

## **Grandview Future Vision**

It has been a busy and exciting year. Your Summer Village Council and Administration have been working on the development and implementation of a Strategic Plan for the Summer Village of Grandview. The essence of such a plan is to try and “paint a picture” of what we want our community to look like five or ten years in the future. The ingredients of the plan include identifying critical issues, goals and timelines. Any strategic plan is of necessity a living document subject to revision as our world changes – but it should give a relatively firm indication of the direction that we want to go.

A Strategic Plan starts with a Vision:

### **Our Vision**

Grandview is a year-round community with well-established services and recreational opportunities on the shore of a pristine lake.

### **Our Goals**

- We are socially active and involved in events and activities in our community.
- We are financially viable.
- We have a safe, clean lake environment usable for recreation purposes.
- We have a clean, safe, secure community with access to modern recreational and health amenities.
- Our governance structure respects the values and priorities of our residents.

### **Our Action Plan**

We set our priorities (our annual plans) and allocate your tax dollars (our budgets) to achieve these goals. There are essentially three major action plans that we will be following over the next few years to achieve these goals:

1. Implement the Wastewater Collection system.
2. Improve our major road (Lakeshore Drive) through the village.
3. Create the infrastructure, facilities and programs to enable our residents to come together as a community – focus initially on Hamblin Park and possibly later on other reserves.

### **Wastewater**

Your Council has over the past couple of years considered two major alternatives for the wastewater collection system. While Grandview had endorsed the Mulhurst Option at the outset it did appear at one point that a system to Thorsby might provide better environmental protection at a lower cost to the taxpayer. An evaluation of the two options was conducted by an independent engineering firm and the decision was made at the August meeting of Grandview Council to reaffirm our support of the Mulhurst Option. This additional evaluation did not in any way slow down the development of the Mulhurst Option.

The Pre-engineering study for that system (Mulhurst) was completed by Associated Engineering and presented and approved at a meeting of the Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Planning Committee (of which Grandview is a member) on November 24<sup>th</sup>. It is not yet possible to estimate when this regional system will reach Grandview – but it will be at least two years from now.

At our Council meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup> we approved and signed the contract with the N.E.P.L. to provide access to the Mulhurst Lagoon for 2010. This will result in an increase in your taxes, but that will be more than offset by lower hauling charges compared with what residents now pay to go to Thorsby.

At our Council meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup> it was decided to obtain a proposal from an engineering firm for the design of the local (Grandview) collection system that we will need to connect with the now approved Regional System. That local collection system design will be coordinated to the extent possible with Poplar Bay and Crystal Springs.

We have just this week received from Associated Engineering the Recommended Guidelines for Holding and Septic Tanks for tying into the collection system.

There have been a number of meetings with officials from Municipal Affairs with respect to inspection standards and inspector qualifications for systems. It is expected that these will be finalized shortly.

The new Grandview Wastewater Bylaw, to replace the current one which is suspended, is close to completion.

We anticipate being in a position to pass the new bylaw and advise residents of the required holding/septic tank specifications, inspection standards and a list of qualified inspectors by the end of March 2010.

## **Lakeshore Drive**

It is recognized that this road is in terrible shape. The major cause of the problem is that many years ago when the road was first built a proper base was not constructed. The result has been large and recurring potholes.

This problem was recognized a few years ago. However, at that time it was decided that it would not be prudent to rebuild the road when the wastewater collection system which was coming would require it to be torn up within a few years in order to lay the pipe.

That has now changed. The pre-engineering report referred to above has confirmed that the regional collection system will use directional drilling rather than excavation.

In anticipation of this Grandview had applied to the Province for approval to build a new road. This has been approved to a preliminary maximum of \$1million. This has not yet been totally funded – but we do have sufficient grants to start the program and we anticipate obtaining more grants in the future. Our plan is to tackle the worst parts of the road first and essentially rebuild the road over the next few years. We have retained an engineering firm to advise us in that regard and hope to be able to start this project during the summer of 2010.

## **Recreational Facilities and Programs**

The objective is to create more facilities and programs which residents of all ages can use to enhance the enjoyment of the lake and our community in a safe manner.

Like the Wastewater and Road programs this will be a multi-year program. We will be retaining a recreational consultant to assist in this design of what we intend to be a comprehensive program providing opportunities to our residents of all ages. What the outcome of that design will be we of course do not yet know. However, we anticipate more intense use of Hamblin Park and in time the addition of facilities to enhance winter use. We can and will start with some early deliverables in order to make our centre, Hamblin Park, attractive to more than just the toddler set. In 2010 we will installing a couple of relatively low cost items for the benefit of the teens and young adults – a basketball hoop and a beach volleyball court. We will also be surveying and establishing the first section of a walking trail remote from Lakeshore Drive. That trail will connect with a similar trail in Crystal Springs which will allow those of you who want major exercise to walk all the way to the Village at Pigeon Lake without having to go on the roads!

We hope that many of you may be able to spend some of the holiday season at our wonderful village – but in any event Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for 2010.

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And your Administration – Sylvia Roy, Marian Barcham, Bev Schneider, Carol Banks, Carolyn Huddleston, Lisa McMurray and Tammy Riviere