

CAO/Clerk Treasurer Musings

Welcome to another year in the life of the Township of Greater Madawaska!

I hope that all residents of the municipality had a safe and enjoyable Christmas Season and that the New Year will bring prosperity and happiness to you and your families.

With the 2006 Municipal Elections behind us, the work of the Municipality will start to be generated over the next few weeks, Council Committees will commence operations on February 1st, 2007 with 5 Standing Committees meeting that day commencing at 9 am. All Standing Committee meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend.

An exciting change this year to Standing committees is the addition of several members of the public being appointed to functions as advisors to the various committees. Although these appointees do not have the ability to vote on the issues presented, the Public Advisors will participate as full members of the committee, receiving the reports and confidential information as received by members of Council. They can fully participate in the discussions and help chart the course for the committee recommendations through to Council. There are still some available positions in the Committee Structure, so if you have an interest in serving, please get in touch with the Municipal office.

New this year will be an effort to develop and email a monthly Newsletter to residents and those interested in the municipality. On the town's website, you will find a link to "subscribe to newsletter". If you "click" this link, you will send an email to Jenn Fleming, giving her authority to add your email address to the distribution list. In this way, when staff updates the newsletter, or if there are significant changes to the information contained on the website, you will automatically receive these updates. We ask that you be patient with this process, as we are still trying to get used to the technology. Hopefully, as we get better at it, you will start receiving these updates on a monthly basis. For now, the updates will be sent as developed.

I am always available to discuss any issues or concerns that you might have about any municipal service or program. I encourage you to get in touch with me, or drop by the office if you would like to chat, have a coffee, or better understand what we do at the municipal office.

Cheers!