From the Mayor's Office

Quarterly Newsletter

Dear Citizens of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge,

Finally, it seems that winter is coming to an end and spring is around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our blue-collar workers for their steadfast care of our roads following an above average winter.

With regret I must inform you that our Public Works Director as resigned his position in order to take on a similar position in a Municipality near his home. I would like to thank him for his hard work and wish him good luck in his new location. I can only hope that we can replace him with someone of equal competence!

On the same topic, like so many organizations, we have unfortunately been hit by departures and tough human resources market conditions. If you have been at the city hall you may have noticed that some people have left and that others, have changed position, have been hired, or will start work shortly. Thanks to the entire staff that is working hard to minimize the effect of these many changes on the operations. And thanks to you, citizens, for your patience and understanding.

We have many Public Works projects that are about to start when weather permits, namely: Avoca Road, Kilmar Road, Rouge Road, Harrington Road, Scotch Road, Arpents Verts street and others. These projects may and will cause some delays in your normal transport schedules. Some will require detours of your normal routes. I ask you for your patience and understanding. We will do our best to keep them as short lived as possible.

On another note, I would like to address Mr. Lauzon Newsletter that you recently received concerning the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). I guess that Mr. Lauzon was not properly briefed by his government on what we, the Elected Municipal Officials, have been doing in relation to the contaminated lands on Avoca Road in our Municipality. First of all, we have always been available to discuss the issue. In order to discuss, we need to know exactly what is going on. When we requested information on the situation, we were denied access! So, we then made, an official request through the access of information process and finally last February, eleven months later, we received ± 900 pages of information. We reviewed the information received and proceeded with applying our by-laws and, as per our by-laws, we notified the owner and Government Agencies that no biological waste landfill site of any other type of landfill site were permitted and that they had to proceed immediately to have the lands decontaminated. ln answer to our notice, we recently received a statement from the legal representatives of the owner notifying us that they were working on a plan to decontaminate the site. So, in closing on this issue, I am hopeful that by our governments working together, we will get this mess cleaned up, for us and for future generations!

So just to let you know that our Council meetings are again open to the Public, within the Guidelines established by the Government. Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting or other occasions.

Sincerely,

Tom Arnold