

Chief Administrative Officer's Report
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PROJECT FILES:

Eco-Parc

- File is advancing, albeit slowly
- Currently waiting on a revised copy of the agreement of purchase and sale

Clare Veterans Centre:

- The Municipality is ready to apply to the Rural and Northern Communities Stream of the Invest in Canada Plan once it opens and begins taking applications.
- No word from DMA as to when this might be.
- Prior to the federal election being called, project proposals were sent to Bernadette Jordan (Minister of Rural Economic Development), Colin Fraser (MP West Nova), Leo Glavine (Minister for Communities, Culture and Heritage) and Gordon Wilson (MLA Clare-Digby). No responses thus far.
- With the federal election having now been called, project will likely be delayed until 2020.

Meteghan River Sewer Extension

- Outfall pipe has been installed
- Project is now complete
- Preparing final documentation for submission to project funders.

CMA 2024

- EOI has been issued with a closing date of October 25th.
- Seeking to fill the positions of President, Regional VP – Clare, Regional VP – Argyle, and Treasurer.
- Will look at dates in late October / early November to coordinate a joint meeting of Councils (Clare and Argyle) to review applications and fill these positions.

Tourism Public Spaces Development and Improvement

- Contract has been awarded to Upland
- Preliminary site visits, as well as meetings with staff and Council, were conducted earlier today.
- Currently awaiting confirmation of balance of financing prior to official project launch.

Meteghan Park Development Association:

- Playground equipment from the former Saint-Albert Elementary School to be relocated to the Meteghan Family Park.
- See item 11.4 under New Business.

Capital Budget Update (Various):

- Municipal infrastructure investments are progressing well.
 - CHC – renovations are complete, efforts to cost-share on generator have been unsuccessful thus far.
 - Meteghan Library – renovations are complete.
 - Municipal Building, Landfill (roads to wells), Search and Rescue Building, Hilltown Ball Field are all complete.
 - Storage building next to CHC has been tendered and the contract awarded to US Two Construction. Start date – early November.
 - Roof – Meteghan Wastewater Treatment Plant has been tendered. Bids to be discussed under New Business, item 11.2.
 - Meteghan Sidewalks – Expect to issue a tender for engineering services in October 2019.

FINANCIAL:

- As of September 30, 2019, the Municipality has recorded \$8,491,946 in revenues versus \$4,740,574 in expenses, for a surplus of \$3,751,372.
- As of September 30, 2019, the Municipality has a balance of \$4,172,022 in its operating fund, \$113,140 in its capital fund and a total reserve balance of \$5,005,637
 - Operating reserve - \$450,851
 - Capital reserve - \$3,007,697
 - Landfill closure reserve - \$326,277
 - Gas tax reserve - \$1,220,812

INTERNAL:

Meetings since September 18, 2019:

- PVSC – September 27, 2019
- Weymouth Doctor Recruitment Committee – September 30, 2019
- Cermaq – October 3, 2019
- Accessibility Workshop – October 4, 2019
- IT Security Workshop – October 7, 2019
- Develop NS – October 8, 2019
- Communautés accueillantes - October 9-11, 2019
- AMANS Conference – October 15-18, 2019

Upcoming Meetings:

- FANE AGM – October 18-20, 2019
- WREN Summit on Succession Planning – October 22, 2019
- NSFM Fall Conference – November 5-8, 2019