the title has since bounced between Armstrong and Peachland, with this community earning it in 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2020.

As a result, with both holding the mayor's seat

throughout those years, the initiative has created a friendly rivalry between Pieper and Fortin, with the latter admitting it's a driving force.

"When I first started to ask people to pledge, I was looking to win against Armstrong," she joked.

While he may have lost the challenge, however, Pieper refused to lose the war of the words.

"I congratulated Mayor Cindy Fortin, she put her mind to kicking my butt and did a good job, but she'll probably lose again next year," he said, laughing.

Despite the fun they have, it's an important matter, as evidenced by this summer's record-breaking heat wave, extreme wildfires and ongoing drought conditions. And all kidding aside, Pieper wholeheartedly agrees, which is why he's such a strong proponent.

People can learn about making the best use of water, and take the pledge, online at www.makewaterwork.ca to seal the deal for Armstrong next year.

MWw Mayor from P.



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