

January 21st, 2016

Report from Councilor Jo-Anne Cartner

Medical Clinic

- Lise, Logan Belanger and I met with Dr. Roedde and Lorene last Wednesday.
- Dr. Roedde updated us on the progress that has been made over the last six months in their efforts to find physicians for patients from New Liskeard, Haileybury, Quebec and other towns. Last July there were 715 patients from those areas. At present there are 596. This is a slow process but they are making headway.
- There is still a waitlist with Health Care Connect for patients within the catchment area. There has been a drop of patients in the Cobalt, Coleman area over the last six months as residents move away from the area etc. so she has been accepting residents from the waitlist to fill those gaps.
- In July of last year only 28% of the clinic's patients had been rostered (recognized by the Ministry of Health as in her practice). Through Lorene's hard work, this has now increased to 68%.
- Dr. Roedde will be teaching again starting in February and has three students scheduled; each for a period of three weeks.
- The clinic's patients will continue to have use of the clinic in Cobalt on Wednesday mornings for lab work and Janice Sauve from the Canadian Mental Health Association will continue to come in twice a month to deal with patients' needs.
- The lack of transportation and the cost involved for patients that don't drive or have someone to take them to see a specialist or to have tests done in New Liskeard or outside the area is a problem. This morning Michelle was already busy looking into transportation funding options.
- We reviewed the clinic's budget as it stands now. Our next meeting will be scheduled for the end of February to review the budget in more detail as we near the clinic's year end on March 31st.

Mayor's Report, December 16, 2015

Latchford Control Dam Project

- Jeff Barton arranged a call to Trish Moussa of the MNR on January 07 regarding land ownership in the area of the dam on both shorelines. It confirmed that the only land that PWGSC owns is what the dam actually sits on. The shoreline area that is identified as "Waterpower Reserve" is owned by the Province. Further, there is question as to whether the required permitting was obtained by PWGSC prior to using the land in the manner they have. The location of their new control building does not appear to be on their property and potentially could be partially on Town of Latchford property.
- The EEE information request was sent on December 15 and the Impacts Submission was forwarded on December 22. While both were acknowledged as being received, follow up has occurred both in email and conference calls. I contacted Harpreet but she has been ill with the flu so we decided to go directly to Marilea Pirie and Eugene Chown of PWGSC in a conference call that Perry, Jeff and I had with them on January 15. We pressed for an indication as to when we could expect a response to both. They did a lot of humming and hawing but stated that they hoped to have something to us by the end of January. We advised them that there was some question as to ownership of land being used by them and that the potential existed that part of the control building was situated on municipal property. They assured us that they have surveyed the land and we requested they share those surveys with us.
- I have sent an email to Heather Flynn of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and attached a photo of the contamination of the river that occurred when they were removing the coffer dams. My original complaint to Environment Canada had been directed to her and after waiting a month to hear from her, I contacted her and she is out of the office until January 22.
- The CMR representatives met with Anthony Rota in his New Liskeard office on Monday. We briefed him on the issues surrounding the dam and our efforts to install a hydro generating facility on it. I also provided him with copies of our impacts submission and the EEE request.

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