

COUNCIL NEWS:

Covid-19:

Council and Staff are monitoring the Covid-19 situation on a regular basis in our community and region with updates from health authorities and other government agencies. We ask everyone to please follow the recommendations provided by the Northwestern Health Unit and Ontario Ministry of Health. We would like to thank all of the committed front line workers and businesses who are working hard to provide us essential services, your efforts and commitment are greatly appreciated. Please everyone practice physical distancing.

Can we help? For Seniors, people who are self-quarantining and others in our community that need assistance or do you know someone who may need help picking up groceries, medicine or other necessary supplies, the Municipality has volunteers who will pickup your orders and setup a safe delivery system to your residence. Please call the Municipal Office at 227-2633 if you need assistance.

For those who are able to get outdoors and maintain social distancing, this is a great opportunity to explore and enjoy the great area in which we live.

Grants:

Our Municipality was successful in its grant application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing receiving \$38,084 as part of the province's Municipal Modernization Program to help municipalities deliver efficient, effective, modern services to communities. The grant will help to cover the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to assess our current services and look for potential efficiencies in service delivery and cost savings.

The Federal and Provincial Governments have approved Machin's grant application for a Storage Shelter for our Seniors Bus. The combined grant contribution is approximately \$16,000. The grant is through the Public Transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The shelter will help protect the bus from seasonal weather enhancing the condition and life of the vehicle.

The Municipality has had its grant application to hire an Economic Officer for a 3 year period approved at stage one of the process. Our staff will now further refine the application as required for the stage two submission. Council hopes we are successful in this grant as it will help us greatly in moving ahead on many of our economic initiatives for our community.

Mayor and Council

MUNICIPAL NEWS:

Woodland Arena:

The Woodland Arena closed earlier than originally planned due to Covid-19. Staff at the arena would like to thank its patrons for their support over the busy winter season and look forward to seeing everyone next winter.

Please watch for announcements on summer events.

Machin Spring Road Clean-up:

We are sorry to announce that this event has been cancelled. Again, with the ever changing Covid-19 and physical distancing, this is not the time to put more people unnecessarily at risk of infection. The Revitalization Committee thanks you for your interest and look forward to a 2021 Spring Clean-up day.