

Mayor's Report – Tuesday May 17, 2022

It has been 4 weeks since our last regular Council meeting.

At this time all COR meetings are in person. I attended a Special meeting of COR Council on April 20th for a presentation on growth policies by Watson & Associates' Gary Scanlon. It was a overview of the basics for Council. There have been a number of changes to the Development Charges Act over the past several years. The latest in 2020 were - Bill 197: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act and Bill 213: Better for People, Smarter for Business Act. I would be happy to share the presentation slides if any Council members are interested.

At the regular meeting of COR Council on April 27th, the Health Committee report highlighted the EMS transition from COVID testing to setting up Clinical Assessment Centres (RCVTAC). The Paramedic service is delivering health care to the community in these centres and in the home. From the EMS report of May 11th – “The expansion of services at the clinics has provided opportunities to individuals experiencing other medical issues impacted by COVID to be assessed by Paramedics, and through consultation with RCVTAC physicians, receive timely, effective treatment.” Pop-up assessment clinics throughout the COR are also being considered.

At the April 28th Zoom meeting of MOH & RCDHU Mayors, Dr. Cushman emphasized that the vaccine uptake could improve considerably. The 5 to 12 years, as well as the 18 to 40 group was moving at a “snails’ pace”. I attended a vaccine clinic yesterday afternoon at Shady Nook Rec Centre and I saw all age groups represented.

You can see in today's meeting correspondence a news release from the April 29th announcement from MPP Yakabuski of \$9 million for the North Renfrew Family Health Team building. During the pandemic, the DRDH added four new beds that were being funded by the hospital. MPP Yakabuski also announced an additional \$1 million from the province to fully fund those 4 beds.

On May 5th CEO Janna Hotson shared with the DRDH Mayors that the hospital is working on new branding and that public consultation should begin soon with a wide circulation survey. I will pass this on when I receive it.

It was great to attend both the PWAG and RAC meetings last week. Enthusiasm for Deux Rivieres boat launch completion and upcoming Canada Day plans were heartening!

At May 11th Health Committee meeting Chief Nolan announced that long time Paramedic Brian Lahey will be retiring in early 2023. Community Services Director Laura LePine also announced the retirement of the Manager of Child Care and Early Years, Judy Mulvihill after 16 years of service with COR.

On Saturday May 14th, I attended the Valley Artisan's Co-Op outdoor 35th anniversary celebration and art show “Journey through the Dumoine River”. Our very own Glenn Stewart is the President of the Co-Op and welcomed the crowd that afternoon. Of course, Bonnie was there at “Snowcone Valley” serving up her delicious smoothies. Artist works of Dumoine River scenes were on display with proceeds going to CPAWS (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society).

Mayor Debbi Grills