



The Resident Connection

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents and Stakeholders,

This newsletter contains a spring update on your Town. All past newsletters and circulars are also available on-line at the Town website.

First and foremost, a sincere thanks to recently retired staff Raymond Organ for his dedicated service to Council as Public Works Department Head for the past six years. He was involved in hundreds of water and sewer jobs vital to the services of residents, most of which residents never knew were occurring as these jobs most often happen without service interruption to most residents. Council and staff wish him the very best. Council and staff welcomed Sheldon Collier, the successful applicant taking on this very important role. We all look forward to working with him.

In the last newsletter, an outgoing member of Council was acknowledged. As of the result of the bi-election process Council has welcomed Trevor Hodder as the newest Council member. Trevor has been very busy including engaging in municipal training and council related committees.

There have been some changes to the recreation committee members. A sincere thank you to outgoing members for their service and dedication as listed in the people feature of this newsletter, particularly Gail Hoskins. A warm welcome and appreciation to new and remaining committee members.

This newsletter contains an update on many important projects and activities. I would also like to take the time to thank residents for their patience during municipal service interruptions (such as water) due to maintenance repairs, emergency repairs, and municipal capital works projects (such as water service upgrade Phase III). I would encourage residents to store extra water for both drinking and washing/toilets, etc. in case of unplanned outages due to water outage and/or power outage. This would be part of emergency preparedness and ensuring conveniences.

Most Sincerely and Respectfully,
Jamie LeRoux, Mayor

Town of St. Alban's

“A Proud History and Hometown Strong”



TOWN OFFICE

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9:00 am to 4:00 pm / Monday to Friday

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Public council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month (except 1st Monday in July and August) and held on Tuesday in case of a holiday.

To add an item to the agenda please contact the council office. If a delegation wishes to address council, please make a request and designate a spokesperson. Rules of procedure apply accordingly.



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YOUR COUNCIL UPDATE

Municipal Plan and Development Regulations Review & Amendments

Community consultations were held recently and work is underway for amendments. The current regulations, and thereafter revised, are binding upon Council and there will be further public hearings on any proposed changes before it is finalized. Aside from development regulations Council has decided that effective January 1st, 2017 all permit applications will require providing confirmation of registered land title and a survey of the land in connection to the application. Effective immediately for any applicants seeking Crown Lands approval for land (previously without any structures).

Community Engagement Update (From Public Consultation Last Fall)

Council has received the results and the common themes include social and economic priorities. The most important social priorities are senior housing, recreation (walking trails particularly), and retention of services (health, etc.). The most important economic concerns are about retaining and growing opportunities (more business and employment). The consultant also had suggested priorities from RV park to improved marina facility. Council will have to evaluate capacity and the most important priorities further (internally without consultant). The Town availed of funding from ACOA and regional development funds for the consultant firm last fall.

Municipal Water Works Projects Update

Phase III of water service upgrade is underway. The tender call has been issued for a new chlorination facility. Although our water quality continues to be excellent the water still needs a modern, safe, and automated system (presently 40+years old).

Municipal Lift Station/Sewer System Projects Update

Applications to Municipal Capital Works have been submitted for upgrades where needed to entire lift station/sewer system (short term goal). Three of the fourteen lift stations have been upgraded during the current term of Council. Council via BioMaxx is metering waste water to be compliant with federal waste water regulations.

Road Works and Drainage Mitigation Projects Update

Council had hoped to avail of federal infrastructure money and leverage it via financing/town budget to do significant road work throughout Town roads. Instead of doing a road or two per year, the option was considered to do many major and critical roads thus attracting more bidder interest in larger jobs. Council even evaluated interest charges on debt in relation to maintenance savings. Unfortunately the pot hole repair language in advance of federal budget has not translated into money for roadways of small towns. In the meantime, Council is focused on road building and drainage mitigation. Leveraging federal funds may have to wait for the next federal budget and the next phase of federal infrastructure funds.

Environmental Matters

The Town Council thanks all those that participate in town cleanup day and weeks, particularly volunteers. In addition, the Town Council is considering options for improvements to the operation and maintenance of the garbage pit/dump site. The concerns include environmental, safety, and maintenance of the site. The options may include more restrictions including gating, attendant, surveillance, and/or others.

Fire & Rescue Department

Important projects including major capital investments are needed for the Fire Department for a modern facility and replacing the 23 year old pumper (medium to longer term). In the short term, Council via Town budget and the Fire Department via support of the community (telethon) are investing into critical equipment upgrades. The firefighters and officers have been busy training and planning. Fire and rescue calls are only small part of what they do throughout the year.

PEOPLE FEATURE

A sincere thank you to the outgoing members of the recreation committee:

Gail Hoskins, Don Willcott, Matilda Skinner, Gerald Cox, Wanda Hollett

The Recreation Committee:

Robyn Howse, Jim Murphy, Delores Hoskins, Corina Willcott, Tracey Winsor, Arlene Winsor, Jeannie Strickland, Kimberly Tibbs, Trevor Hodder (Council Liaison)

Digging, Building, Dismantling, Paving, etc.? Plan Ahead and Check For Required Approvals & Permits

Don't risk your time and investment for non-compliance to regulations and/or required approvals. Improper land use impacts costs to all taxpayers as per complicated maintenance of town and effects on other properties. Council prefers to prevent all stop work and/or removal orders.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire Department: 538-3000
Emergency Services: 538-3117
Police: 882-2230
Medical Centre: 538-3244
Or to Get a # call 911
(911 is directory service)

Visit www.stalbans.ca and click the "Emergency Contacts" and "Emergency Preparedness" links in the red bar at the top of each webpage in the website.

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Check out the below sites:
www.getprepared.gc.ca
www.gov.nl.ca/fes/emo/