

Chief Administrator's Report
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PROJECT FILES:

Church Point Sewer Treatment Plant (\$198,628)

- No new developments since May 2018.
- Work on SCADA system expected to commence October / November 2018.
- **No new developments. See Council minutes from September 19, 2018**

Sewer Extension – John Thibodeau Road (\$607,000)

- Previously identified deficiencies have been addressed and the system is now operational.
- Riverside Lobster International is now hooked into the system.
- Project is complete.
- Waiting on remaining invoices to submit final claim and other necessary documentation to ACOA.
- **No new developments. See Council minutes from September 19, 2018**

Clare 250th (\$117,300)

- Relocation of outdoors stage at Rendez-vous de la Baie has commenced. Inclement weather has delayed the process. Completion expected by end of November. This will allow the community to make much better use of an under-utilized asset.
- Outdoor concert with Kenneth Saulnier (at new stage location) on October 12th was moved to the Château. Roughly 150 spectators in attendance
- Celebration of the 40th anniversary of the song “Saulnierville Station” at the sign location on October 13th was a success. In excess of 60 people in attendance. Tracking well on social media.
- Pumpkin Patch has been created as a new seasonal event, catering to youth and families, and associated with the Clare 250th.

Cultural Hub Project (\$270,000)

- Automatic door opener (interior doors) has been installed. All other work to the building is complete.
- Base for sign has been poured and aluminum frame installed. Remainder of work to sign to be completed in the coming weeks.
- Expo-photo to be permanently relocated to the Cultural Hub entrance by the end of November.

Cape St. Mary Lighthouse (\$167,025):

- **No new developments. See Council minutes from September 19, 2018**

St. Bernard Fire Department:

- Final touches should be done this week provided the painter is available.
- A few minor items outside the stated scope of work (i.e. storage racks, painting of some floors, etc.) to be completed by the firemen.
- If all goes as per schedule, the firemen expect to be moved in by the end of October.

Clare Veterans Centre:

- Previous RFP closed on July 16, 2018
- Bid price was substantially over budgeted amount of \$65,000
- Project has been re-tendered with a closing date of October 29, 2018
- Staff currently sourcing price estimates / quotes for larger infrastructure project

Gran Fondo:

- Another huge success, perfect weather
- 449 participant surveys have been completed (45% response rate). Feedback overwhelmingly positive
- 1,042 registrations
- 970 participants day of event (51% first-timers)
- 95 participants in the mini-fondo
- 214 registrations (22%) out of Province (199 last year)
- Approximately 200 volunteers. Increase over last year
- Media coverage was good – Radio Canada, CBC, various radio, Courier, Vanguard. TV remains a challenge

Major Point Road:

- **No new developments. See Council minutes from May 16, 2018.**

Meteghan River Sewer Extension

- Outfall pipe has arrived and is stored onsite. Installation planned for Spring 2019.
- New pump with VFD have arrived. Start-up planned for next week.
- Polymer system training (geotube, wasting of sludge) has been completed.
- Waiting on remaining invoices to submit final claim and other necessary documentation.

Rural Internet

- Currently pursuing formal discussions with Mainland Telecom Inc.
- Where possible, we're looking at fiber to the home. In lesser populated, more remote areas, we'll likely have to rely on wireless.
- At the moment, the exact routes for fiber haven't been finalized. We are however looking at substantial coverage.
- A press release will be issued shortly
- **In-camera discussion**

CMA 2024

- Members for Clare include:
 - Larry Peach – Tourism Manager, Municipality of Clare
 - Clint Bruce - Professor, Research Chair on Acadian and Transnational Studies, Director - Observatoire Nord/Sud
 - Natalie Robichaud – Executive Director, la Société acadienne de Clare
 - Daniel LeBlanc – Artistic Director, Festival acadien de Clare
- RFP closed on October 10th. Contract has been awarded to Martin Théberge Consultant. Start-up meeting with Mr. Théberge was held today, October 17, 2018.
- The Municipality's funding application from the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie for matching funding in the amount of \$25,000 has been approved.
- Participated in the AGM for both the SNA and the CMA 2019 in Moncton, from September 28-30, 2018.

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- **In-camera discussion**

Clare Health Centre:

- Transfer from Nightingale to Med-Access is now complete. Both doctors and municipal staff have been trained on the new system. The process proved challenging to say the least.
- New FPN has been hired and will commence in January 2019.

FINANCIAL:

- As of September 30, 2018, the Municipality has recorded \$8,396,321 (93%) in revenues versus \$4,240,525 (47%) in expenses, for a net income of \$4,155,796 (46%).
- As of September 30, 2018, the Municipality has a balance of \$3,432,405 in its operating fund, \$193,702 in its capital fund and a total reserve balance of \$3,791,487
 - Operating reserve - \$444,143
 - Capital reserve - \$2,366,361
 - Landfill closure reserve - \$321,422
 - Gas tax reserve - \$659,561

INTERNAL:

- **Meetings of note since September 19, 2018:**
 - The Honourable Scott Brison (President of the Treasury Board) and the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne (Minister of Infrastructure and Communities) – September 28, 2018
 - SNA AGM – September 28-30, 2018
 - Meeting with Noel Desprès, Comeau's Sea Foods Ltd. – October 2, 2018
 - Acadian Seaplants Ltd. (Cornwallis) – October 3, 2018
 - NSFMs Workshop – Rural Internet - October 11, 2018

▪ **Upcoming Meeting/Event Dates:**

- FANE AGM – October 19-21, 2018
- Doctor recruitment Committee – October 22, 2018
- NSFM Workshop – Trade and International Relations Implications for Nova Scotia’s Municipalities – October 25, 2018
- NSFM Fall Conference – November 6-9, 2018
- CDENE – Acadian/Francophone Councillor Reception – Nov. 6, 2018