

Chief Administrator's Report
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PROJECT FILES:

Meteghan Sewer Treatment Plant

- The polymer mixing unit from Bishop Water Technologies Inc. and Scotia Tech Fluid Services Ltd. has been installed. Training on the unit is scheduled for November 1st.
- A few deficiencies remain relating to grading and concrete. Currently dealing with both the project engineer and the contractor regarding proposed solution and timelines.
- Despite these deficiencies, the plant will be fully operational following the aforementioned November 1st employee training session.

Garbage Collection

- New contract start date is October 1, 2016
- Have received a number of calls from residents confused with the timing of the new service. A few complaints have also been received.
- I have met in person with the owner to address these complaints. Good discussion. Very receptive to our feedback. Issues to date have been dealt with quickly and effectively.
- The Municipality, in collaboration with Waste Check, has placed advertisements in local papers and on Facebook informing residents of the new service providers, the need to sort their recyclables and reminding them to place their garbage at the curb by 8:00 am.

Clare Veteran's Centre

- Application to renovate upstairs washroom facilities bathrooms and install electronic sign has been submitted to ACOA. Awaiting word.
- We have been informed by the Province that they will reconsider our original application for funding.
- Total project cost \$110,000. Cost share 50/30/20 between ACOA, Province of NS and the Municipality respectively.

Cape St. Mary Lighthouse

- Parks Canada has now designated the Cape St. Mary Lighthouse as a heritage lighthouse
- DFO has publicized the disposal of the lighthouse pursuant to the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act. The Municipality must now wait 90 days (i.e. mid-December) before closing escrow.
- In the meantime, we are currently working on a project application to ACOA which would see the Municipality leverage its funds and allow for further renovations / improvements to the site. We currently have \$77,000 committed to this project and requesting matching funding from the Agency

Clare Health Centre

- The electrical work, controls wiring, programming and mapping, point checks and commissioning should be complete this week.
- Training and hand over of the system is scheduled for the week of October 31st.
- Motion passed by Council for roughly \$186,000. Project cost negotiated down to \$170,000. Unforeseen expenses currently have the project at just under \$179,000. Annual service contract at a cost of \$1,080 per month.

Rural Internet

- I am continuing to work as part of a municipal working group to advance the rural Internet file. It is a complex file with many competing deadlines.
- The working group is proposing a design build approach to build a backbone solution that not only connects our rural communities, but establishes the Internet capacity that will support “last mile” solutions.
- This will be a phased approach. The first phase is to acquire the needed detail design to submit a sufficiently researched grant application to the federal program. The federal program in question will open at the end of November 2016 and close in February 2017.
- A joint orientation session for all participating municipal councils is scheduled on November 16th, at 10:00 am, in Caledonia. The goal is to provide Councillors with an overview of the group's efforts thus far and outline possible next steps moving forward, including timelines and key dates.