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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2014

In an effort to keep residents up to date the following items are presented for your information.

Engineering Study/Sewer Servicing

Approximately 20% of the community does not have the availability of sewer servicing, this amounts to 45 households. Council has identified sewer extension as a top priority to be completed in a phase by phase approach based on the eight areas identified in the town. The study will be completed by July 31st of this year.

Based on the results and recommendations of the study, council will determine the area to commence expansion. In the event capital funding does not get approved, council will determine the ability to initiate the process on a “go get it done” basis. A determination will depend on the costing as outlined in the study and budgetary considerations. Hopefully a commencement date can be set for this year to initiate phase one.

Road Resurfacing

Council has tendered for road resurfacing throughout the community. It is recognized local roads are in a deplorable condition. When completed most if not all local paved roads will be resurfaced where necessary. Council has budgeted \$100,000 for this project, however the projected cost is \$187,000. Some assistance for this project will be coming from Federal programming with the balance coming out of operating revenue.

Water Line Project

The three million dollar water project is nearing completion. The project is approximately a year behind in its completion. Circumstances beyond the control of Council have contributed to this delay, such as engineering adjustments, parts delivery delays and the lack of approval from government to finish the final work this past fall. The final stage of work will be completed no later than August. This project serves as a cost free revenue source derived from the sale of commercial water.

****Please note:** For residents north of the tank, when you experience low pressure values at your residence please contact the Town Office immediately so the necessary pressure adjustments can be made in the interim.

Harbour Clean Up

As a starting point, Council met with the Harbour Authority on February 4th, 2014 to outline concerns regarding harbour clean up, odour control and shell disposal concerns.



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Subsequent to the initial meeting with concerns outlined and problems identified, Council held a formal “In Camera” discussion with officials from Quinlan Brother’s Ltd. and the Harbour Authority. Resulting from this meeting are the following outcomes identified in an attempt to control spillage through the main road and the odour emitted from processing.

The Town and Bay de Verde Harbour Authority has outlined the following procedures to take place this season:

Quinlan Brother's commits to the guidelines as presented and attached.

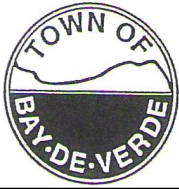
1. There will be no overloading of trucks carrying shrimp shells through the community.
2. There will be no trucks draining their tanks as they depart the community.
3. There will be no trucks draining their tanks while they are waiting to off load at the plant.
4. There will be a reduction in the amount of crab and shells that is washed into the harbour.
5. There will be a reduction in the smell within the community during shrimp processing this season.
6. There will be either a new study completed or further analysis into the previous one concerning the discharging of waste water in the harbour and a solution provided to council.

Monitoring by the Town will be ongoing. A plan has yet to be fully discussed and agreed upon to eliminate the problem of effluent from shell processing released into the harbour. The solution is simple; have the effluent pumped outside of the harbour, thereby eliminating the strong odour in our community and contamination of the harbour.

Fire Department

New Equipment: Council has made application on behalf of the Fire Department under the 90/10 cost shared capital funding program for six new breathing apparatus’ and 24 bunker suits. In 2012 we received three new breathing apparatus’ under the 90/10 cost shared funding program and last month we received on additional emergency apparatus to replace our aging equipment.

Fire Hall Upgrades: The concrete floor has been finished in the basement of the municipal building to allow for additional storage for the Fire Department at a cost of \$3072.47. The roof requires shingling due to leaks and age. A tender has been awarded for \$7565.00 and is slated to be completed before the end of April. The Council has submitted a JCP application to repair, upgrade, and renovate the inside of the Fire garage. If successful, it will provide much needed storage and a face lift to the garage as well as provide 7 weeks of work for two applicants.



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Financial Status

The Town is in a very healthy financial position. Through prudent fiscal management and a prioritized approach to infrastructure improvements, this systematic approach will eliminate the pitfalls of unmanageable debt. The debt service ratio is currently at 12%. It cannot be emphasized enough to continue to operate “within the financial means of the town”. Through systematic and strategic planning, capital expenditures will rebuild the Town's infrastructure.

Our budget for 2014 is as follows:

Total Income:	\$749,408
Total Expenses:	<u>\$743,285</u>
Total Surplus:	<u>\$6,123</u>

Major Income Includes:

Property Tax	\$122,472
Municipal Operating Grant	\$71,996
Water & Sewer - Residential	\$45,540
Commercial Water Sales (Projected)	\$177,000 (70,800,000 Gal. at \$2.50/1000 gallons)

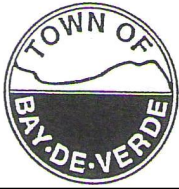
Waste Management

Waste Management continues to collect the Town's waste on a weekly basis and now collects recyclable materials on a bi-weekly basis. This spring's bulk collection day is Wednesday May 13th. All items are to be at the curb by 7am that morning.

Eastern Waste has been in constant contact with the Town Office this winter informing the office of locations they were unable to collect from. They are requesting that all garbage boxes be accessible. If they are blocked by vehicles or other debris, they will not be able to collect your waste.

****Please note:** This September the Fire Department will be holding a Hazardous Waste collection day and residents are encouraged to bring their Hazardous materials to the Fire Hall. Information regarding the scheduled date and items allowed will be distributed when confirmed.

The actual annual Waste Management Fees for 2014 are \$39,780. The cost per household amounts to \$180.00 per year and continues to be absorbed within the budget without the additional levy to residents.



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Building Permits

A note to residents that a building permit is required in order to make improvements, repairs, renovations or construct on your property. Permits can be obtained by contacting the Town Office. The cost for a Shed, Garage or General Repair is \$20.00. If work is undertaken without a permit, stop work orders will be issued immediately.

Heart & Stroke - Mayor's March

The Town of Bay de Verde and the Mayor will be partaking in this years Mayor's March from June 9-15, 2014. Please come out and join our Mayor as he marches to raise funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Details can be found on our webpage, Facebook page, and throughout our community.

Property Taxes

All property tax invoices are due for payment on June 30th. If you wish to take advantage of the 7% discount (one of the highest in the province) the deadline for payment is May 30th. The Town Office now accepts Debit, Visa, MasterCard and email money transfers as methods of payment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as Council works diligently to move our community forward.

On behalf of Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerard Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gerard Murphy
Mayor
The Town of Bay de Verde