

TOWN OF HEART'S DELIGHT - ISLINGTON



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Mayor's Report

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. For the most part, we did not endure a cold hard winter. Now we can move forward and enjoy the warmer months ahead.

This year we had a minimal increase in our property taxes. This happened because the Municipal Assessment Agency increased the value of our properties considerably, but by lowering our mill rate we were able to keep our tax increase low. We thank those residents, who pay their taxes on time; however, for those of you who lag behind, please ensure that you make immediate arrangements with the Town Clerk/Manager to pay the arrears. Sometimes, we have no choice but to turn off water or list the arrears with the collection agency. This is your community and to provide essential services to you, we must collect all taxes.

Our Town Plan is now adopted and registered. Feel free to pick up a copy at the Town Hall; I encourage everyone to read it. In the coming months, you will hear more and more about making changes in our Town to bring it up to another level. This will include cleaning up properties, addressing dilapidated buildings, and reviewing all land within our boundaries that has not been assessed by the Municipal Assessment Agency.

It is that time of the year again when construction season starts. ***Please be reminded that prior to the start of any work, a permit must be obtained.*** A stop work order will be issued to anyone that starts any construction, development, or renovations without a permit.

This year National Volunteer week is from April 10th to the 16th. To honour Volunteers in our Town, Council will be hosting a ***Volunteer Social Night on April 14th starting at 7:30 PM.*** The public is welcomed to come along for some fun and refreshments.

With spring here, Council urges all residents to make a special effort to get out and clean up their surroundings, i.e.: ditches and public areas. ***"Clean up Week" is scheduled for June 13th - 17th and our next bulk garbage day is June 22nd.*** Also, we would like to remind residents that the Waste Recovery Center in Cavendish is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (noon to 4:00 pm.) and (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) on Saturday. Please note, that the burial or burning of construction or demolition waste anywhere outside an approved landfill is illegal.

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to say that we now have a website! I would like to thank Stephen McIntyre, an employee with our Ambulance Service, for getting the site up and running. As well as Chris Snelgrove, a resident of the town, for the pictures and video. Please visit www.townofhdi.ca on a regular basis to keep up to date on newsletters and events in our community.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting and trusting your Council. We are proud of the community. Have a happy and safe spring and summer.

Deputy Mayor Fowlow's Report

Our water treatment plant is still providing excellent drinking water to the residents after being in operation for fourteen years. It is getting to the point where parts, such as the computer operating system may have to be replaced in the very near future. The Town workers will be keeping a close watch so that any problem(s) can be corrected quickly.

If you see any sign of water coming through the ground that you think might be a water leak, please contact the Town Office.

Councillor Bev Bryant's Report

The Library continues to be an asset to the community. It is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers and is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. There is a good selection of reading material for all age groups and a computer is available for public use. We would also like to thank those of you who support the weekly coffee hour and the donations from Legge's 50/50 draw. These funds are used to purchase books and supplies for the Library.

Councillor Clarence Chislett's Report

Being the representative for Public Works, I would like to let residents know that if you have a concern regarding the roads, streetlights, etc., please contact the council office or myself. If you know of any streetlight outage, please get the pole or light number and report it to the office. We have applied for capital funding for some paving, however, there has been no approvals to date. Hopefully, we will get some paving, grading and ditching done this year.

Councillor Tina Chislett's Report

I am very privileged to be the liaison for our Recreation Committee. The recreation recently held their annual meeting, electing a new committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13th at 7:30pm.

The building at Brookcove will be available for rental after May 1st. Please feel free to contact any committee member or the council office if you are interested in booking the building for your upcoming functions.

Some upcoming events planned are *our annual Town Day celebration which will be held July 16th* at Brookcove. Events for the day will be similar to last year including breakfast with beans, bologna and toutons, a folk festival in the afternoon as well as kid's games and the dunk tank and a dance at night. Please come join us under the big tent for some fun times as we dance the night away to The Urban Legends! More details will be available as they are finalized.

Also upcoming is a *Curling Bonspiel set for April 16th, starting at 10am* at The Town Hall, this will be a 19 yr or older event. Please get your teams together! This event was a huge success in the past, let's make it a great one again this year! There will also be a *Kids Curling Tournament May 1st*. Details to follow!!

The committee had a great turnout of kids for their Easter party. A great time was had by all. Please encourage your children to come out to all our events and have some fun!

Recreation Bingo is also an ongoing fundraiser starting the beginning of every month. Cards are on sale in local stores.

I would like to thank all committee members for the great work they do and encourage any others in our community to come help when you can, many hands make light work!! If you can donate an hour or two of your time to help with Town Day 2016, please let us know!

Councillor Stanley Legge's Report

Our Fire department continues to be active and dedicated group of volunteers in the community. They attend regular meetings and training sessions and are always there when called upon. We would like to thank everyone who supports our fund raising events including the weekly TV Bingo and our Annual Poker Run.

As usual, we encourage everyone to be Fire Wise, please ensure that you have smoke detectors in your home and that it is working properly. As summer approaches, you are reminded to be very cautious with outdoor fires.

Councillor Isabel Sooley's Report

We are very pleased to continue the operation of our ambulance service to the community and surrounding areas, it is a vital service. We have two fully equipped ambulances and a staff of two paramedics and six emergency medical responders on call 24-7. We are proud of our response time, however, there could be times when both ambulances are out on a call and we have to avail of our nearest neighbouring service for back up. We are very pleased to announce that we have ordered a new ambulance that will be delivered in the fall.

For ambulance service you may still call our local emergency number 588-2333 or 911.