

Messenger - January 2019

COUNCIL NEWS:

Mayor and Council wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope your Christmas Holidays were memorable spending time with family and friends.

We would like to give a big thank you to the many volunteers who worked hard to make our Christmas Parade a great success.

Another calendar year is upon us and the new Council members are getting up to speed on current business and future tasks. It will be a busy, exciting year ahead. One significant item that the Mayor is currently working on is the potential expansion of our landfill sites that will reach their legal capacity in the near future. The initial process is discussions with provincial officials to increase capacity size through regulatory approval. The Municipality's liability for closure and post closure monitoring of the Vermilion Bay and Eagle River Landfill sites as directed by provincial regulations will cost the Municipality approximately \$874,000. To establish a new landfill site which meets all regulatory requirements would be well over a million dollars and many years in approval process. It is better to start looking into our options now versus later.

Our Mayor and Municipal Office Staff have been dealing with a significant Canadian Pacific Railway invoice for the rebuilding of the rail crossing on Hanslips Road. The Council considers the amount of the invoice excessive. Discussions have been ongoing with our provincial and federal representatives and currently council has decided to use mediation to settle this matter.

Council members will be attending the KDMA (Kenora District Municipal Association) meetings in Red Lake at the end of January. These joint meetings with other local municipalities provide significant value as we share similar issues in dealing with provincial and federal governments.

Over the next several months Mayor and Council will share through the Machin Messenger, Municipal website and Facebook page some of our directional goals that we will be working on to continue to help improve our community.

Mayor and Council