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Newsletter of the Hanwell Rural Community

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From the Mayor's Desk



It has been an eventful and severe winter, and I am looking forward to finally seeing my garden rise up from under the snow. Here are some of the events from the past few months.

On December 7, 2014 the municipality hosted an open house for residents and supported the newly formed Hanwell Rotary Club in their Christmas tree lighting. The event was well attended with over 50 people attending and braving the extreme cold. We had the delight of listening to the music of the season as performed by Roseanna Rudolph. The Municipality was the recipient of a lovely portrait of our community's founder Mr. Thomas Baillie generously donated by the local artist, Mr. Franco Ruggeri and is now proudly hanging in the municipal office along with Franco's paintings of former prime ministers and royalty.

On December 16, 2014 Council made a difficult decision and resolved to direct the Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG) to identify alternative fire protection services after the proposed new contract for fire services with the City of Fredericton would require a significant increase in cost to residents. DELG on Hanwell's behalf contracted with the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department (UKFD) to provide service to the entire rural community, instead of just the southern portion as before. We now have a satellite hall and fire truck in Hanwell located at 2053 Rte 640 at the intersection of Menzies Drive. As part of Council's commitment to residents and commercial property owners there will be a comprehensive review of our fire service requirements. It is our expectation that when the review by Fire Underwriters Survey consultants is completed we will have a long term plan for moving forward and ensuring that we have the best service levels meeting the needs of the community now and as we grow.

In January Council put out a tender for a new waste collection and disposal contract for our garbage collection services. I am pleased to report that the municipality has saved approximately \$60,000.00 by managing the service locally rather than through the provincial contract.

Hanwell has a new logo that is featured on this newsletter. We also have a new digital electronic sign that can be programmed with notices of meetings and various messages of interest for the community.

The municipality is now at the point where we require a full time clerk/treasurer position. This staffing process is underway and we hope to have the individual on staff by May 1st. There will also be a part-time assistant clerk that will be staffed by early summer.

As March has come to an end and we look to spring, it will soon be the first anniversary of our community's incorporation. We plan to have a community celebration the weekend of May 22–24, 2015, the first "Hanwell Community Days" which we hope will become an annual event to be celebrated by all residents.

It has been an exciting 10 months as a new council and as we approach our one year anniversary I believe I can say that the councillors and I have enjoyed the experience and look forward to the next fourteen months of our term in service to the community.

— Susan Cassidy

Council Meetings

are held on the second Wednesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m.
5 – 1757 Route 640, Hanwell
Agendas and minutes are on-line at www.hanwell.nb.ca

Council Committees

Planning Advisory

Chair, councillor Susan Jonah

Vice-chair, councillor Darren Mackenzie

The Planning Advisory Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. With the help of community members Chris Weadick, Karen Cove, Sean Haley, and Mary MacKenzie, our job is to review some of the zoning and development requests that are presented to RSC 11 for Hanwell. We are also responsible for making sure our Rural Plan is reviewed and updated. This process was started in January. So far we have had two open houses in March to organize a working group of citizens. Over the summer and early fall the group will look at the comments and work with RSC 11 Planning Division over the fall and winter. Another open house will be held to show everyone the draft. Final changes will be made to present a revised plan to council. In the meantime if anyone has any questions or comments, feel free to get in touch by e-mail to sjonah@hanwell.nb.ca.



Communication

Chair, councillor Chris Melvin

Vice-chair, councillor Carla Ward

The municipality of Hanwell is fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers on its Communication Committee, which meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. Michael Drury, Raelene Arsenault, Kevin Lunn, and Juanita MacLean along with municipal councillors Darren MacKenzie, Carla Ward and Chris Melvin are committed to bettering communications throughout the area in the hopes of increasing the engagement of its residents.

Since its inception, the committee has been working on the Municipality's newsletter, logo, website and overall communications plan. It is especially exciting because we are starting from scratch!

We would appreciate any thoughts or ideas you may have. We are also on the lookout for more volunteers to widen the skill set of the group.

Recreation

Chair, Deputy Mayor Holly Hyslop

Vice-chair, councillor Chris Melvin

The recreation committee was formed in October 2014 to act in an advisory capacity regarding parks, sports, recreation and leisure. The committee, which includes councillor Darren Mackenzie, Will Hyslop, Linda Ryan, Ron Jones, and Tanya Aucoin-Johanny, organized a very successful community logo contest. The committee also developed guidelines for the expenditure of recreational grant money. Currently it is in the process of compiling a recreation and leisure services directory for Hanwell. This will form the basis for the development of a comprehensive recreation plan. If your group or organization would like to be included in the directory, please send a brief description of the activity and your contact information to hbhyslop@hanwell.nb.ca. Regular recreation meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the municipal office.

Emergency Planning

Chair, councillor Carla Ward

Vice-chair, councillor Susan Jonah

As a municipality, Hanwell is required to have an emergency plan. On July 17, 2014 the Hanwell municipal council passed resolution #07-07-2014 to create an Emergency Planning Committee with a Chair and Vice Chair from Council and a number of volunteers from the community. Notices for volunteers were posted on our website and as a result the community members of the committee are: Laurie Lees (Ward 1)

Merritt Scott (Ward 2)

Ken Mills (Ward 2)

Sherrie-Lynn Dogurga (Ward 4)

On October 23, 2014 the committee had its first monthly meeting and started the long, detailed process of coming up with a Draft Emergency Plan for Hanwell. Please see the accompanying article. The committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

Hanwell Emergency Plan

Community Logo and Slogan Contest Winners

On December 10, 2014 our Emergency Planning By-Law (#05-2014) passed third reading at Council and was enacted. This stipulated the formation of an emergency planning committee and the development of a community emergency plan.

A briefing by New Brunswick Emergency Coordinator Jason Cooling had already taken place. The committee immediately set to work using the document templates provided by the Emergency Management Office, intending to have a final draft emergency plan ready for Council's approval by April. The committee is in the process of reviewing the draft with our fire department and then it will be presented to Emergency Measures NB for approval. Throughout this process our thoughts have reflected on the problems that occurred in Hanwell when last summer's Post-Tropical Storm Arthur left us for 7 to 10 days without power. That being said, the committee understands that a large group of volunteers will be necessary to help with any upcoming emergency situation. A list of volunteers **now** will ease the stresses of finding people to help at the last minute if and when an emergency situation occurs. Volunteering can mean anything from calling to check on people, delivering water or just making coffee with a friendly smile for those who are affected by or responding to an emergency.

If you would like to help in any way during an **Emergency Situation**, we would appreciate you contacting us at 460-1177 or by emailing clerk@hanwell.nb.ca.

In the search for a brand identity and new logo, Hanwell Council had a contest inviting residents to submit entries rather than having a committee determine a design.

Council was delighted that the response to the contest resulted in a logo that everyone could identify with. The contest winners, Tim Fox and Dr. Harry Bohnsack, were presented with prize gifts at the February 2015 meeting of Council.

Tim's logo design was selected because of its several distinctive visual elements and colours, described below. After selection, it was professionally evaluated and modified.

Harry's submission was, as he put it, "Inspired by Nature," and this was chosen as the winning slogan.

Congratulations to both our winners!



Dr. Harry Bohnsack



Tim Fox



The four trees represent the four wards, and also are symbolic of the fact that our community is essentially built in the forest. The ground below and the name Hanwell are green because it is a symbol of life and growth; green also represents the lawns that now are such a part of our community. The gold swish represents the crops that were once grown on the Hanwell farms, and also represents warmth and light, including caring for our neighbours. The blue swish represents water for the many streams that go through our community.

The colours, green, gold and blue:
OUR COMMUNITY.

MEET OUR FIREFIGHTERS

This will be the first of a series of articles that will provide insight into who the volunteer firefighters are in our community and the services that they provide.



Chief Murray L.E. Crouse

Chief Crouse has been a lifetime member of the Hanwell and Upper Kingsclear community. He grew up in Hanwell and then settled in Kingsclear with his family. In 1984 he answered an advertisement for volunteer firefighters and has never looked back. Chief Crouse has received his Fire Fighter level 1 and 2 designations as well as auto extrication, pleasure craft, small boat rescue, inspection of high pressure cylinders, off road rescue, traffic control. He has been a qualified instructor since 1990. It is obvious in speaking with Chief Crouse that he loves this job and is proud of his profession.



Deputy Chief Murray Crouse Jr.

Deputy Chief since February 20, 2014
I have been with the Upper Kingsclear Fire Dept since 1988. (Before I could even drive). I have lived in Upper Kingsclear since I was 8.

I am married and have three kids, all of whom have been involved with the fire dept. Oldest boy is active and my daughter is also an active member. Middle boy is away from service due to his work.

My wife Tracy and I also run a softball league in the Upper Kingsclear area. I coached softball for the high school and for a competitive team, which my daughter plays on.

I joined the fire service to help protect the members of this community when they need help.

Assistant Deputy Steve Johnston

I have been a firefighter for over 13 years, and just last October filled the position of Assistant Deputy Chief.

Over those 13 plus years, I have completed many hours of training courses and attended numerous seminars regarding the fire service.

I have fought many structure fires, forest fires, and grass fires. Responded to multiple car accidents, as well as medical assist calls, and mutual aid calls with neighbouring fire departments. I have even competed in the Firefighter Combat Challenge twice, individually and in the team events.

Currently I work at Bird Stairs, and have been there for 22 years. I've lived in the Mazerolle Settlement area for the last 16 years with my wife and 2 daughters. I like the outdoors, hockey and baseball, and to help others whenever I can.



I joined UKFD because I was curious to where the trucks were going every time I heard them leave the station, and I knew a few people on the department.

So far it has been an awesome experience and I am glad I joined.





Chief Crouse recently took the opportunity to respond to a number of questions that have been asked since the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department took full responsibility for fire protection in Hanwell.

Q. What is the membership of the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department (UKFD)?

A. There are 48 firefighters in the organization, composed of the Chief, Deputy, Assistant Deputy, nine Captains, and firefighters. There is also a junior program (16-18 years old) that currently has four members.

Q. How long has the UKFD been in service?

A. The UKFD has been in service since 1963 and has been servicing Hanwell for decades.

Q. What training do volunteer firefighters have to complete to be qualified?

A. They must complete the Fire Fighter Level 1 which consists of 200 hours of training. They may also complete Level 2 which is another 40 hours of training. Additionally there are numerous specialty training modules that many of the fire fighters choose to complete for example; auto extrication, off road rescue and traffic control to name a few.



Q. There have been concerns voiced that because UKFD is a volunteer department that the response time may be impacted negatively. How would you respond to that?

A. We now have a fire truck stationed in Hanwell and a number of our members are residents of Hanwell who can respond very quickly to a call. There is no history of there being any call for which sufficient firefighters were not available. There are enough members working in the surrounding community of Greater Fredericton who are able to respond. In fact the response time to the north boundary of Hanwell is 4 minutes.

Q. Is the equipment of the UKFD suitable for our protection?

A. All trucks have to meet the NFPA standards. Our trucks are designed for fighting rural fires, the pumpers

hold either 1000 or 1200 gallons of water and we can pump water from local water sources quickly with our equipment.

Q. What about the need for a ladder truck?

A. We have access to a ladder truck through the mutual aid agreement.

Q. What is the mutual aid agreement?

A. The Capital District Fire Fighters Association has a mutual aid agreement with 22 Fire Departments. This agreement is in place to provide support for all participating Departments. In many situations you will find that more than one department will respond to a fire to provide aid. This is done in most situations without extra cost to the community that requested the mutual aid.



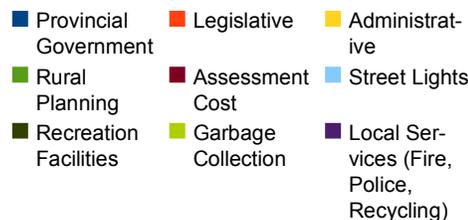
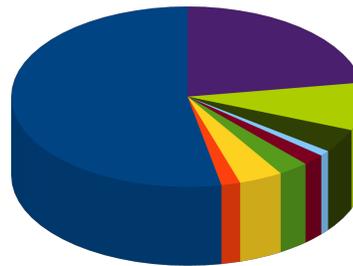
Your 2015 Property Tax Bill

For the very first time the local community was able to make decisions about the property tax rate and the local budget. In 2015 the rural community will collect \$1,071,085 in property tax from residential homeowners on assessed property values of \$472,207,500.

The rural community tax is for legislative and administrative services, recreation facilities (including the contract with Fredericton), garbage collection and disposal, land use planning, emergency planning, and street lighting. This is the portion of the budget that we have control over.

Local government will collect an additional \$960,350 for fire and police protection, recycling, and animal control. The provincial government tax is \$2,294,456 (including cost of assessment) for a total tax warrant of \$4,325,891.

The total tax rate is 93.24¢ per \$100 of assessment for Hanwell's street lighted area, and 90.93¢ per \$100 for the non-street light area. The good news is that this is overall about the same as 2014, and homeowners will see a difference of only a few dollars from last year if the property value is unchanged. Many people will see their assessment for taxation the same as last year because of the province's "Assessment Gap" and 10% spike protection. An explanation of this is on the back side of the tax notice.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Council is developing a capital improvement plan for facilities to benefit the community. A capital improvement plan and capital budget will be developed this year.

Three projects are envisioned, taking place over the next few years.

1. Community Recreation Centre
2. Permanent Fire Station
3. Municipal Offices

The recreation centre will be able to receive funding from the federal Gas Tax Fund. The other projects will require raising money by borrowing, with authority from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board, or a specific tax warrant for capital improvements.

Electronic LED Sign

Using a projected surplus from the 2014 budget, Hanwell Council approved the purchase of an electronic information sign. The sign was installed in March just in time to publicize the Rural Plan Open House. Messages of important upcoming meetings or events will be displayed for the benefit of residents.

Any community group wishing to publicize an event should contact the municipal office with plenty of notice.

Celebrating our young athletes

At its regular meeting on March 11, 2015, Council was very pleased to recognize the accomplishments of our young athletes who represented New Brunswick in the 2015 Canada Winter Games held at Prince George, BC. It is quite an accomplishment to be selected to participate.

The athletes, wearing their Team NB jackets, were introduced to Council by clerk Detlef Rudolph with a short anecdote and description of their event, and Mayor Cassidy presented each young lady with a Certificate of Recognition.

Congratulations to all!



Alyssa Murphy, Archery (Bronze Medal)



Melanie Hamel, Cross-Country Skiing



Team Comeau, Ladies Curling
Justine Comeau, Skip; Emma LeBlanc, Mate; Brigitte Comeau, Second; Keira McLaughlin, Lead

The inauguration of 14 founding members was held at the Gagetown Rotary Club on November 4th. The club now has 13 active members. Our initial plan was to organize, learn about Rotary, then grow slowly into an independent Club. A membership target of 20-25 individual members has been set for 2015. Initiatives are underway to attract these new members. Until that time, we will still be a satellite club under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Gagetown.

The Hanwell municipal office conference room has been made available for club meetings every first and third and an occasional fifth Wednesday at 6 p.m. for light refreshments and a business meeting.

The Club has determined our immediate focus will be on Youth / Seniors / Recreation. These committees have been established along with permanent committees for Fund Raising and Membership. A number of initiatives are being evaluated by the committees for recommendation and implementation in 2015 - 2016.

Club Activities to date include:

- Organization of Hanwell's first Community Christmas Tree and tree lighting ceremony December 8, 2014
- Participation in joint Rotary Christmas Party December 12, 2014
- Christmas visit and gift packages delivered to residents at Hanwell Special Care Home
- Monthly social visits to Hanwell Special Care home
- Volunteering at Fredericton Hospice boutique
- Partnership with CHCO TV (Bell) for distribution of Tuesday TV Bingo cards
- Valentine Tea with Senior Hanwell Ladies February 13, 2015

Upcoming Activities:

- Participation and sponsorship Hanwell Days May 22nd weekend --. Children's Movie Night sponsor
- Leadership training
- Rotary district workshops in April
- Planned youth activities in the spring
- Fireside Hour on May 6th at 6 p.m. to promote becoming a Rotarian (Contact members@hanwellrotary.com)

We encourage you to visit us at hanwellrotary.com



Get Ready to Celebrate!
Hanwell Days
May 22 to 24
 Fireworks
 Dance
 Kayak Races
 Kids' Movie
 Activities
 Bonfire Singalong
 Stargazing

Watch for more information!

Hanwell Community Development Association Name The Trails Contest

The Association invites the community to participate in a **Name The Trails** contest! Currently there are 3 trails in the Hanwell Recreation Park which have been nicknamed; Ridge Trail (2 km), Cross Trail (3 km), and Grand Loop (4.5 km). Ideally, we are looking for names to identify the uniqueness of each trail! Prizes will be awarded for the top three names and the winners will be announced during the Hanwell Days festivities. Names should be submitted by May 1st. The HCDA reserves the right to choose a name other than those proposed. If you have any questions or to submit an entry, please contact hbhyslop@hanwell.nb.ca.

Cooked Smoked Salmon

Submitted by Michael Drury, Brookdale Subdivision

I have used my Brinkman Electric Smoker for 20+ years (4 to 6 times a year) and realize it may soon have to be retired/replaced.

I have experimented with a variety of commercial wood chips, but the last few times; I cut alder saplings, chunked them up and used them green and they worked just fine. No pre-soaking required like the commercial wood chips which I usually soak for 2 to 3 hours prior to smoking.

The following recipe is subject to adjustments. I doubt I have ever followed the same instructions over the years. It's fun to experiment!

You will need:

1 Salmon side (2 to 3 pounds)

Make a brine using 1/2 cup kosher salt, approx. 6 cups warm water and 1/2 cup brown sugar. Stir until sugar and salt are dissolved. Soak salmon 4 to 6 hours then rinse, pat dry and place on the grill. Grind black pepper generously and drizzle with maple syrup. Cover and leave to smoke for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. No need for flipping as salmon may break apart. After the required time remove from the smoker and enjoy with cream cheese and crackers or just on its own. The smoked salmon if not eaten right away can be frozen.