

MAYORS REPORT

January 24, 2007

I will do my part in trying to keep the length of this meeting manageable by keeping my comments short. Starting on a positive note I can't top the last report with a grant of another \$600,000 but we do have some good news. The Boil Water Advisory has been lifted. This was only a precautionary advisory as the water had to be shut of to continue the water plant upgrades.

Work at the water plant is still not complete however the mayor work is done and now we are in the commissioning phase. On Monday I spent two and a half hours in a meeting and inspection of the plant with representatives of the MOE, Earthtec, OCWA, Pedersons and the calibration engineers to address concerns that were raised by the MOE in December. The concern was that if the work was not completed by January 15th, 2007 then the town would be in violation of the certificate of approval. We would be fined again by the MOE for failure to meet the deadline. However after the meeting and inspection it was decided that the critical components were in place by the deadline and that the Town will not suffer any consequences. I find that staying on top of these issues is the only way to ensure that there is a positive outcome and that we do not get caught in the middle.

We have had two good public meetings since last council, one regarding recycling and the other on the centennial preparations. Both meetings were well attended although it would always be nicer to see more people come out. Councilor Larry Anderson did a great job of chairing both of those meetings.

I think every household received a message from Anthony Rota in the mail. It concerns cutbacks to regional development programs by the Federal Government. For us FedNor is an extremely

important organization and has helped sponsor numerous initiatives and jobs, throughout Northern Ontario. I would suggest that it is in everyone's best interest to fill in the detachable portion at the bottom of the page and mail it to the Federal Government. No postage is required. We can not complain that the North always get the short end of the stick if we do not stand up and try to maintain initiatives that we already have.