



## CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

MAY 2012

*Jeff Gates, City Administrator*

In March 2012 the City's Common Council approved a revised General Development Plan and also a Phase I Final Development Plan 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.

Construction for the project will be completed in two development phases. Phase I of the development will consist of the construction of three 8-unit apartment buildings that will be located on the east half of the project site and Phase II of the development will consist of the construction of two 10-unit apartment buildings and one 4-unit apartment building. Unlike traditional multi-family apartment projects, the proposed development will look very similar to single family semi-detached homes with each of the proposed residential units having their own exterior entry and also a single-car attached garage.

The City's 2006 Comprehensive Plan includes a goal to "*provide a variety of housing types and new residential development*" with an objective "*to provide housing opportunities for residents in all stages of life, including young families, singles and seniors*". The City's Plan Commission and Common Council both felt that the proposed Indianhead Cottages Development is consistent with this housing goal for our community. Construction of the first phase of the Indianhead Cottages Planned Unit Development is anticipated to begin this summer.

The construction of the new sanitary sewer forcemain system to the regional Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District's wastewater facility is proceeding very well to date. The Mayor & City Council determined that joining the regional RMMSD facility was the most beneficial **long-term alternative** (in lieu of rehabbing our existing outdated wastewater treatment plant) approach to treating our municipal wastewater.

The RMMSD's modern wastewater treatment facility is located on the west side of the Wisconsin River across from the Weston Power Plant. The RMMSD ([www.ribmountainmetro.org](http://www.ribmountainmetro.org)) currently consists of the following five (5) municipalities: the Village of Weston, the Village of Rothschild, the Village of Kronenwetter, the Town of Rib Mountain Sanitary District and now the City of Mosinee.

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.

As a result of the installation of the new forcemain system, the City will also be reconstructing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (from Fremont St. to High St.) and also 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (from High St. to Pine St.). The street reconstruction will include the installation of base material, asphalt and curb & gutter. The reconstruction of these two streets will significantly upgrade the transportation infrastructure in this area.

The City recently selected *MSA Professional Services* from Marshfield to serve as the design consultant for the construction of the approximate 1.4-mile extension of the Wisconsin Riverwoods Multi-use Trail from Chuck's Boat Landing southwest through Edgewood Park to Rangeline Road. The project will consist of the construction of a ten foot (10') wide asphaltic surface path that will match the design of the existing path which connects Main Street to Chuck's Boat Landing. The project will also include the construction of an approximate 394' (length) access trail from the south end of Elm Street to the main trail and also a 143' (length) access trail from the south end of Novak Street to the main trail. The access trails will also consist of a ten foot (10') wide asphaltic surface. The City has been awarded a \$255,458 federal Bicycle & Facilities Program (BFP) Transportation Enhancement Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation to assist with funding the estimated \$319,323 cost of constructing the trail extension. Due to the federal grant procedural requirements, it is anticipated that the trail will be constructed in the fall of 2013.

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. The implementation of the outcome-based approach is an important component of our overall initiative to begin "transforming" our local government organization to improve our focus on providing the most innovative local government services to our great community. As part of the "transformation" process, we will be relying on "focus" groups to provide feedback 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 [cityadm@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:cityadm@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.