

## **2022 Mayors Report**

Dear citizens,

This was council's first complete year of our 4 year term, and the remaining three look to be as busy. Below are some of the highlights:

### **EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2021**

Upon completion of its mandate, the auditor is of the opinion that "the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality of Otter Lake as at December 31, 2021".

### **FINANCIAL REPORT 2021**

Operating revenues for the year 2021 were \$2,679,586 while expenses were \$2,436,982 resulting in a current year operating surplus of \$242,604.

### **REMUNERATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

Pursuant to section 11 of the act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers, the annual remuneration paid to elected officers, in 2022, for all of their municipal council duties was: Mayor: \$19,620, Councillors \$6,540

## **2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

**Roads** - A grant from the MNA André Fortin's office was used to make improvements on Rang A road.

- Secured \$1.9 million grant funding for road work on Picanoc and Belmont roads, to begin summer 2023.
- Continued road work throughout network

**Equipment** - Purchased a new Ford F550 and a Ford F250 work truck, for public works.

**Security** – Purchased a water rescue craft for the OLFD (\$8K). Purchased 2 digital speed monitoring signs (\$15K) Signed agreement with Thorne to provide fire and emergency services for their municipality (\$48K)

**Environment** - Thank you to all citizens for your continued participation in recycling and composting. This reduces waste and saves taxpayers money. Your involvement makes a difference!!

Electric vehicle charge stations grant \$48K secured for the installation of 2 double charge stations.

**Summer Students** - Hired Ashton Dubeau and CJ Piché as general laborers for a period of 8 weeks. The cost was funded 50% by the Canada Summer Jobs Federal grant.

**Boat Wash** – Enforcement of the municipal bylaw was put into action from April to October 2022, with moderate success, it will take everyone's participation to protect one of our most precious resources. The boat wash station is free for tax payers to use. If you have not done so, contact the Municipal Office for your boat wash magnetic card and boat stickers.

**Raymond Johnson Community Centre and 408 Tessier** – Secured \$104,000 grant for the construction of a new splash pad, construction planned for summer 2023, with the Recreation Association raising \$40K in public donations! Secured \$90K vitalization funding for paving of entrance and accessible parking at the community centre (summer 2023). Commissioned the creation of a director's plan for the development of the RA and 408 Tessier properties, unveiling planned for spring 2023.

**Human Resources** - Please join me in welcoming new members to the team: Jessica Nielson (potable water technician) and Sean Tanner (Snow plow driver)

**Council Members** – Daniel Lamarche was elected as a new councillor in February, 2022. The members are Mayor: Terry Lafleur, Councillors: Penny Dubeau, Darren Knox, Daniel Lamarche, Jennifer Quaille, Serge Sabourin, Robin Zacharias.

As everyone can see, council has set the groundwork for a very busy 2023. Over \$2 million dollars in grant funding was secured in 2022 and now the task of implementing some plans begins. We are looking forward to everyone's comments, suggestions and participation in shaping the future of our beautiful Municipality!

Thank-you for your support

**Terry Lafleur**, Mayor