



Council Comments #26

Interlake Water Utility

On April 26, members of the Councils of the RV of Cochin and the RM of Meota, as the only two members of the Utility, met with the members of the Board of Directors of the Utility at the Utility's Annual Members' meeting.

The Board delivered a "state of the Utility" presentation that reveals a pro-active approach on all matters affecting the Utility including a forecast of financial stability. Kudos to the members of the Board who are: David Stillar – Chair and members Terry Seime, Gerry Wintonyk, and Ina McQuat.

The meeting was a pleasure to attend as courtesy, collaboration and respect ruled the day. There were no contentious issues. Two areas in the Interlake enabling bylaw adopted by each Council were identified as needing fine-tuning and the corrective amendments will be incorporated into the bylaw..

Informal Meeting:

Following the Interlake meeting, members of the two Councils remained behind and entered into an informal, round table discussion of perceived matters of mutual interest. The topics included:

- Mutual aid agreements with the RM and other municipalities in the area of the two lakes including use of the Village's jaws of life.
- Shared use of the RM's transfer site and the RV's land fill (known to us older than 60 as a nuisance ground).
- Volunteer fire-fighting training in association with programs offered to First Nations volunteer services.
- Consultation re: land use bylaws being considered by both municipalities.

So Disappointing: A Rant

Last fall, Council spent a number of thousands of dollars refurbishing the lighthouse – much to the pleasure and approval of all of the ratepayers in the Village who contacted members of Council. Many positive comments have also been received from many other sources. The first draft of these Council Comments contained some rather intemperate words to describe the persons now referred to. Below. However, cooler heads prevailed and what follows is somewhat bland and is no longer a rant.

Regrettably, since spring has sprung, vandals have already started leaving their graffiti on the new siding using pencils and felt tipped pens. One cannot imagine anyone regularly carrying felt tipped pens so the vandalism has to have been preplanned. One vandal even used a knife to scratch his initials into the metal.

How does one prevent such self-centered and selfish behavior by persons who have no respect for the property of others?

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