

Chief Administrator's Report
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PROJECT FILES:

- Meteghan Sewer Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering, Major Point Road, Medical Center, Garbage Collection will be discussed individually, as standing items on the agenda and/or in closed session.

Clare Veteran's Centre

- Awaiting word on our application to the Nova Scotia Department of Communities Culture and Heritage, under the Community Facilities Improvement Program, for funding to assist with renovation of the current upstairs washroom facilities

Gran-Fondo

- As of June 21st, 354 people have registered. Deadline for jerseys is July 31st (expecting big uptake prior to deadline)
- Sponsorship campaign was launched on May 18th targeting private sector. The goal was \$10,000. To date, \$9,300 has been raised plus an additional \$5,000+ in in-kind contributions.

Recycling Plant:

- Equipment has been removed
- Clare Machine Works will be leasing the building as of December 1st.
- Move in date has been pushed to December 1st to avoid double occupancy. Less complicated and resolves potential issues relating to joint liability.

Community Clean-up Program:

- Présentement, il y a deux organisations qui ont déjà procéder au ramassage, et qui ont reçu leur chèque.
 - 1) La Paroisse de Concession. Ils ont fait 6 km et ont reçu 900\$
 - 2) Les Chevaliers de Colomb. Ils ont fait 6 km et ont reçu 900\$
- De plus, nous avons donné 150\$ à Denise Stuart pour son groupe qui a nettoyé la plage de Saulnierville et 150\$ à Donna Maillet-Mullen pour sa famille qui a nettoyé la plage de Salmon River.
- Tout ceci nous fait un total de 14km sur 66km tel que budgeté ou 2 100\$ (14km x \$150)

- En plus de ces applications, nous avons reçu des demandes de 4 autres organisations/individus.

Elections 2016

- Preparation of voters list is in progress. Residents will be advised via ads in local papers as to when they can confirm they are on the voters list
- Nomination Day is September 13th (with nominations being accepted by appointment from September 6th)
- Election day is October 20th with Advance polling days from October 7th to October 14th
- Electronic voting (computer and telephone) available on advance polling days and on Election day
- Paper ballots available on Election Day only at polls.

INTERNAL:

- **Communications Committee** – New municipal website is nearing completion. Expect to go live with a soft launch next week. Content will continue to be added in the coming days/weeks.
- **FCM Conference**
 - Very good conference
 - Better balance between Urban and Rural
 - Strong government presence
 - The 2014 New Building Canada Fund (\$14 billion) has undergone changes to provide greater flexibility by extending eligible funding categories and by accelerating all remaining funding to support priorities within the next two years.
 - \$4 billion for National Infrastructure Component (NIC)
 - \$10 billion Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC)
 - ✓ \$9 billion for National and Regional projects (PTIC-NRP)
 - ✓ Small Communities Fund (PTIC-SCF)
 - (In budget 2016) - **\$5.0 billion in Green Infrastructure** in infrastructure that protects communities and supports Canada's ongoing transition to a clean growth economy (i.e. adapting to climate change impacts, waste management, capacity for asset management, innovative green municipal projects, etc.). Of this, **\$2 billion** will flow through Infrastructure Canada's new **Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF)** to provide communities with more reliable water and wastewater systems.
 - **Social Infrastructure (Phase 1)** – Affordable Housing for Seniors, Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure, Community Accessibility

- **Stakeholder meetings (since May 18th):**
 - WREN Audit Committee – May 19, 2016
 - Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) – Renee Walker (new assistant manager) & Trudy LeBlanc – May 25, 2016
 - Sherry Spencer (MCT) – Annual Insurance Review – May 26, 2016
 - WREN Audit Committee – May 27, 2016
 - Meeting with Mayor of Lafayette – June 9, 2016
 - AMA Spring Conference – June 15-17, 2016

- **Upcoming meetings of note:**
 - UNSM – South Western Shore Regional Meeting – June 23, 2016
 - EMO Meeting – June 30, 2016
 - Canada Day Celebrations – July 1,