

COUNCIL NEWS:

As always, the summer season goes by too fast. The school season is starting once again and with it the routine of classes, sports and other activities. We hope you and your family had a safe enjoyable summer with family and friends.

On Wednesday July 24th our local Kenora Riding MP Hon. Bob Nault visited with Mayor and Council discussing local issues and ideas. Bob shared with Council his list of priorities for the region that he is working on and committed to. The day included a road tour of our Municipality where Bob was able to get a better view of our road network including the many roads that were washed out during the July 9th and 10th major rainstorm. The tour included visits to some of the local businesses as well. Overall it was a very good day spent with our local Member of Parliament.

The Municipality recently was notified by the provincial Ministry of Employment and Social Development of its successful grant application submitted in 2018 called "Making V.Bay Dock Accessible for all Ontarians"; to enhance accessibility at the Vermilion Bay Dock. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$53,435 (+ taxes) with the grant portion covering 65% of the total, while the Municipality covers 35%. The additional dock structure will be constructed on the east side of the existing dock but not interfering with the boat launch. A new floating dock will allow easier access with watercraft for all users. The dock structure will be built 10 ft wide and will include a 40 ft stationary deck attached to a 16 ft walkway ramp, attached to a 20 ft floating dock. After a successful tender is chosen it is hoped that the project will be completed this fall. However, if favourable weather conditions no longer exist the installation will be deferred until 2020. This dock enhancement will be a great addition to our waterfront in Vermilion Bay.

A reminder that Police Service Board Meetings are open to the public. Any questions may be directed to our Police Board representative Councillor Dennis Peterson.

MUNICIPAL NEWS:

Greg Rickford our local M.P.P. hosted a community BBQ on August 8 at the Pavilion in Pine Tree Park where a good turnout of people enjoyed a burger or hotdog for lunch. The BBQ was a chance to meet and greet and offered residents from the area a chance to ask questions of Greg one-on-one. Council also had the chance to talk openly with Greg on our Municipal issues.