

TOWN OF MILLERTOWN

NEWSLETTER - 2009

This newsletter is compiled to inform residents about the activities of council during 2009.

Council is made up of elected volunteers who seriously consider the difference they can make in their community before running for municipal council. Municipal elections were held in September - four councillors were elected by acclamation leaving one vacancy which was later filled by Mr. David Newbury.

List of Councillors & Portfolios:

Mayor Kevin Greene: (709) 852-4256

The mayor is the presiding officer of council and is responsible for chairing all meetings as well as the official head of the town for all ceremonial purposes and is expected to advance and promote the aims and objects of council.

Water/Sewer Mtce.

Mayor Greene is also responsible for the day to day management of the water distribution system, regular checks of lift stations and to oversee required repairs to the water/sewer system.

Deputy Mayor Shirley White (709) 852-4541

Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy

Deputy Mayor White is council's representative on the Central Waste Management Committee. The central site is supposed to be fully operational by 2011 and will be situated at Buchans Junction. The actual cost is not yet determined - there definitely will be an increase to residents regarding waste disposal.

Councillor Cherry Hicks: (709) 852 -2220

Snow Clearing/Road Mtce. *Councillor Hicks is responsible for snow clearing and minor road repairs. Backhoe/Loader rental arrangements may be made by contacting Ms. Hicks, Mayor Greene, Deputy Mayor White or the town office.*

Councillor Barbara Sheppard: (709) 852-6146

Building & Electrical. *Councillor Sheppard is responsible for seeing that all new construction have the required building permit and to report any power outages.*

Note: Building permits are required for new buildings, renovation, shingling, fencing, roads and driveways and are available at the Town Office.

Councillor David Newbury: (709) 852-5521

Waste Disposal. *Councillor Newbury is responsible for seeing that garbage is collected and that the disposal site is kept in working condition.*

Note: Residents are asked to please dispose of garbage, other the household garbage, by using the indicator signs posted at the site. All sharp objects - glass, etc., should be placed in closed containers to ensure safety.

Household garbage is collected every Wednesday starting at 10 a. m..

Administrative Staff: Eileen Scott, Town Clerk (709) 852-6311

Office hours are from 9 to 4:30 p. m. on Mondays and also the last two (2) banking days of each month. Should you need assistance during non business hours you may contact the clerk at the above number.

Millertown Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief - Baxter Elliott, Jr (709) 852-6276

Assistant Fire Chief - Scott Elliott (709) 852 -4266

Fire Department Emergency Telephone Number - (709) 852-5511

Fire Department - (709) 852-5291

The members of the fire department are to be commended on their commitment to the safety of the town and its residents. On behalf of the town, council would like to take this opportunity to express theirs sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the fire department who give freely of their time and efforts.

Financial Update:

The Town of Millertown was restructured under the “Debt Relief Program” in 2005. Since that date a balanced budget has been submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs each year. The cost of debt charges to the town is approximately \$18,000.00 per year - loan will be paid in full in the year 2017.

There is no increase in municipal taxes for the year 2010. However, the Municipal Assessment Agency has increased property values all over the island resulting in an increase to some property owners. Property owners are asked to please pay your taxes on time. The town council can only maintain it’s present essential services if funds are available. Property Tax is due and payable on or before March 31st, 2010. Water/Sewer tax is due no later than the 15th day of the following month (example: Water/Sewer tax for January should be paid by February 15th).

You may contact the town office regarding arrangements for payments and post dated cheques will be accepted.

Federal Gas Tax Funding:

Under this program a new heating system was installed in the Town/Fire Hall. New roofing was also installed on the building.

The Federal Government has committed a second round of funding for the next five years. The town will receive approximately \$46,400.16 to be paid out in eight equal installments.

The ICSP (Integrated Community Sustainability Plan), one of the Government's New Deal for cities & communities is to achieve real, measurable progress towards the economic, social, environmental & cultural sustainability of Canada's cities & communities.

The ICSP Committee is made up of the following members:

Mayor Kevin Greene, Deputy Mayor Shirley White, Councillors Cherry Hicks & Barbara Sheppard. Other members are: Dr. Mary Ricketts, Terry Sheppard, Charlie Fost & Fire Chief Baxter Elliott (Junior). A draft plan has been submitted to the department - a final plan will be submitted before the deadline of March 31st, 2010.

The members are to be commended for the work they are doing regarding the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Community Enhancement Program:

Under this program, funded by government, brush cutting & clearing was carried out. The fence has been replaced at the town's cemetery. It is a possibility the cemetery may be designated as an Heritage Site. The program employed a total of seven people - the workers are to be commended for the work done.

Red Indian Lake Heritage Society:

Some of the town's artifacts are on display at "The Lewis Miller Room Museum." This past summer 196 visitors signed the society's book at the museum and 337 signed at Indian Point. Teck Resources are preparing the mounts for the story-boards which will depict the history of the Beothuck Indians - the boards will be in place for the summer season. The society is presently seeking funding to hire an employee to operate the museum for the summer season. The Red Indian Lake Heritage Society, under the direction of Teresa Greene, are to be commended on their efforts in trying to preserve the town's artifacts/history.

Thanks to The Town Hall Committee, The Anglican Church Women, The United Church Women and The Millertown Memorial Athletic Association for giving of their time and talents for the betterment of the community.

Community Development - council is looking for volunteers to become committee members. If you have any suggestions for future planning in our town please feel free to contact us..

Council has received approval from the Department of Municipal Affairs for funding to install a chlorine pump, with flow meter attached ,at the chlorination building. Council also applied for funding to upgrade a section of the sewer line uptown- this is still under consideration by the department.

In December 2009 council celebrated it's 50th Anniversary (town was incorporated on December 7th, 1959). The celebration included a visit from Santa for the children and seniors. Seniors were also treated to a hot roast beef supper & local entertainment provided by Bernard Woodfine & David Gulliford. The "Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony" took place after the supper - as in previous years, the beautiful carol "Silent Night" was sung to houour our troops serving in war torn countries. This was followed by an adult dance.

Council would like to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to Teck Resources for their help and financial support.

All meetings of council are open to the public, unless a meeting is held as a privileged meeting or unless a motion is passed at a public meeting to declare that meeting, or portion of it, to be privileged. (Municipal Act Section 213)

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given council their support and co-operation.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 2010!!!