

RATEPAYERS MEETING
July 9th, 2016

Ask Questions Anytime!

Introductions

- Mayor
- Council
- Administrative Staff
- Associated Engineering

Office Staff

- Chief Administrative Officer- Cindy Baumgartner
- Assistant Administrator- Lorna Davies
- Public Works Assistant (part time)- Karen Guillemin

Public Works

- Joel Neudeck, Catrina Neudeck and Laura Tisdale
- Thanks to the summer staff: Elijah Louttit, Tyler Dobrescu, Nathan White
- Remember to be nice to the staff!!!!!!
- All requests for work should go through the office, please do not approach staff

WATER TREATMENT

- Buena Vista's water has historically been very good
- The main concern going forward is arsenic levels. They haven't changed, but the government standards have. The old guideline for arsenic levels was .025 mg/L.
- Our water is around .017 mg/L
- However, the standard is being lowered to .010 mg/L

WATER TREATMENT

- A successful pilot study has been done using new technology
- Same system in use at Kanata Valley
- We are awaiting potential infrastructure grants

Tower Road

- The Department of Highways finally let us lower the culvert south on Highway 54
- We thought we had a reasonable temporary solution using reclaim. Obviously, this hasn't been the case
- We should begin paving of the road by the end of July
- A special thanks to Glen Knight

Primary Health Care

- There is now a second exam room
- Lobbying for extra services, such as bloodwork
- Hoping to get 2nd practitioner
- Currently Wednesdays
- Looking for people to serve on board
- If you believe this is important to our community please contact the Minister of Health Dustin Duncan at (306) 787-7345
- Possible chiropractic services coming

Drainage

- Added more than 20 culverts around the Village last summer
- Still lots to do, our staff and contractors will be placing more culverts and dealing with troublesome drainage sites
- Adding south drainage for Tower Road

Financials

VILLAGE OF BUENA VISTA
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2015

Statement 1

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Financial Assets		
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$ 778,261	\$ 764,059
Taxes Receivable - Municipal	29,951	35,058
Other Accounts Receivable	60,017	48,438
Land for Resale	350	350
Long-Term Investments	-	-
Other	-	-
Total Financial Assets	868,579	847,905
LIABILITIES		
Bank Indebtedness	-	-
Accounts Payable	37,746	28,568
Accrued Liabilities Payable	-	-
Deposits	60,206	59,931
Deferred Revenue	35,135	11,699
Accrued Landfill Costs	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-
Long-Term Debt	577,012	695,148
Lease Obligations	-	-
Total Liabilities	710,099	795,346
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	158,480	52,559
Tangible Capital Assets	4,607,796	4,679,502
Prepayment and Deferred Charges	11,581	10,674
Stock and Supplies	2,792	2,682
Other	3,950	4,740
Total Non-Financial Assets	4,626,119	4,697,598
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,784,599	\$ 4,750,157

VILLAGE OF BUENA VISTA
Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2015

Statement 2

Revenues	2015 Budget	2015	2014
Taxes and Other Unconditional Revenue	\$ 1,028,959	\$ 1,038,703	\$ 951,484
Fees and Charges	229,196	254,414	210,593
Conditional Grants	7,776	7,776	7,720
Tangible Capital Assets Sales - Gain	-	1,894	5,375
Land Sales - Gain	-	-	-
Investment Income and Commissions	3,639	2,844	3,639
Other Revenues	1,669	118,312	469
Total Revenues	1,271,239	1,423,943	1,179,280
Expenses			
General Government Services	228,340	220,741	194,003
Protective Services	103,983	75,516	66,120
Transportation Services	477,540	635,979	408,392
Environmental and Public Health Services	105,154	109,875	99,869
Planning and Development Services	-	-	-
Recreation and Cultural Services	51,527	55,833	48,525
Utility Services	317,259	382,320	340,202
Total Expenses	1,283,803	1,480,264	1,157,111
Surplus (Deficit) before Other Capital Contributions	(12,564)	(56,321)	22,169
Provincial/Federal Capital Grants and Contributions	117,700	90,763	254,697
Surplus (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenses	105,136	34,442	276,866
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit), Beginning of Year	4,750,157	4,750,157	4,473,291
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 4,855,293	\$ 4,784,599	\$ 4,750,157

Library

- We need new members
- Use it or lose it scenario, 19% drop in usage
- Books, videos, movies, computer access and much more
- Play area for kids
- There is summer reading program for kids
- Appreciate donations of books less than 6 months old
- Need library board members
- Valuable asset for our community, with an incredibly low budget (less than 2500 dollars)
- Library celebrating 50th anniversary as 1st member of the Southeast Regional Library. BBQ, book sale and program July 25th at the library.

Shifting of Valley

- There was shifting of 5 houses in the Village. PDAP assisted 3 of those claims
- There was shifting of the north end of the ball diamonds and the walking path by Lakeview crescent, PDAP is covering these repairs
- Golder and associates has put out tenders for repair of the ball diamonds and some areas of the rail bed by Lakeview Crescent
- We will be looking for volunteers to move concession and batting cage

Techniques to Reduce Shoreline Erosion and Increase Stability

- Encourage a buffer zone of native vegetation.
- Maintain a smaller lawn away from the waterfront; a pathway may be mowed for access down to the water, but keep any development well back from the lake
- Avoid clear cutting trees

Official Community Plan (OCP)

- Future infrastructure funding from the Provincial/Federal governments will require an OCP and supporting bylaws
- Prairie Wild Consulting hired to help draft OCP
- The OCP Working Group together with Prairie Wild has been working hard on completing the Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw and maps

Official Community Plan (OCP)

- After the documents and maps are complete, they will go to the Village Council for their final review and we will begin the formal approval stages as per the *Planning and Development Act, 2007*
- Council provides first reading of the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw
- A public notice will be published in the paper for two consecutive weeks (four clear weeks of a public hearing) sharing that the Village is adopting an Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw and will provide a date of a public hearing
- The copies of the Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw and maps will be sent to the Ministry of Government Relations for final approval

Waterfront

- There are multiple people who own land adjacent to the water
- Survey of entire waterfront is complete
- We need to know boundaries of the Village for community planning
- Community planning is reviewing along with ISC
- Hoping to hear back within a few weeks

BOAT LAUNCH

- The Boat Launch has been closed for now, pending the completion of survey
- The Village has a legal opinion on this and will pursue further legal action to correct the situation once the survey is registered

Bylaws

- The Commissionaires are now providing bylaw services
- They are now getting familiar with our community
- Traffic Bylaw soon to be in place

Election Year

- This fall there will be an election on October 26th
- Nomination papers must be in by September 21st
- If you are interested in running details are available at the office

Parks and Rec Update

