

**LGD of Pinawa  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 16, 2021**

**"Did you know....Council Highlights"**

Council met on Thursday, September 16 for our regular monthly council meeting. Fall is upon us and the agenda content definitely reflects the change of season.

- The regular meeting was preceded by two public hearings for variations and conditional use. The first request was for conditional use to permit a Commercial Resort and a variation to allow for the Commercial Resort to operate year-round, on a piece of General Commercially Zoned land on Cameron Road. There were a few residents present as well as the project proponents but no written or verbal objections were received. A resolution was passed later in the regular council meeting to allow the conditional use and variation to proceed.
- Council received and approved, by resolution, the 2020 Audited Financial Statements.
- Council discussed the Channel Float activities briefly, and has scheduled the first year-end debrief meeting for October 5. Council has agreed to continue to review and discuss Pinawa's tourism related activities looking for opportunities to improve and streamline operations. Topics for discussion include the channel float, beach use, boat launch use, by-law enforcement, public dock use, signage, public washrooms, garbage containers and personnel. We are also committed to meeting with the various tourism operators/vendors to hear their perspective on the recent season.
- Council received the 2021 Channel Float Clean Up Report from the divers. It is encouraging to hear that our cleanup efforts are paying off. Overall, the volume of garbage/debris recovered this year was significantly less than the prior year. We extended the cleanup beyond the channel float exit which yielded a large amount of garbage. In particular, there were pockets of aluminum cans, fabrics and golf balls. As this was the first year we invested time in this area, it is not surprising the volume of retrieved items. Another area which we invested time in was the "halfway point" or landing area at the golf course. Again, there were many aluminum cans, unopened liquor/beverage containers and many paddles in this area. Council is committed to annual channel cleanup activities and will likely consider expanded efforts again in 2022, possibly including a mid-season cleanup as well.
- Council passed a resolution to open the Community Centre for public use, effective September 18, 2021, subject to the current Provincial Health Regulations. Many of the regular user groups have been patiently waiting for this positive step forward to allow them entry into the facility again to be able to return to their activities. Each of the "User Groups" will be responsible for adhering to strict safety protocols, outlined in the Provincial Health Regulations and will receive instructions from our administration staff, around reporting and screening requirements. Please note: All persons entering the Community Centre must be double vaccinated.

- Council reviewed and approved an "add on" cost to the Suspension Bridge Upgrade project. Specifically, improvements to the decking and anti-slip surface. This project will likely be completed in early October.
- Carbon Lock hosted an Open House event for the public on Wednesday, September 15. It was well attended and the owners of Carbon Lock were very pleased with the event.
- The Planning Committee met on Monday, September 13 and received a proposal to study the feasibility of establishing an Off-leash Area (OLA) in Pinawa. Council supports the establishment and responsible management of OLAs, however, the LGD must also support and consider the interests of the community's other parks and greenspace users. The team will be reviewing the *Winnipeg Off-Leash Area Master Plan* as a basis for planning and evaluation, reflecting the balanced needs of Pinawa's park users.