

Mayor Report

December 20, 2018

Budget 2019

Administration and Council are to be congratulated for developing the 2019 operating budget for the Summer Village without any increase to property taxes. GST rebates not applied for in some previous years were applied for and received and assist in enabling this budget to proceed.

Administration is proposing the Council consider engaging in a policies and priorities process that meets twice annually (March and October) in order to focus on annual operating and capital budgets and allow for public participation in that process. As the Summer Village will move to a three-year operating budget and five-year capital budget process, I would support this suggested proposal.

FCSS Committee

The Family and Community Social Services Committee met on December 11, 2018. Mr. Jamie Kraley was elected as Committee Chairman.

According to the most recent Summer Village financial statement, FCSS has over spent its 2018 budget. This may be due to some expenses from the previous year not being spent until 2018.

The Committee plans to advertise the FCSS program more widely in the community and is hoping to receive more and more funding applications. Additional information, such as what program components/items are deemed eligible or ineligible for FCSS funding will be appended to the general funding application.

The Committee is scheduled to meeting next on March 19, 2019.

Community Member Acknowledgement

As we fast approach the end of the calendar year, on behalf of Administration and Council, I would like to acknowledge and thank members of our community for stepping forward and volunteering their time and energy in supporting community events and committees. In addition to the volunteers from the Sun and Sand Recreation League, I want to thank the members of the Beautification Committee, FCSS Committee, past and present, and the Firesmart Committee.

I am also mindful of the spouses/domestic partners and family members of these volunteers, who not only support the efforts of the volunteer but also sacrifice home and family time – and thus a big shout out to these oftentimes somewhat forgotten community supporters!

Year End

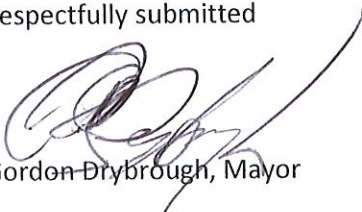
The end of the calendar year is also the end of our fiscal year. Administration will be preparing for the auditor visit and ensuring that all records are completed and up-to-date.

Hopefully we end 2018 in a more content mood and with at least some general satisfaction about how Village services are delivered and completed. We were fortunate to have a local contractor available to assist in lawn maintenance and household waste collection and thank this company for their efforts.

Now a Public Works department has been re-established, we trust that community members see that a good level of service is being delivered. In particular it is noted how quickly Public Works responded to freezing rain storm last week and that village road were sanded within two hours.

In conclusion, I extend wishes to members of the Summer Village, Administration, Council and Public Works, for a happy and safe festive season.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Drybrough', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor