

Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report
April 23rd, 2019

KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

The report summarizing the public engagement session on March 7th has been sent to our architects. Based on the feedback received, they will draft 2-3 design options which will be shared with Council and then the public for their feedback.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Economic Growth

a. Development of Additional Business/Commercial Property

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Reduction of Commercial Taxation

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improved Access to Internet

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Council has indicated their interest in including capital funding in the upcoming budget for improvements of amenities at our beaches. This funding will compliment the work of the previously mentioned focus group which will be led by Suzy Atwood, our Community and Tourism Development Officer. We are hoping to see progress on this initiative this fiscal year, but this will depend on multiple government agencies and local interest groups.

b. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.



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4. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality

a. Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)

We continue to communicate on a regular basis with a physician that will begin a practice in Barrington. More details regarding this very important service will be made available in the coming months.

b. Develop Water Access Plan (docks, wharves and marinas)

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)

Nothing new to report at this time.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES MARCH 23RD to APRIL 22ND

TOPICS

Budget

The budget has been one of the main priorities in the last two months. Council has deliberated the operating budget during multiple meetings and has discussed capital planning and budgeting. A final draft of the operating budget, which includes the feedback received during the previous meetings, has been presented to Council.

Tax Bills

The interim tax bills were issued April 3, 2019. This bill represents 50% of a calculation based on the current year's taxable assessment and the last tax rate set by Council along with 50% of the previous year's sewer service charge, when applicable.

Fire Services & EMO Coordination Position

We are excited to announce that Dwayne Hunt has been hired as the new Fire Services and EMO Coordinator for the Municipality. We are fortunate to have hired an individual who has devoted his life to emergency and fire services in our Municipality and are excited to have him join the team. His start date is April 23rd.

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Clyde Area Community Centre Association

A purchase and sale agreement was accepted by the Association however they are still awaiting details on insurance for the building which has delayed the transaction. Once the transaction is complete, the funds will be disbursed to the groups – thus finalizing the project.

Marathon Committee

The Marathon Committee continues its work and is moving forward with key decisions in preparation of the 49th edition of the marathon. As of the beginning of April, 87 runners were registered. As mentioned previously, each member is working on subcommittees to ensure the important aspects such as sponsorship, registration, administration, marketing and budgeting are all moving forward.

Summer Season

Property Services Department

The Property Services Department has serviced their snow removal equipment and has stored it away for summer. The arena was closed for the season on March and the ice surface was removed and readied for summer use. We heard a lot of positive comments regarding the management and operations of the arena this year and I would like to thank Cora, Eugene and Stacey for their great work over the season! The Curling Club was also shut down for the season.

Attention is now on preparing for the upcoming summer season. Landscaping has begun at Sherose Ball Field and more is on the horizon at our parks and rest stops. Gravel was screened on Goose Lake Road and winter damage at the Sherose Nature Trail was repaired. Finally, a memorial Bench installed at the Bacarro Light.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is also preparing for the summer season. Student summer positions for our day camps and pool have been advertised and the deadline for applications is May 1, 2019. Programs such as a walking, senior exercise classes, Nordic walking sessions and paint nights have been ongoing. Registration for under-6 soccer will be Tuesday at the arena and Thursday at Sobeys, both from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Preparation of the Community Garden will soon begin and a skipping program is being planned for late May.

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Community Litter Clean Up

Our 3rd annual Community Litter Clean Up will be on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stations will be set up in each district where groups or individuals can sign-up for the event and pick up their supplies. At noon, there will be a free BBQ and prizes will be drawn for. Local groups, schools and businesses have been approached to help or sponsor the event and we hope this event grows upon the last 2 years of success. We encourage anyone to come out on May 4th to lend a helping hand.

