

## **COUNCIL NEWS:**

October is often the month to prepare for winter and enjoy outdoor activities especially when the days are nice. Tourist Camps in the area are winding down, but many still have die-hard fishermen on the lakes and hunters enjoying our area. A reminder to our local hunters that the Municipality does have some restricted No Hunting Areas within its boundaries. Our Municipal website has a map of the closed areas or hunters can contact the Municipal Office for more information. Safe hunting.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> Francis Kavanaugh, Grand Chief of Grand Council Treaty #3 invited local Mayors from the region to participate in an inaugural meeting with First Nations Chiefs from Treaty #3 area. The meeting was held at Naotkamegwaning First Nation (formerly called Whitefish Bay First Nation) located on Lake of the Woods in Sioux Narrows. Our Mayor and Deputy Mayor participated along with other Municipal leaders in the one-day event. The meeting was an opportunity to renew relationships between First Nation and Municipal leaders that share the same regional area and interests, and to outline the importance of collaborative development and shared challenges.

A second severe rainfall with localized flooding occurred overnight and through the morning of Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. The community of Oxdrift to our east also encountered the same storm and washed out several of their roads as well. The heavy rain fell in a short period of time once again causing significant damage to a large number of roads in the Municipality. Vermilion Bay Airport recorded 56.8 mm of rainfall while just to the east one residence in the Eagle River area reported rainfall totals of 125mm (5").

Mayor, Council and Public Works staff were out on the 21<sup>st</sup> assessing the extent of damage and preparing repair plans. Public Works set up barricades and pylons where roads were washed out or there was water across roads. Office Staff posted relative road information and hazards on the Municipal Facebook page. Water levels receded greatly overnight into Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> allowing for further damage assessment and the start of repairs. Thank you again to our residents and travelling public for their patience and support while many of our roads have significant damage and are being repaired.

Mayor and Council have been continuing to work with our landfill Consulting Engineers KGS Group in Winnipeg and the Ministry of Environment (MOE) on the regulatory upgrading of our two Municipal landfills to secure long term continued use of the sites. A long process is still ahead but recent communications sound positive.

## **MUNICIPAL NEWS:**

### **Woodland Arena**

Another winter season of activities at the Woodland Arena has started the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Service contractors from the company Trane in Winnipeg provided servicing and maintenance on the ice plant in mid-September, upgraded the software on the system and ensuring everything is working as it should. The new LED lights have also been installed which should help greatly for the users of the facility. Minor Hockey and Figure Skating will start the first week of October with the school Hockey Academy running every Friday morning starting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Lillian Berg School will be on the ice Friday mornings as well. Public skating will tentatively be available 4 - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Follow us on our Facebook page to see a schedule of monthly events. Inquires and bookings can be made by contacting Louis Robichaud @ 807 216-8756.