

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR:

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope you are enjoying the long, pleasant days of summer. I am writing to provide you with an update from the past month regarding recent activity at City Hall and the Mayor's Office.

First, I was delighted to represent Mosinee this past month at several important events. Earlier in the month, I joined several other local leaders from Schofield, Weston, Rothschild and Kronenwetter at a luncheon hosted by the South Area Business Association. On behalf of Mosinee I provided an update to the area business community on some of the recent activity that has taken place in Mosinee including, among other things, expansions within our business park and our new water treatment facility upgrades. I was also honored to accept an invitation for a tour of one of our many fantastic business park operations – Arow Global. I was shown all of the company's operations from the offices to the factory floor. The company recently expanded its facility in our business park and I am told they are doing quite well. We are very lucky to have them as part of our community. Finally, at the end of the month, I represented Mosinee as the newest board member of the Marathon County Development Corporation (MCDEVCO), a collection of area local business and government leaders focused on a collaborative effort towards long term economic growth in our area.

Second, we had a very busy and productive Common Council meeting in July. The Common Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new patrol truck for our Public Works Department. This was the first approved purchase in a long term, multi-year plan to help our Public Works Department update a large fleet of equipment in desperate need of repair or replacement to varying degrees. The Common Council also unanimously approved an engineering services proposal to reconstruct the first of several streets in the business park, many of which are long overdue for repair. The reconstruction efforts will use tax increment finance dollars that were generated by our very own business park properties. Finally, the Common Council approved a motion to allow the City's financial consultants to begin work on a revenue sharing plan between two of our tax incremental districts that may open the door to much needed improvement funds for our tax incremental district that extends from our downtown across the river to the old grocery store.

Third, I would like to update you on landscaping within our roundabout. The roundabout is controlled by the DOT. Since my last update on this topic, we have been in talks with the DOT about our options to update the landscaping within the roundabout. At our August Common Council meeting we hope to have landscaping proposals for the Council's consideration. In connection with this upgrade, the Common Council approved professional landscaping upgrades to Square Park situated downtown.

Finally, by the end of next month, we anticipate that the finishing touches to our upgraded water treatment facility will be near complete. This has been a long project that has substantially improved the quality of drinking water in our community. I want to personally take this opportunity to thank our Public Works Director, Kevin Breit, for all of his hard work in connection with this project.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer season and, as always, should you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Mayor's Office.

## **MOSINEE AVENUE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY & WELL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Improvements to the three municipal drinking water wells and the water treatment facility located at Mosinee Ave. are nearing completion. Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the three municipal wells was completed in March. Reconstruction of the water treatment plant is expected to be complete and fully operational by the middle of August. These improvements have been designed to remove iron, manganese and organic carbon from the drinking water supply. The improved water quality will also reduce the corrosion of lead and copper from service lines and household plumbing fixtures. The reduced corrosion of lead and copper will also help the utility get back into compliance with Federal drinking water standards related to lead and copper. Customers should be noticing an improvement in the quality of drinking water being supplied to homes and businesses in the next couple of weeks.

Although good quality, clean water is being produced and pumped into the water distribution system, there is still the possibility that some of the existing scale on the pipes will want to break loose or come off the pipes. This will cause episodes of brown or off colored water. In an attempt to minimize this problem Water Utility staff is planning an aggressive water main flushing campaign. Beginning later in August we will perform Unidirectional Flushing of the water distribution system to clean or flush out pipe scale buildup from the inside of the water mains. We anticipate this flushing project going into October. We will keep you updated via the City's website and water bill notices.

If you are experiencing off colored water please call this department immediately and we will attempt to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

We are confident that you will be pleased with the quality of the drinking water from our reconstructed, "state of the art" treatment facility.

If you have questions or would like any additional information please call or email. My contact information is listed below.

Thank You for your patience and understanding throughout this project!

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