

## **COUNCIL NEWS:**

November is a time that we pause to honour, thank and remember our fallen men and women for the sacrifices they have given for the freedoms we share. Please join us at the Vermilion Bay Cenotaph on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to pause in remembrance. Lest We Forget.

Mayor Gord Griffiths and Councillor Dennis Peterson attended the Annual Zone 1 Association of Police Services Board (APSB) meetings in Thunder Bay, October 8 - 10 along with other Municipal and Provincial Police representatives. Zone 1 is the largest zone in Ontario. Some of the presentations and discussions included:

**Guns and Gangs:** How gangs are no longer showing their colours and are organized in such ways as to appear part of the general public, they will move into a house and have dealers working their trade from different rooms. The instructors also talked about how large amounts of illegal cash is moved through airports and how the police know about it but because of current laws their hands are tied.

**Body Worn Cameras and Drones:** Body cameras will eventually be part of standard policing equipment. Through testing it has already proven that it will save time and money for police services. Drones are already in use by the police for investigating traffic accidents and for search and rescue saving time and money.

On Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>, our Mayor had the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with Ontario Premier Doug Ford in Kenora and discuss relevant issues in our community. Mayor Griffiths felt the discussions were very positive.

Council participated in the Grand Opening of Atlantic Industries Limited in Kenora on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Atlantic Industries Limited manufactures many products throughout the world but has opened a new manufacturing facility in Kenora that makes culverts from very small to very large. It was a good chance to meet their representatives that will be dealing with our Public Works Department when placing orders.

Council and Municipal Staff have heard positive feedback on the new LED lights that have been installed in the Woodland Arena and Eagle River Recreation Centre. These new brighter lights should enhance activities at both facilities while providing savings to the Municipality in reduced hydro costs. In 2019, the Municipality has started to analyze hydro costs at the Woodland Arena, reviewing data from 2016 to present. We hope this data will help us target hydro savings at the facility.

### **Eagle River Outdoor Rink**

The rink will be flooded once again by the Public Works staff when weather conditions are favourable. The Municipality will maintain the rink throughout the winter, however there may be times when Public Works staff will not be able to clean snow off of the ice surface in a timely manner. This may make the rink unusable for a short period of time. In an effort to have the rink maintained as much as possible and to keep costs down we are looking for volunteers to help clean and maintain the rink from time to time. Please contact the Municipal Office at 227-2633 if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions.

## **MUNICIPAL NEWS:**

### **Woodland Arena**

Thank you to Bonnie Lynn Jonassen Fults and Paul Vogel for their generous donations of two treadmills for our exercise room to replace one of our units which is no longer serviceable.

Our Halloween Party at the arena held on October 27 was lots of fun for children and parents who attended. We hope to see everyone out again next year.

Starting in November we will once again be open for Free Arena Walking in the mornings. The front door will be open for those who wish to walk around the rink. Monday to Fridays from 9 a.m. until the arena closes for the day.

The weekend of November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the arena will be busy with AA Atom and PeeWee players on the ice doing drills and practices.

On Tuesday November 26 the Dryden Ice Dogs and O.P.P are joining together in hosting a fundraiser hockey game for Lillian Berg School from 6 – 7 p.m. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for students to use at the Woodland Arena throughout the winter. The fundraiser will help to ensure no student is left out. We hope to see everyone out for this worthy cause.

Thanks to the students of Lillian Berg School for helping with our contest to name the arena snack room. Congratulations to Charlie Debney who had the winning name. Come on down and check out the “The Puck Stop”.

Drop in for a visit and check out the bright new lights, grab a hot chocolate and check out the activities. You can also follow us on our Woodland Arena Facebook page.

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### **Holiday Activities**

The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will be making a stop in Vermilion Bay on Monday, December 2, 2019. Please refer to the CP Holiday Train advertisement in this Messenger for more details.

The Municipal Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 pm. After the parade the Woodland Arena will provide hot chocolate, hot dogs and pictures with Santa at no cost. Please refer to the Christmas Parade advertisement in this Messenger for more details.