TOWN OF DEEP RIVER NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Council and our valued employees, we hope you had a wonderful summer enjoying all aspects of our beautiful community.



As we look to make our Town an even greater place to live, we rely on the inspirational leadership provided by our residents. Well established success stories such as Summerfest or the Riverbank project are driven by volunteers in our community who have a passion to make Deep River an enviable place to call home.

We have witnessed recent community led initiatives that include a potential Farmer's Market, a proposed recreation/community centre complex and improvements to the marina and pier.

As we begin our 2012 business and budget planning process, this is the ideal time to put forward your initiatives for consideration and support. What ideas do you have that would benefit our municipality? You can register to attend our next Stand Up and Be Heard session scheduled for October 19th by contacting Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk at 613 584-2000 Ext. 125. We look forward to hearing from you.

Be proud of your community and take an active role in its future!

David Thompson ~ mayor@deepriver.ca

Employees of the Town of Deep River—Get to know us!

Administration Department

The role of the Administration Department is to implement council's decisions and establish administrative practices and procedures to carry out council's decisions; to undertake research and provide advice to council on the policies and programs of the municipality; and to carry out other duties assigned by the municipality.

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk is responsible for exercising general control and management of the affairs of the municipality for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality. The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk is also responsible for recording all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of council as well as keeping the originals or copies of all by-laws and of all minutes of the proceedings of council.

The Administration Department provides many services to the public some of which include the issuance of marriage licenses and lottery licenses; commissioning services (Commissioner of Oaths); cemetery management; and acts as liaison to members of council as well as other organizations and government agencies. We also offer support to other departments such as the Fire Department, Recreation and Planning and Development.

Some of our current corporate initiatives include: developing a joint health and safety program; upgrading our financial system; enhancing customer service; re-developing our website; developing a property standards by-law; issuing quarterly newsletters; answering questions on our new Q & A website page; and managing our capital assets.



From left to right: Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk, Michelle Larose, CAO/Clerk, Louise McLaughlin, Admin. Assistant

Building and Planning & Development Departments

The Building Department reviews and issues building, plumbing, and demolition permits for all development within the Town of Deep River. The Chief Building Official (CBO) is responsible for ensuring all permits issued comply with the standards and regulations set out in the Ontario Building Code and ensures all permits comply with the Comprehensive Zoning By-law and the Official Plan. Once the Town adopts a Property Standards By-law, the CBO will be responsible for investigating complaints received under the by-law.



John Walden, Planning & Development Manager (left) and Robert (Bob) Labre, Chief Building Official/ By-law and Property Standards Officer

The Planning & Development Department is responsible for a variety of land use planning and economic development functions for the Town of Deep River. The department works closely with developers and the County of Renfrew Planning Department, which supplies professional planning expertise and materials as required. Zoning and Official Plan amendment applications and subdivision issues are dealt with by working closely with the County. Site Plan Agreements, Consents , and Minor Variances are dealt with locally, although reports from the County are part of the consent approval process.

On the Economic Development side, the department works with Laurentian Hills to promote the area as a place to live, to visit (tourism) and to invest. There are also strong ties to the Ottawa Valley Economic Development Partners Group, who promote the entire county, and the Ontario East Economic Development Commission, which has an Eastern Ontario mandate.

Recreation Department



Left to right: Sara Hosbons, Pool Supervisor, Shelly Cull, Recreation Manager, Dale Stewart, Assistant Facility Supervisor and Christine Armstrong, Recreation Co-ordinator

The Recreation Department prides itself in providing residents and visitors with excellent sport, recreation and leisure facilities and programs. The community can enjoy the Deep River Arena, Community Pool, Grouse Park, playgrounds throughout the town , the Deep River Marina and Lamure Beach.

If we currently do not offer a program that you would like to participate in, please feel free to contact us and we will work towards implementing it.

We wish you a very healthy season and invite you to enjoy the benefits of participating in our community services.

The fall and winter guide is available at www.deepriver.ca under recreation.

Finance Department

The Finance Department has several distinct responsibilities:

- Responsible for all financial activities of the Town, including issuing and collecting taxes and water/sewer accounts
- Responsible for administering grant applications
- Responsible for audit and reporting of the Town's financial position
- Responsible for insurance policies of the Town



Left to right: Christopher Carroll, Treasurer, Debbie Howe, Casual Accounts Clerk, Shirley Lachance, Accounts Clerk/Accounts Receivable & Taxes. Missing from photo, Danka Gareau, Accounts Clerk/Accounts Payable & Water & Sewer

Public Works Department

Public Works at a Glance – we believe in public service. The Public Works Department of the Town of Deep River will always strive to provide a level of excellence that will meet/ exceed the expectations of our residents and visitors.

Public Works activities include:

- Striving for the highest level of customer service
- Fall and winter activities including fall leaf pick up, winter preparedness and equipment overhauling, snow removal as per Town policy, sidewalk cleaning, sanding and salting, fall hydrant and water main flushing and Christmas decorations
- Spring and summer activities include spring clean-up, spring hydrant and water main flushing, sludge extraction and haulage, grass cutting, cemetery maintenance, road maintenance of grading gravel roads and dust control, shouldering main streets, hot and cold mix patching, sidewalk repairs and pave-ment markings
- Water and wastewater facilities and systems including regulatory compliance as per Ministry of the Environment requirements and Certificate of Approval

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From left to right: Todd Cleary, Bradley Rousseau, Tony Cobus, Paul Lance, Shawn Sullivan (Co-op Student), Shannon Lapping, Khizar Hayat, Dennis McMahon, Paul Tremblay, Jackie Mellon, Rick Stewart (sitting)

Public Works Department… *continued*

- Providing municipal services including the provision of safe drinking water, sanitary collection system, roadways, garbage collection, recycling services, Miller Road landfill management and animal pounding services by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), and street lighting services by Hydro-One maintenance services
- Annual capital projects including the purchase of John Deere Loader, asphalt grinding, construction of salt shed and concreting and paving at various locations in the Town
- Special projects including water-main looping on Banting Drive and expansion of Miller Road Waste Disposal Site
- Council meetings and reports including monthly departmental reports, Issue and Information reports and policy and procedures
- Looking forward: Asset Management Master Plan and Geographic Information System

Police Department

The Deep River Police Service is a provincially recognized municipal police service providing the core functions of policing within the jurisdiction of Deep River. Our professional services include all of the following: Crime Prevention, Law Enforcement, Assistance to victims of crime, Public order maintenance, and Emergency Response. We are able to achieve these requirements through a variety of local and provincial programs which include; vacant house check program, commercial property checks, school programs, and RIDE check program.

Fire Department

The Goal of the Deep River Fire Department and Emergency Services is to provide fire protection and a range of other services to the residents of Deep River and our mutual aid partners. Services include protecting the lives and property of our residents from adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies or exposure to dangerous conditions created by man or nature.

DRFD is currently conducting a door to door smoke alarm program "Alarmed for Life." This campaign is to ensure all residents in the Town of Deep River have working smoke alarms on each level of their home and outside their sleeping quarters. So far in 2011, there have been 67 fire deaths in Ontario. Forty-five percent of these fatal fires were found to have no working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are early warning devices that may give you and your family the precious seconds you need to escape with your life. DRFD encourages all residents of Deep River to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries on a regular basis.

If you have any questions regarding fire prevention or emergency services please drop by the fire station or give us a call 613-584-2000 x 120.



From left to right: Shawn Madore, Ron Cochrane, Captain Vic Ahokas, Rob McLaren, Andy Coligan, Paul Laronde, Steve Cooney, Lindsay Meilleur, Steve McLaughlin, Fire Chief Gene Thompson.

NOTICE

The Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 10, 2011 for Thanksgiving





Fall Leaf Pick Up Reminder

October 24—28, 2011

The pickup is for **leaves only**. Please place all leaves in biodegradable bags at the curb before 7:30 a.m. on Monday, October 24th, 2011

The leaves are turning, the days are getting shorter and the final installment for this year's water and sewer bills will be issued shortly. The due date for payment is October 31st. However, for online payments, please allow two to three days for bank processing. Also, the final installment for this year's property tax is due on November 30th.

As of this past year, you now have the ability to set up a pre-authorized payment plan for both property tax and water & sewer charges. Enrollment forms are available online or visit us at the town office. Of course, you can continue to make payments online through all major financial institutions.

Do we have your correct Post Office Box number?

Municipal By-Election 2011

Notice is hereby given that candidates for the following offices may file nomination papers at the **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CLERK)**, 100 Deep River Road, Deep River, Ontario no later than **2:00 p.m. on NOMINATION DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011**:

Councillors – Two (2) to be elected

ADVANCE VOTE – Saturday, November 19, 2011 (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
VOTING DAY – Monday, November 28, 2011 (10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities/Special Needs

There are an estimated 1.5 million Ontarians with disabilities and special needs. For those living with a physical, visual, auditory and/or other non-visible disability, emergency preparedness should also involve incorporating special accommodations into their emergency plans.

Emergency Management Ontario and the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario have developed an Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities/Special Needs. To best prepare for an emergency according to one's special needs, please refer to the appropriate category in the guide for a list of suggested emergency survival kit items and contingency planning considerations. To access the guide and to obtain more information about preparing your Emergency Survival Kit, please visit **www.emergencymanagemenontario.ca.**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

There are no tipping fees for HHW. The Baggs Road Site gets paid for collecting these materials and this helps lower our taxes. Do not discard HHW by pouring down the drain or placing in garbage. Poisons from HHW can contaminate drinking water, farmland, rivers and the air we breathe. **Recycling is more than just what goes into the Blue Box**! Take your unwanted electronics, tires and HHW to the Baggs Road Landfill Site and they will be recycled.

TIME TO UPGRADE?

WEEE (Waste Electronic & Electrical Equipment)

There are no tipping fees for these materials. The Baggs Road Site gets paid for collecting WEEE which helps lower our taxes. Please do not throw old electronics into the garbage as they contain poisons which pollute the environment.

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT! RECYCLE!

Please be concerned about your Baggs Road Landfill Site. It has a limited life and one easy way that you can help to extend it is to recycle everything that you can. Each cubic metre of our landfill costs us $70. Before tossing anything in the garbage, **STOP** and consider whether it is recyclable and if it is, do the right thing by placing it in the blue box. Keep a container for recyclables next to each garbage can in your home and at work. Follow your neighbours' example and collect your recyclable materials for Blue Box day.



Your list of materials to recycle and Blue Box day schedule is available at the Town Hall and at www.deepriver.ca

Deep River Police Service

Walking a New Path

Another significant change in our local educational facilities has literally changed the path students are taking to and from Mackenzie Community School. The Deep River Police were involved with re-locating the pedestrian crossing to Laurier Avenue near Brockhouse Way. The police, along with personnel from Deep River Public Works and the Renfrew County Board of Education, worked together to establish this new safe crossing point. Drivers and pedestrians are being asked to be extra cautious during the first few months of the school year. Let us make the this school year a safe and exciting one for all.

New Video Equipment Installed

Installation of new video equipment in the town hall has been completed in anticipation of the lobby being opened for extended public use. The police service facilitated this portion of the project and has two monitors in the station for recording and observing the lower and upper levels of the lobby. We are looking forward to more citizens using this public space and wash-rooms.

Change coming in communication services

Effective January 1, 2012, the Pembroke Police Service will no longer be providing communication services for the Deep River Police Service. Ongoing changes within the Pembroke Police Service has resulted in their being unable to continue providing these services. Efforts are already well under way to have another eastern region police service provide this service. The public will not be affected by this change. Notice of our new communications provider will be done publically when negotiations have been completed.

YIPI Students complete employment program

Trevor Burton and Marc Goyette were hired by the Deep River Police Service through the Youth In Policing Initiative sponsored by Youth and Children Services Ministry. The two students worked eight weeks for the Service and completed a variety of tasks. Program co-ordinator Constable Marek Brela hosted a graduation luncheon for the students and their families on August 19, 2011. Congratulations and thank you to Trevor and Marc for the excellent performance each of you provided to our Service.



Seasonal Reminder

School buses are back on the roadways. Watch for these vehicles stopping to receive or let passengers off.

Deep River Public Library

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 at the W.B. Lewis Public Library is free to all residents of the following locations: Deep River, Laurentian Hills, and the Township of Head, Clara and Maria. Non-residents, temporary residents and seasonal residents may also become members of the library for an annual fee of twenty dollars. Membership is easily obtainable at the library during open 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

The library 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.



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Recreation Schedules

Deep River Arena



Senior Public Skate: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Starting October 3, 2011

$3.00 admission or memberships available at Town Hall

Parent and Tot Skate: Fridays

9:00 a.m.—9:50 a.m.

Starting October 7, 2011

$3.00 admission

Halloween Skate



October 30, 2011

Sponsored by Giant Tiger

2:00 p.m.—2:50 p.m.

Random prizes will be handed out for best costumes

Deep River Community Pool

Parent & Baby Aquafit

Fitness and fun for parent and baby

September 14 to November 16, 2011

Wednesday at 10:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Register at the Town Hall

Birthday Parties at the Community Pool

1 hour of organized or non-organized pool activities

1 hour room rental that includes juice, pizza, personalized cake and two enthusiastic staff

We do all the work and clean up!

Up to 15 children—$192.70

Events

Annual Santa Claus Parade

December 3rd, 2011

Parade starts at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to register a float, please contact Christine Armstrong at 613 584-2000 Ext. 103.

