



The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Community Newsletter May 2018

Municipal Musings

Fellow Taxpayers

As the councillor responsible for municipal finances, I have the dubious honour of giving you a glimpse of the 2018 municipal budget. This is a brief snapshot. Should you require more detail, contact me, or Maureen Hanson, our municipal treasurer.

During the first quarter of 2018, staff and council met numerous times to determine the revenue needed to operate the municipality in the coming year. We also had to wait for the exact amounts to be levied upon us by the boards of education, district social services board, homes for the aged, police service, the health unit, etc. When the dust settled we found that we need to collect \$2,354,756 for the above-mentioned agencies and an additional \$1,306,492 for local municipal facilities, programs and services. We also levied an additional \$662,749 for capital projects. Some of the capital projects in 2018 include landfill maintenance equipment, government dock improvements, road works and land acquisition. The total 2018 budgeted expenses are \$4,323,497. We arrived at this number after several rounds of cutbacks.

The next phase of the budgeting process was forecasting revenues. We added all of our sources of revenue, such as general provincial grants, estimated revenues from provincial parks, golf course, solar power generation, permits, facility rentals, etc., as well as our primary source; taxation. After all spending cuts and projected revenues were determined, there was a revenue shortfall of \$216,764. We budgeted to transfer this amount from our reserves in order to keep the tax rate at a 2.3% increase. This 2.3% levy increase amounts to \$14.95 per \$100,000 of residential assessed value and \$17.73 per \$100,000 of commercial assessed value.

As mentioned previously, this synopsis does not give a full picture of the much bigger process of budgeting. Should you wish more detailed information, please contact us.

Cheery bye,
Jerry O'Leary
Mayor

Sunday Worship Services at Lake of the Woods Chapel continue to be at 2:30 p.m. until May 20th, when we move to evening services at 7:00 p.m. Evening services continue throughout the summer until the Sunday that follows Bassin' for Bucks. Hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and the fact that we can see blue water instead of white ice. Everything should be getting green now and flowers should be appearing shortly. Spring is good! Hope you feel inspired to attend church on Sunday!

Early On Child and Family Centre Community Planning
Please join us for the Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls Community Planning Table to be held May 23rd at 12:30 pm at the Crystal Harbour Resort. Lunch will be provided. R.S.V.P. Vanessa Shepherd at 223-2100 or vshepherd@kdsb.on.ca

Nursing Station

DR. JOHN HAMMETT

Friday, May 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th 10:00 am—12:30 pm

DR. ROWENA LASS

Wednesday, May 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th 8:45 am—11:30 am

Wednesday, May 23rd 2:30 pm—5:30 pm

CAITLINN CAMPBELL, RN

Tuesday, May 8th, 15th & 22nd—1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Monday, May 28th 12:00 pm—4:00 pm

DR. DEAN KOZAK, DENTIST

Monday, May 14th 9:00 am—3:00 pm

PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS & LEAVE YOUR NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER
AND SOMEONE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NURSING STATION 807-226-1081 AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE CALL 911.

MILLIE RYDBERG