

October Mayor's Report

Bravery Plaque's Presented-October 4th

- Presented bravery plaques to Scott Gilles and Jay Rebelein for rescuing three individuals from burning IDA building

Dedication-October 12th

- Community is invited to attend dedication for 1M dollar endowment from Terence Haight at Opera House Courtyard, 6pm, presentation and refreshments to follow, encourage everyone to attend

Mayor's Charity Ball-October 22nd

- Proceeds to benefit Rotary Bursary Endowment Fund-mission is to help local students achieve their goals for higher education
- Being held at the new Terry Fox Auditorium
- 7:30 to midnight
- Gourmet Culinary Action Stations
- Music by The Mitch Beube Sextet
- Black Tie Optional
- RSVP to Amanda @ 705 687 3412 or alomas@gravenhurst.ca

Senior Planner

- Katie Newman started October 3rd

Downtown Co Ordinator

- Marilyn DeLang started October 3rd

Job Posting CAO

- Is currently being advertised with a closing date of October 14th

Economic Development Manager

- Waiting to see what skill set CAO has prior to advertising for Mgr
- New CAO will then have opportunity to be apart of hiring ED Mgr
- Job currently is getting done

Co-Op Student Economic Development

- Kate Small, attending Gravenhurst High School, started September 19th
- Kate has an interest in event planning and will be with the Department until January 25th
- Kate will be helping with the Winter Carnival, Santa Claus Parade, Mayor's Ball, Tree Lighting, and will work with Amanda & BIA

Status IDA Building

- Structural Engineer on site October 3rd to examine building and determined north wall required shoring
- At 7:52am October 4th wall failed
- Street closures in area until it is deemed safe for the public to occupy the area
- The contractor has been requested to Stop Work in relation to the wall failure
- Road work has also been stopped due to wall failure

Main Street Update

- Meeting held September 28th with Triton, Fowler, District, Chamber, BIA and Town Staff discussing progress report with construction on Muskoka Road
- 2 week window for underground services
- 3 week window for curbing
- 4 week window for colored concrete
- 4 week window for hot mix paving
- Looking at a 4 week window for work required on street to be completed
- Dependent upon status and work required to be done on the IDA building
- All interested parties will work diligently together for a solution
- Town of Gravenhurst will facilitate speedy resolution
- Goal remains to have construction on street complete this year

Covenco Update

- Lola Bratty, Jeff Watson, David Weldon, Paisley Donaldson meeting October 5th to discuss Covenco Review
- Discussing how report will be presented to Council, Public, and Staff

Inside Worker Union Negotiations

- Contract expired December 31st 2010
- Negotiations began September 29th & 30th
- Delay in negotiations due to Union Employee Representative unavailable and had to find alternate
- Talks are ongoing, hopeful a settlement will be reached

Strategic Plan

- Coming forward to Council October 18th

Municipal Law Enforcement Officer's Association of Ontario 2011 Annual Training Conference

- Welcomed guest to Gravenhurst, Mr. Wouters attended conference
- Training Conference held from Monday Sept. 12-15th
- 110 delegates attended, plus families, suppliers & conference speakers
- Marriott was fully booked for four nights
- Grace & Speed booked for four days
- All lunches & refreshments supplied by North Restaurant
- Dinner cruise on Wenonah, President's dinner @ Regatta
- Proceeds from golf tournament @ South Muskoka Golf and silent auction donated to Camp Oochigeas, camp in Muskoka for children with cancer, raised \$4,500.00
- Mr. Wouters thanked Board of Director's for choosing Gravenhurst and extended an invitation to return anytime

Landscaping-Fowler Construction

- landscaping tender is on target with 50% of the required work completed
- West bank & north end by Winewood Ave. plus section of east side are the next sections to be completed
- By October 31st, over 30 trees and 400 scrubs will be planted on the property when landscaping tender is completed

Skate Board Park

- September 30th, test holes being dug in skate park area to determine the condition of soils in preparation of building park
- Peto MacCallum witnessed the test hole & will provide a direction on the removal of soil & the re-use of some soil
- The layout of the park has been rotated
- Rotation makes it easier to have the sidewalk & the elevations work better with the park

- Cost remains the same with the rotation of park and adding the "skate able spots" into the main park area
- Currently having the new layout staked, elevations taken, and removal of some of the soil with the asphalt in it
- Still targeting October 31st completion date

Pool Construction

- Phase 2 Pool side is moving ahead
- The gym hardwood flooring has been laid & sport lines are being painted this week
- 90% of conditioning floor & fitness studios are down
- The equipment for main street café is being installed this week
- The elevator has been commissioned
- Audio work is continuing with approximately 50% completed
- Pool tiling has been started this week
- Electrical work is 90% completed
- Mill work is 75% completed
- Decking for the front canopy & west canopy is scheduled for this week. The canopy will be wood & the metal supports will be enclosed with the white pines that were damaged from the 2009 tornado
- Work for Security System begins October 12th
- YMCA conditioning machines will arrive Oct 6th & installation will begin
- Administration work stations for both the Y and the Town will be installed October 17th
- The Gold Brick area will be re instated in the main entrance within the next 2 weeks
- The Main Street café is expected to be open for business the first week of November
- The YMCA are interviewing for swim instructors. Life guards, youth instructors & cleaning staff. Town staff & Y staff will be in the building the week of October 17th for training & emergency procedures
- New construction timeline indicating pool ready November 15th. Delay due to bankruptcy of Mechanical
- Any work done after October 31st will not be subject to the 1/3 & 1/3 for Province or Fed's, however, the 1/3 has already been maxed out, these cost will be & are at the Town's expense

Funding Province & Fed's

- Still working closely with Government to resume payments

KPMG Forensic Audit

- "With regards to the Centennial Centre, our Solicitors have received a report from our Forensic accountants, KPMG Forensic. The report will not be released to the public as it could be required in the event that there is future litigation regarding the project. I can advise that the forensic work completed in respect to billings associated with certain Dalton cost categories did not identify any serious problem. However, KPMG's forensic work is ongoing in respect to other cost categories on the project."

OPP Update

- Police are still investigating and have not specified a completion date

One Million Dollars

- Still waiting to hear from Town's Solicitor with regards to Muskoka Community Foundation, whether we are able, if Council decided on this option, to invest with Foundation
- Seeking direction from Solicitor as well for exactly how the Town can invest money, again if Council chooses this option
- Currently working on having a Committee established for criteria on how money can be spent and how to apply. Marilyn Stevenson & Cathy Genereux currently on committee. Still approaching other individuals to join committee

Economic Development Advisory Committee

- Attending their meeting to meet committee members
- Group working on a variety of planning activities to help form a timeline for presentation to Council