

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	November 19, 2010				Report Date	November 15, 2010			
Decision Required		Yes	X	No	Priority		High	X	Low
Direction		Information Only		X	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE
Treasurer's Report - For Information Only 19/11/10/801

1. There is a property that has met the requirements for a tax sale and I will use Realtax to proceed with the sale as in the past.
2. The final taxation due date has is now past and tax notices of outstanding amounts will be sent out shortly
3. The yearend procedures are starting
4. To clarify the issue on the purchase of the iron remover for the water system there is the following information:
 - Council gave the clerk permission to deal with the water issues we were having and to rely on professional information received from MacKinnon.
 - In the absence of the clerk I was responsible for the task
 - When the water system shut down completely again I spoke with Jamie MacKinnon of MacKinnon Well Drilling and was told that the best way to handle the issue was to have the water tested to see how much iron was in the water and depending on the amount of iron what the cost to filter it would be. If the cost was over approximately \$3500.00 then it might be better to try and drill another well or the existing one deeper. There were no guarantees that the water would be as plentiful or clearer.
 - I contacted Well Masters and they tested the water. Anything over 1 is too much iron and ours tested 2. I asked him and the

road super to clean and restart the system. After seeing the difficulties we were having he offered to replace the system with another that was easier to maintain at no charge and install the iron remover at a cost of 2679.56 plus tax. I accepted the offer.

- This amount is well within the amount that the procurement by-law gives us the authority to purchase.
- So far the system has needed no cleaning and has not shut down.

Ruth Morin

Treasurer/deputy clerk

Clerk's note. In a follow up to the note/comment made at the last meeting. The decision to purchase an iron filter was made by staff as per our procurement by-law (and advice of Council at a previous meeting) relying on professional advice from qualified individuals (MacKinnon) who were not in a position to benefit from the advice given. In fact MacKinnon would have gained additional revenue by drilling the well deeper or drilling a new one.

Melinda Reith