

**LGD of Pinawa
Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2021**

"Did you know....Council Highlights"

The summer months are often less busy for Council as many of the Council Committees take a summer hiatus. Council still continues to work on your behalf and this past month has been no exception. Here are the Council Highlights from the August 9, 2021 Council Meeting:

- Channel Float - continues to be a popular tourist attraction with many visitors daily. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism to the porta-potties at the Diversion Dam. Council continues to monitor the activities at both ends of the Channel Float and continues to make changes to the operations as required. The annual Channel Clean-up with divers is being scheduled for late August. A full season debrief with all stakeholders is planned for the Fall.
- COVID-19 - Council made the decision to re-open the Vanier Centre effective immediately, mandating mask use and following all current health restrictions. Further discussion regarding the Community Centre will take place Thursday evening.
- By-Law 886-2021 Tax Increment Financing Zone 3rd Reading - Downtown Zone - this By-Law received 3rd and final reading and was approved by Council. The intent of this By-Law was to change the existing By-Law to ensure that any changes to assessments for all properties in the Downtown Zone will be processed individually for the purposes of capturing the incremental taxes. This ensures that if an individual business experiences a major swing in tax assessment it won't negatively impact the overall TIF fund. This fund is intended to be used to make improvements in the downtown zone.
- Dog Park - This discussion is being referred to the Planning Committee to recommend possible site locations and requirements for the successful implementation of a dog park. Once the committee comes up with this information, it will be shared with interested community members and ideally a fundraising committee will form to take on the project.
- Pinawa Community Development Corporation - North Forge East - Canadian Nuclear Energy Alliance announced an additional 3 years of \$80K annually to fund North Forge East (NFE) activities. This was a welcome announcement and ensures the future operational viability of NFE. North Forge East has continued to grow and surpass its annual goals and targets for assisting entrepreneurs and businesses in the region. If you have a business idea and are looking for help in getting started, please contact Shane Li, the President of NFE to discuss. Shane can be reached at sli@northforgeeast.ca.
- Whiteshell Laboratories Community Regeneration Partnership - This committee is comprised of all Council members, the Resident Administrator, the Economic Development Officer, Council representatives from the surrounding communities in the region, Minister Wayne Ewasko, representatives from AECL and CNL, and other vested stakeholders in the region. This committee was formed when AECL made the announcement to switch to a GO-CO (Government Owned, Contractor Operated) model for decommissioning. Since then, the committee met twice annually to brainstorm and

collaborate ideas to ensure the successful future for the region in the absence (or downsizing) of the AECL workforce. One of the major initiatives of this committee is the Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Demonstration Project idea for Pinawa. (SMR) We have continued to update the community through the Quarterly Newsletter on any advances on this front. This week there will be more progress made on this topic as the committee meets today with a full agenda including many guest speakers: Fred Dermarkar - President and CEO of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL Site Managers), John Gilbert - CNL (Whiteshell Laboratories Site Manager, David Dabney - President and CEO of StarCore Nuclear, Brian Mark - Dean of Science, University of Manitoba, Lou Riccoboni- Vice President of Corporate Relations and Business Development, CNL. We look forward to reporting in the next Quarterly Newsletter the outcomes of these important meetings.