



CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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Jeff Gates, City Administrator

The American Planning Association recently presented the City of Mosinee with the national “2012 Dr. Vernon Deines Memorial Award for an Outstanding Small Town Plan” for the Mosinee Downtown Development Plan. The Mosinee Downtown Development Plan was prepared in 2011 by the Mosinee Area Economic Development Committee with professional planning assistance provided by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

The Mosinee Downtown Development Plan includes: an assessment of existing land use & buildings; assessment of transportation network; assessment of the downtown business mix; identification of redevelopment & development opportunities; prioritization of development opportunities within a 4-phase implementation schedule and identification of redevelopment & development financing sources.

This national award validates the City’s current land use planning and economic development efforts to ensure the future viability of the historic downtown area which is an essential asset of our great community.

The Mosinee Area Economic Development Committee’s adopted *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* includes an objective to provide additional parking in our downtown area to support business development. With this objective in mind, the City recently completed the purchase of the approximate 8,900 s.f. lot located on 4th Street adjacent to Square Park from TDS (Mosinee Telephone Company). The Mosinee Downtown Development Plan identified that the former dental clinic building which is located on the site could possibly be utilized as a heritage center or for a small retail business; and that approximately ten additional off-street public parking spaces could also be provided on the property. The Downtown Development Plan also recommend that the site and adjacent park area be used for community activities such as farm markets, small car shows and concerts to attract people to the downtown area. The Mosinee Downtown Development Plan can be viewed on the City’s website (www.mosinee.wi.us) and copies are also available at Mosinee City Hall.

Construction work has begun for the Indianhead Cottages Planned Unit Development that will be situated on approximately 10.82 acres of land located north of Indianhead Drive between *IROW* and the *Indianhead Golf Course*. *Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC)* of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin will be developing forty-eight (48) unit “cottage-style” residential apartments that will be located within six buildings that will be constructed on the site.

The construction of the new sanitary sewer forcemain system to the regional Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District's (RMMSD) wastewater facility is proceeding very well. Approximately 90% of the sewer pipeline installation has already been completed and the basement walls of the new pumping station (located at the intersection of Edison Street and Old Highway 51) have also been completed. We are currently projecting that the pipeline installation will be completed by the end of July and that the City will begin pumping our wastewater to the RMMSD's facility by the end of September. The demolition of the City's existing outdated wastewater treatment plant facility should be completed in early 2013. We would like to thank the residents and businesses in the Old Highway 51 area for their cooperation and patience during this significant undertaking. Additional information pertaining to the City's decision to join the regional RMMSD wastewater facility is available at <http://www.mosinee.wi.us/pdfs/forcemain%20project.pdf> and also at City Hall.

The reconstruction of 2nd Street (from Pine St. to High St.) and 3rd Street (from High St. to Fremont St.) is also proceeding well. The installation of base material, asphalt and curb & gutter has been completed and the street will be paved after the installation of the new forcemain on Fremont Street (from 3rd Street to the Wastewater Treatment Plant) has been completed and tested. We would like to thank the residents in the 2nd and 3rd Street areas for their cooperation and patience during the reconstruction project.

The Mayor & City Council will soon begin the process of developing the annual City Budget for the 2013 fiscal year. The Mayor & City Council are committed to utilizing an "outcome-based" approach to ensure that the City's financial resources, especially the resident's and businesses' tax dollars, are being optimally employed to achieve community-desired outcomes. As part of the 2013 Budget development process, we would like to obtain feedback from "focus" groups pertaining to our local government services. If you would like to participate in a City of Mosinee "focus" group, please contact me at 715-693-2275 or at cityadmn@mosinee.wi.us.

I would encourage all residents and businesses to play an active role in your community by discussing any matter you feel should be addressed by your local government, with the Mayor, a City Council member or myself.