



TOWN OF DEEP RIVER NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2015

"Proud Home of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories"



From the Desk of the Mayor

Do Not Discard this Newsletter!!

It is filled with information about the upcoming **Spring Clean-Up** and other important community and recreational initiatives. The spring clean-up has changed significantly and will include more convenient options for large items.



We are fortunate to have woodlots, trails and natural green spaces throughout town. Help take care of these areas and please do not dump non-biodegradable or hazardous materials outside your back fence or along trails and laneways.

So much has been happening at Town Hall, I am only able to give you an overview and flavour for the activities of staff, citizen volunteers and your Council. Staff have been busy preparing reports and project lists for our **Budget** discussions. Our town is aging and the financial planning decisions have been a challenge. Council received a report advising that the ideal increase if all areas could be addressed, would be 12.94%. With direction from Council staff prepared options for Council to consider, starting with tax increase options of 6%, 10% and the original 12.94%, as well as ways to even out the tax impact over the next four years and meet our objectives.

Our reserves are depleted and there was a financial shortfall in 2014. Our debt load is at 65% of the allowable amount. So, you can see that we have had difficult decisions to make. The budget direction, which is being detailed inside this newsletter by Mr Ric McGee, CAO, was approved at the April Council meeting with final approval to take place at Council on May 20th, giving residents time to review, submit comments or appear as a delegation.

We have had our work cut out for us as we look at the overall impact of needs, financial impacts on citizens, and being fiscally responsible for both our short and long term financial planning.

It is important to implement a budget early in any given year and staff will shortly begin preparations for the 2016 budget so it will be ready for Council to consider by year end. Our financial plan will include an Asset Management Plan and will restore our reserves for future major expenditures.

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ADMINISTRATION



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What Is Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is a tool that any group of people such as a municipality, association, government body, business, agency, council or special interest group can use to proactively plan their future.

Strategic planning is not:

- a one shot deal
- a box of tricks or a bundle of techniques
- a quick fix to solve immediate problems
- a report left to sit on a shelf

Strategic Planning Is a Process that:

- examines where your organization or business is now, where you want it to be, and how you are going to get there
- involves your community or group in visioning your preferred future
- produces a flexible plan or road map of strategies derived from internal discussions and external sources of input
- steers your community in a focused direction for future success
- allows proactive thinking beyond your current activities and traditions
- deals with change positively by responding to it effectively
- involves making decisions that consider changes or anticipated changes in the environment
- sets priorities for action that are reflective of all aspects of your municipality

Strategic planning is more than long-term planning. Compared to long-term planning, where goals are made for a specific period of time, strategic planning:

- is based on anticipated changes in the environment
- involves getting input from many individuals and many levels of the organization or community
- provides the opportunity to incorporate new ideas and approaches

Council Developing Strategic Plan

On Friday February 20th, 2015, Council took the first step in developing a Strategic Plan to establish a Vision, Values, Mission and Strategic Priorities for the Town of Deep River. It is important to note that this is the first step of many more to come in an ever evolving process to capitalize upon opportunities to strengthen the community and better serve the residents in the Town of Deep River.

This is a critical and imperative process to undertake as public monies are limited and an increased effort must be placed upon maximizing the value of every tax dollar collected and expended. The WCM Consulting Strategic Planning Report is available for review by the public on the Town of Deep River Website at:
https://deepriver.allnetmeetings.com/_docs/2015-CAO-006-.StrategicPlanning_4542765ca6.pdf

This is the first step in this process to identify the proposed Vision, Values, Mission and Strategic Priorities for the Town of Deep River. The next step in the process was to consult with the public and receive public input into the work completed to date. In that regard, Mayor Joan Lougheed invited all residents to Town Hall on Monday April 27, 2015 at 7:00PM to discuss advancements in the Town to date.

Here is a look at the proposed Vision, Values, Mission and Strategic Priorities for the Town of Deep River to date.

Vision

Deep River is an attractive and prosperous community, driven by extraordinary volunteers, supported by exceptional municipal services.

Values

1. Actively open and transparent communications between the Community and government, at all times and in both directions
2. As leaders, value everyone in our community equally, listening to all, and acting for the majority, effectively and then efficiently, favouring none above another in the intended outcomes
3. Plan for, and invest in, the future so that the next generation can build upon our successes
4. Do no un-remedied harm to the physical environment
5. Embrace change prudently, but without fear
6. Encourage newcomers since they diversify and strengthen our Community



ADMINISTRATION continued...

Council Developing Strategic Plan continued...

Mission

To achieve balanced and sustainable socioeconomic prosperity!

Strategic Priorities

Ensure that infrastructure is up to date
Invest in Economic Development
Leaders in environmental improvements
Capitalize on Community groups (with sub-elements)

What Are The Benefits Of Strategic Planning?

By carrying out strategic planning your agency or council will be able to:

- influence rather than be influenced
- clarify or redefine your role and your target group
- deal positively with the inevitable ...change
- address critical issues you are facing
- find innovative ways to achieve goals
- decrease crisis management
- give continuity during changing times or when there is new leadership
- use resources efficiently and effectively
- anticipate issues and develop policies to meet future needs
- gain commitment and bring your group together to work on common goals.

Sorry We're
CLOSED

The Town Hall Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

Monday, May 18, 2015	Victoria Day
Wednesday, July 1, 2015	Canada Day
Monday, August 3, 2015	Civic Holiday



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

The Town of Deep River is commencing the second phase of a major upgrade and restoration project on our water tower to ensure a safe supply of municipal drinking water for many years to come.

WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE

All residents and businesses please be advised that significant water conservation measures will be in effect from May 4th to approximately June 30th, 2015

Significant Conservation Measures:

- No lawn and/or garden watering with municipal water (rain barrels can help with this)
- Please avoid operating your laundry or dishwashing appliances and tub filling during peak consumption hours which occur first thing in the morning and during the supper hours
- Minimize vehicle washing during peak consumption hours
- Any and all other measures which will reduce overall water consumption

It is essential to minimize our water consumption during this project to ensure that ALL users have sufficient pressure and to ensure that the overall system pressure does not drop below Ministry of Environment specified levels.

Although the Town will make every effort to mitigate any and all negative impacts caused by this project, there may be instances of reduced pressures and/or discoloured water. Please maintain conservation measures during these times and contact the Public Works Department at 613-584-2000 extension 107 or by Email to: krista.cadoreth@deepriver.ca

We apologize for any inconvenience this improvement project may cause and certainly appreciate the cooperation of all residents.

Thank You
Sean Patterson, Director of Public Works



PUBLIC WORKS

Emerging Priorities in Public Works



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- Developing a comprehensive Asset Management Plan
- The rehabilitation of core service infrastructure such as water, sewer and roads
- Reconstruction of Highway 17 to include more turning lanes and a connecting sidewalk
- A waterline that will service Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)
- A Primary Care Building at the Deep River and District Hospital.

Water Main Breaks

Breaks in the Town's water mains are common at this time of year due to shifting weather conditions and aging infrastructure. The following steps can be taken to alleviate discoloured water following a break in the water main. Run cold water (preferably in a laundry tub for three hours). Do not turn on hot water until your cold water is running clear. The Public Works Department appreciates your understanding and patience for any inconvenience caused during a break in the water mains.

Water Restrictions—May 1st until September 30th, 2015

“Permitted Hours” are: 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM ONLY

Watering Days Are:

Addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 may water their lawns on “even numbered calendar dates”, i.e.: May 2nd, June 30th, July 18th, and August 6th.

Addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 may water their lawns on “odd numbered calendar dates”, i.e., June 3rd, July 15th, August 21st, and September 7th.

Watering Restrictions apply from May 1st until September 30th (inclusive) as per By-Law Number 14-2001 (posted on the Town Website under Public Works at www.deeperiver.ca).

Public Works Crew Safety

Summer students will be working alongside our regular full time Public Works crew over the summer months. Please make every attempt possible to slow down and drive safely around the crew protecting them and yourself from serious injury. The Public Works Department often post signs in the areas they are working to alert residents to their presence, but our workers safety is often compromised by speeding vehicles and vehicles driving too close to the workers.

PUBLIC WORKS continued...



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Annual Spring Clean-Up Collection

East End—Monday, May 4th to Friday, May 15th, 2015
(East of Deep River Road)

West End—Tuesday, May 19th to Friday, May 29th, 2015
(West of Deep River Road)

Items may be put out as early as one week in advance of the scheduled pick up. Please ensure items are placed at the curb by 7:30 AM the day before pick up begins in your area.

Items not listed below will not be picked up and the following by-law will be enforced: As per By-Law Number 27-99, no person shall use, or permit the use of, any land or structure within the Town of Deep River for dumping, disposing or accumulating of garbage, refuse, or domestic or industrial waste of any kind.

ITEMS INCLUDED IN SPRING CLEAN UP

YARD WASTE: Branches & Brush less than 4" in diameter in biodegradable bags or bundled and tied. Leaf / Yard Waste in biodegradable bags.

METAL: Pipes, ductwork, empty propane tanks (valve open), metal appliances such as refrigerators, freezers (must be tagged, refrigerant removed)

ELECTRONIC WASTE

Please note: Upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs, carpets and appliances will be picked up at residents' homes throughout the year by *permit and appointment*. A permit is required for these items and when purchased at Town Hall, a collection date and time will be scheduled. *These items are no longer accepted as part of the Spring Clean Up Collection Program.*

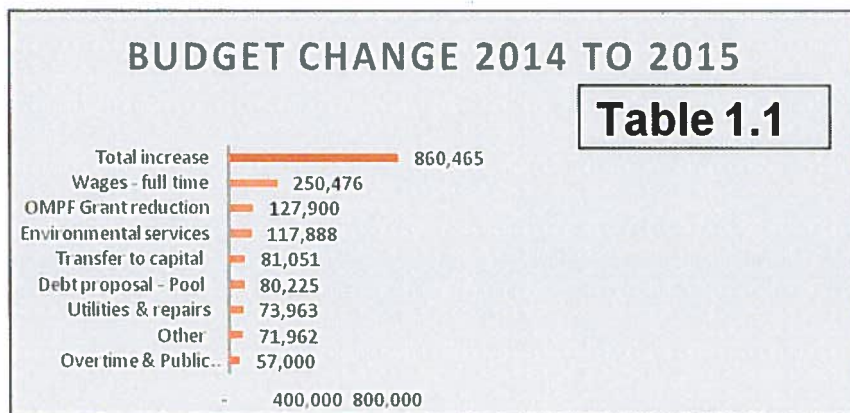
ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP INCLUDE: Household garbage, recyclable items, cardboard, construction and demolition material of any kind, furniture, mattresses and box springs, carpets, untagged refrigerators and freezers, large tree limbs, tree trunks, stumps, plastic toys, tires or household hazardous waste (HHW) such as motor oil, gasoline, paint cans, batteries, antifreeze, etc., and any other items not listed in the accepted items list.

Refuse must be contained on your property, not placed on vacant lots or park land.
During the spring clean-up, please place material on the shoulder of the road next to your driveway.

FINANCE

The 2015 Municipal Budget was presented to the Finance and Administration Committee on February 10th, 2015.

Over the years, the Town of Deep River has experienced significant reductions in revenues and equally significant increases in expenditures, largely in the area of emergency services. Table 1.1 details the pressures and the cumulative impact on the 2015 Proposed Budget. These pressures must be overcome to serve the needs of the residents and the long term interests of the community.



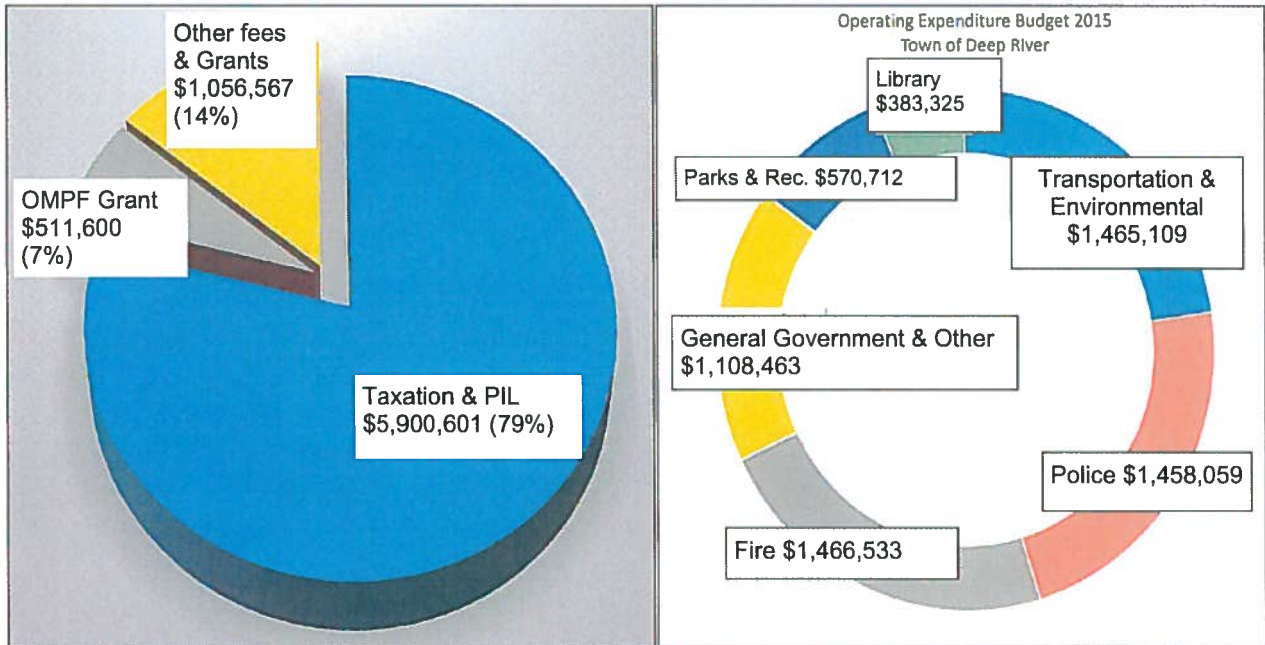
Based upon this information, Council recommended that the 2015 Budget be recommended for approval at the May 20th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. The recommended 2015 Budget contains the following:

- ◆ a 6.1% increase to the average residential property in the Town of Deep River
- ◆ a 2.7% increase to the average residential property to pay off the 2014 Operating Deficit, and
- ◆ a 1.14% increase to the average residential property to fund Capital Projects in 2015 and remain as part of a Capital Infrastructure Renewal Fund in 2016 along with the 2.7% identified above.

Of note, the average residential property in the Town of Deep River is assessed at \$189,000.00. The recommended 2015 Budget with an average residential tax increase of 6.1% will require the owner of a \$189,000.00 residential property to pay an additional \$157.16 on their annual property tax bill. A property owner with a property assessment less than \$189,000.00 would pay less and a property owner with a property assessed higher than \$189,000.00 would pay more.

Similarly, if Council adopts the proposed 2.7% Budget increase to pay off the 2014 Operating Deficit and the 1.14% to fund 2015 Capital Projects, it will require the owner of that \$189,000.00 property to pay an additional \$63.81 and \$26.94. Council is focusing upon a 4 year recovery strategy to improve the financial well-being and substantial infrastructure needs within the Town of Deep River.

FINANCE continued...



Revenue Sources 2015

2015 Operating Expenditure

Interim Utility Bills for Water/Sewer were mailed out in Mid-March for payment by April 30th, 2015. Final bills will be prepared in October and will include any rate adjustment.

The second Installment of interim property tax bills are due on May 29, 2015. Cash, cheque or debit payments may be remitted at the reception desk of the Town Hall, in the drop box between the doors at the Police/Fire Station, or through bill payments with your financial institution. When paying bills through your financial institution, please remember to update your account number if it has changed.

We also offer a convenient pre-authorized payment plan for utility bills and property taxes. Forms can be accessed on the Town Website at www.deepriver.ca or in person at the Town Hall.

Please remember to include your post office box number!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



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IT'S SPRING – IT'S TIME TO BUILD!

Spring has sprung....the warm weather is here... "Wouldn't a deck be nice? And why don't we take that part of the wall out and put in French doors? Or maybe a sun porch screened in to keep the bugs out?" "OK let's do it!"



"Hey, wait a minute, do we need a Building Permit"?

If you're not sure, call Robert Labre, Chief Building Official (CBO). Robert will be able to answer all of your building questions. There are many renovations, additions and changes to buildings that people make every day that require a Building Permit, but they often do not get them. A Building Permit is more than a way to give the municipality more money. It's a method of ensuring that the construction that you are undertaking is up to code. The costs that we charge for a Building Permit are considerably less than the actual costs of administering the Ontario Building Code as required by legislation.

A Building Permit ensures your plans meet standards and that you have an inspector to advise you on your project. It may cost you considerably more to make necessary corrections to ensure that your building is compliant with the Building Code. Discuss your plans and make sure that they are up to standard. These standards may appear arduous, but are in fact created to ensure that you and future occupants of your home are safe.

Happy Building!

PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT

New home
Addition of a carport, garage, porch or room to an existing building
Basement renovations
Any structural work, including alterations to interior partitions or installation of new windows and doors
Enclosing a deck or porch
Addition of a deck to an existing home
Raising or excavating under a house to provide a basement or foundation
Building a detached accessory building larger than 100 sq feet
Installation of siding or other exterior wall covering.
Installation of insulation, air/vapor barrier and/or drywall
Replacing or installing plumbing
Damp-proofing or waterproofing foundation walls including installation of weeping tile
Installing a ramp or elevating device
Change of use to provide for occupancy of an existing building
Repairs and renovations
Re-shingling a roof
Fence
Pool

If this list is not specific to your project or you are not sure if a building permit is required, please review the details of the work with our Chief Building Official prior to construction, during the planning stage.

LAWN WATERING

Efficient lawn watering practices can help reduce the need for watering restrictions and expensive expansions to the water system. Here are a few recommendations in the event lawn watering restrictions are needed:

- ◆ Water less frequently and gradually reduce the amount of water. This will help reduce stress and condition the turf if a total lawn watering ban is necessary
- ◆ Reduce the amount of foot traffic on the lawn as much as possible
- ◆ Allow the grass to grow longer to reduce moisture loss from the soil.
- ◆ Add organic matter before seeding to help improve water and nutrient retention
- ◆ Reduce watering by using drought-tolerant grass seed and sod
- ◆ Reduce turf areas by planting drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and plants
- ◆ Use rain barrels to store water for watering by hand.



DEEP RIVER POLICE SERVICE

“Serving our Community”



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2015 POLICE WEEK THEME: DISCOVER POLICING

May 10 to May 16, 2015 has been designated Police Week in Ontario. Once again, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) will partner with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, its members across Ontario, and community groups to promote policing in Ontario. This year's theme is *Discover Policing*.



DEEP RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

A Message from the Fire Chief



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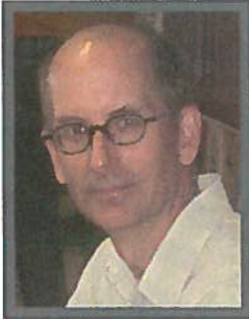
Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Deep River Fire Department relies on all of our residents to partner with us regarding fire and life safety. Your firefighters want you and your family to be in your front yard when we arrive! Ensure you have early warning of the presence of carbon monoxide (CO) in your home. TEST your CO and smoke alarms regularly - make sure they have power and that you know what they sound like. Select a meeting place and practice your home escape plan should the CO or smoke alarm sound. You are required to have a CO alarm installed near sleeping areas if you have an attached storage garage and/or a fuel burning appliance in your single family dwelling. For more information about CO alarms, go to:

www.oafc.on.ca/carbon-monoxide#sthash.UpWKCJWn.dpuf



DEEP RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



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The mission of the Deep River Public Library is to build a strong Deep River community by supporting literacy and life-long Learning, to foster inspiration and enjoyment, and to connect people to each other and the world at large.

Membership is easily obtainable at the Library during business hours. Simply present yourself to the staff member at the main desk and bring identification that includes your address. Lost cards are replaced for a \$5 fee for adults and a \$1 fee for juniors.

The Library Collection offers a wide range of material for public use. Materials for use within the library include several major newspapers, a selection of current issue magazines, and reference materials. Material that may be checked out includes books, magazines, a range of compact discs for all tastes, videos, DVD's, CD-Rom's and talking books. A collection of large print books is also available for your reading pleasure.

What is the Baggs Road Landfill Site Liaison Committee (SLC)?

The Baggs Road Site Liaison Committee (SLC) is a committee of volunteer members that act as liaison between the public, businesses, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and the Baggs Road Landfill Operations Board.

The SLC is very involved in the 3Rs, (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and waste Diversion. The SLC and holds an annual Waste Reduction Week poster contest in our three Schools, a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics (WEEE) Recycling day and conducts landfill garbage and recycling audits.

The SLC is also introducing a recycling program in the three Schools. Please reduce, reuse and recycle and we will save about 50% of our landfill volume which is worth several millions of dollars of our hard earned money. Recycling is the easiest way for a municipality to save money.

Your 2015 SLC consists of the following volunteer members from both Laurentian Hills and Deep River: Annie Oesinghaus (Chair), Nora Waddell (Vice Chair), Susan McBride, Helena Rummens, Jon Kiteley and Meggan Vickerd.

Please support your SLC. To contact members of the SLC and the Landfill Board phone: 613-584-9194 or email: nrlob@laurentianhills.ca, or through the website at www.northrenfrewlandfill.com.



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Deep River Special Events

Our triathlon is the most widely attended of all our events. This event allows for participants of all levels of experience to test their abilities. The course consists of a 1 km swim, 27 km cycle and an 8 km run. Divisions are broken up into individual, male and female and a team category. Champion Chip Timing is used. This event will take place on **Sunday, August 2nd, 2015.**

The cost of the event is **\$50.00/individual** and **\$100.00/team**. You must register by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 24, 2015. After the deadline date, a late fee of \$10.00 will apply. On-line registration closes at midnight on Thursday, July 30th, 2015.

43rd Annual 6 x 1 Relay Race

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th, 2015. Each team must consist of six (6) runners and report to Centennial Rock by 6:30 PM. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall and on the Town website at www.deeperiver.ca.

2015 Spring Registration Programs

A late fee of \$10.00 will apply to all registration for Minor Baseball and the Parent and Tot Soccer Program after April 24, 2015.

Baseball League Slow Pitch \$28.32/Player	The Recreation Minor League Baseball Program runs for eight (8) weeks and begins the week of May 4th, 2015 at the Grouse Park Ball Diamond. This program will include a one (1) week training camp where teams will be formed. There will be an opportunity to play in a ball tournament at the end of the season.		
T-Ball	Ages 4 to 6	Tuesdays & Thursdays	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
National League	Ages 7 to 9	Mondays & Wednesdays	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Canadian League	Ages 10 to 12	Tuesdays & Thursdays	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Provincial League	Ages 13 to 15	Mondays & Wednesdays	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

<p>Parent and Tot Soccer Program</p> <p>\$50.00/Player</p>	<p>This will be an eight (8) week program beginning on May 5th, 2015 at Grouse Park. Our staff instructors will utilize their skills to help develop motor skills, promote physical fitness and create self-confidence in children. Please remember that this is a parent and child program led by coaches, so please bring your running shoes and water bottles. A junior size soccer ball will be provided and is yours to keep after the program.</p> <p>Ages 3 and 4 Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:15 PM to 6:00 PM</p>		
Aquatic Programs			
Standard First Aid	\$149.00 HST included	June 10 and 11	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Standard First Aid Re-certification	\$111.00 HST included	June 12, 2015 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	June 16 & 17 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
<p>Summer Programs: On-line and in person registrations begin May 22, 2015 Contact Christine Armstrong at (613) 584-2000, extension 103 for additional information.</p>			
Summer Playgrounds for children 4 to 8 years of age.		June 29 - July 10, July 13 - 24, July 27 - August 7, August 10 - 21	
Sports Camp for children 4 to 8 years of age, and 11 to 14 years of age.		June 29 - July 10 and July 27 - August 7 July 13 - 24 and August 10 - 21	
Arts Camp for children 8 to 14 years of age		July 6 to 10 and August 17 to 21	
Community Pool			
<p>Summer Private Swimming Lessons \$75.00 for the 2 week period Please visit www.deepriver.ca for class times</p>		<p>2 Week Sessions June 29 to July 10 July 13 to July 24 July 27 to August 7 August 10 to August 21</p>	
<p>Deep River Municipal Marina The Marina will open around May 15 if water levels are suitable and will close on Thanksgiving Monday, October 12, 2015.</p>			
Daily launching passes and seasonal launching passes can be purchased at the Municipal Pier and Town Hall.		Marina hours will be posted on the Town website at www.deepriver.ca and at the Marina.	

From the Desk of the Mayor continued ...

New committees and community outreach have been very positive. The four Standing Committees of Council (Finance & Administration, Parks & Recreation, Public Works & Planning and Protection & Safety) are working well and our citizen advisory Committees are up and running. I want to highlight the work of our **Housing Citizen Advisory (HAC)** as these citizens will be doing surveys and seeking your input. Please support their efforts by responding to surveys, reading the series of news articles in the NRT and participating in other planned forums.

Our 70th Anniversary Committee has had the Logo approved and it is now available to organizations, churches and groups who would like to share the message of celebration. More information is to come on events and happenings!

Information on all five Advisory Committees is available on the web site. Minutes and agendas are posted under the "Council" tab and special notifications are highlighted on the home page.

In May, North Renfrew Rotary and the Town of Deep River will be welcoming **Mayor Pedro Duran, from San Jose Villanueva (SJV), El Salvador**. We have a long standing relationship building homes, providing clean water and eco-friendly stoves for families in SJV. May 7th is Municipal Day for this visit. Mayor Duran will be meeting with officials, community leaders and taking a walking tour of our town. If you see us touring, please join us in welcoming him to Canada and Deep River! Our neighbouring Mayors will join us to formally welcome him at a special council meeting. All are welcome to attend!



Back Row (Left to Right): Councillor Desrochers, Councillor McLaren, Councillor Aikens, Councillor Myers, Councillor McAuley
Seated (Left to Right): Mayor Lougheed, Reeve Doncaster

The days have been exciting and busy since the election. Your Council members have been working together, challenging one another and remaining committed to serving the people of Deep River. We all recognize the importance of the trust placed in us. I am proud to be working with this dedicated group of elected people.

