

VILLAGE OF THEODORE NEWS



Happy New Year All!

We hope that everyone was lucky enough to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Council looks forward to another successful year, hopefully with less unexpected events, but we won't hold our breathe on that.

Thank you to the residents who continue to support the Village and are moving forward with a love in their hearts for the quiet, quaint, rail-side Village we all call home. We look forward to many more positive changes. With change may come some opposition, but what is growth without some pain and what is the purpose of life without change?

We are a grateful council, as we have overcome so many trials in a very short time. We appreciate those who are willing to ask questions and listen for answers prior to name calling and harassment, however we cannot expect such of all people. Sadly, some of the most vocal and negative local issues that we deal with, are not even from tax payers to the Village. Not withstanding the handful of actual taxpayers who piggyback on what value they feel that they added some years ago, or who feel their voice is the only voice of reason, while having on more than one occasion abandoned their own perceived and elected responsibilities.

We would like to expand on a couple of recent issues we have come up against and explain why the pettiness is growing old. We challenge a better view and encourage personal growth. None of us are the same people we were when we entered this venture.

June 2018 -

- Unexpected Arena Roofing Repairs reportedly caused by poor design and installation during original construction.
- Our planned water main replacement was executed with unexpected but necessary road-top rejuvenation to follow.

July 2018 -

- Purchased new generator for well house.
- Multiple simultaneous water main breaks during an extreme heat wave with many unexpected buried finds. At this time the cistern emptied lower than when firefighters used it for the house fire just weeks prior allowing multiple aged issues inside the WTP and cisterns to also be uncovered...
- Water distribution would not pressure up and the specialists that installed the pumps in 2012 were called. Trouble shooting and repairs were attempted as suggested to no avail and Municipal Utilities Central was contacted. Upon inspection the water pumps were found to be connected to old cast iron pipes (just like the mains) which were badly corroded and weak. The pipe which supplies all water had a big hole and the cistern was emptied in order to expose the pipe and see the break/hole size.

August 2018 -

- The cast iron main pumping artery was determined to be beyond repair. The corrosion was so severe that it could not be repaired by any means. This is typical when proper preventive maintenance isn't adhered to. All the cast iron pipes were original to the plant and were virtually disintegrated. Stainless steel was chosen to be installed as the most resilient product available for this application. It was confirmed that the village may have access to funds from the gas tax program to hopefully help offset the WTP upgrades and the 200 block main street water main replacement project! Water line repairs that were not scheduled do not qualify.

September 2018 -

- Emergency Generator for Pump decided upon. There was no emergency generator in the WTP that would power the water treatment and filtering process so that the cisterns are refilled during a power loss. Having an emergency generator that can power the WTP and the electric pumps with enough power generating capacity, could also provide enough electricity to operate the entire recreation complex in an emergency preparedness situation. It was agreed that the recreation complex would be better suited for emergency shelter if it could be powered. The installation has been awaiting enough quotes to make an intelligent and informed decision as the two received were best described as polar. While not having the generator for a couple of months could be perceived as a liability, having never had one, it's actually a great asset!

October 2018 -

- Another water main break.
- A leak was found in the newly installed ice plant brine pump and a hole in the newly purchased brine filter. New parts were ordered by the original ice plant professional.



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November 2018 -

- When the replacement part arrived, it was the wrong part and it needed to be reordered before starting the ice plant was possible. Creating curling ice as previously discussed was a clearly impossible task this winter and now realizing further the condition of the aging ice plant, nor is it possible in the foreseeable future. We apologize for any hopes that may have been risen due to unprompted and unsupported promises that may have circulated.
- The Village accepted an offer from Remax for naming rights on a 3 year contract to help offset some of the unexpected and also expected costs associated with having an arena. The naming rights by no means diminishes or were intended to insult any person who helped to build the facility, but instead ease the burden on taxpayers as much as possible. See attached chart for such costs incurred and the weight such buildings carry on a municipality and households.

Theodore Recreation Centre - Annual Revenue & Expenditures			
	to Nov 30	Audited	Audited
REVENUE	2018	2017	2016
Hall Rental	5,200	7,575	7,462
Skating & Concession Fees	16,250	22,605	32,752
Grants		946	5,380
Remax Adv.	2,500		
TOTAL Revenue	23,950	31,126	45,594
EXPENSES	2018	2017	2016
Wages & Benefits	(16,193)	(17,585)	(38,561)
Contractual Serv.	(25,717)	(30,369)	(49,533)
Utilities	(26,935)	(37,343)	(32,298)
Maint. Materials/Supplies	(8,756)	(2,367)	(15,422)
Depreciation	(33,000)	(33,215)	(32,996)
	(110,601)	(120,879)	(168,810)
Utilities Paid by Trip Lottery	8,000	8,000	8,000
Donation - Catering Club (furnace)	1,632		
Donation TDRB (furnace)	1,632		
TOTAL Expenses	(99,337)	(112,879)	(160,810)
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Net Profit (Loss)	(75,387)	(81,753)	(115,216)
Cost sharing per capita *	-233	-253	-357
Cost sharing per residence **	-407	-442	-623

* 323 population based on 2016 Census
** 185 serviced households



We once again offer our appreciation to:
Dwayne Tobin, Lyndon Stachoski, Jeffrey Mackay
and Patricia Pidlсны



The Village of Theodore along with Jeffrey Mackay are proud to announce that on Sundays following the skate club practices, we will be holding FREE PUBLIC SKATING —so show up for 5pm!
This will also be pending availability around rentals.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for supervision.
No Sticks or Pucks will be permitted at this time.
Shinny will be held following as requested.

Each year recently, the Village has incurred immense objection regarding the Arena operator. No matter who has been in that position, it's been the same harassment and belittling of each individual. This has come particularly from those who think they are in a position to condemn that which they would not have done, are not capable of doing or offer "advice" that causes further failures, while boasting about years gone by in their own favourable light. The hold up and issues regarding ice are nobody's fault, but more unexpected issues as the result of an aging ice plant, and maintenance neglected far too long.

Going forward into 2019, we want to encourage and celebrate newcomers and change! Overcoming these old obstacles and holding strong when we feel like giving up is the only way this can get better. The world is a scary place. By believing that each person is doing their best and trying their hardest against such hypocrisy, until seeing otherwise, is the way to bettering the ill effects of such naysayers in a town that is changing regardless how the forefathers feel about it. We as council, are moving forward against the harassment of our employees. We are defending those who work hard for the betterment and positive changes of our community. It would be better if we could all do such, for who wants to be unhappy forever? Let us hold each other up instead of tear each other down, let us offer solutions with our problems, let us offer to be a part of the solution rather than dictate actions we expect from others. Respect one another, whether you agree or not. And if you truly want things your way, there are respectful avenues you may take to achieve that, starting with delegations to council and including running for your own spot on council in just a short while.

"They who ask a question is a fool for five minutes; they who do not ask a question but assumes the answer, remains a fool forever."

The challenge is on: Cheers to 2019!

Much love from your Council; Reg Amy, Barb Hutzul, Olga Mellen, Jennifer Ross & Kylee Onofriechuck

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