

Treasurer's Report- July 2024

Revenue Collected:

- Interest for month of June \$13,057.71
- DNR Fire Response for the month of June \$16489.98
- Accommodation Tax Levy Remit (April & May) \$16,565.37
- Gym Rentals \$2,782.75
- Community Hall Rentals \$4,735.83
- Hanwell Sports \$315.00

Expenses Paid:

- Regular budgeted expenditures.

Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Requests and Complaints to Ombudsman.

Due to the number of requests that we are receiving and the number of complaints to the Ombud Office that leads to extensive research and investigations, the number of hours and the costs will be included each month in the treasurer's report.

In March we received a RTIPPA request, however we thought the majority of the work would be done in April but due to excessive workloads on staff with other deadlines and projects, we had to extend for 30 additional days until June 20, 2024 as per the Act.

May & June 2024 cost- 88.5 hrs total between staff= \$2,464.13

RTIPPA requests- Total cost to our taxpayers since January \$8,544.46

We have received 2 new RTIPPA requests, late June and in July (costs for these will be on the next Treasurer's report)

The RTIPPA request that we received, and Council was copied on asking for the link to our solar system monitoring app was forwarded to the Ombud by the applicant with a complaint because we wouldn't provide them with link to our system. The Ombud called asking if there is anything that we could do, and I suggested that we could put a tablet in our lobby that shows the usage and what we conserve. The Ombud called the applicant and asked if this would be acceptable, and then the applicant could come in on a daily basis and get the readings that they were looking for, and the applicant refused and said that they would not be doing that. Our office will not be providing daily reports for this one individual, there are too many other things that the municipality needs to be spending their time on, however we could post a quarterly report on our website for ALL residents.

Before our next council meeting, I will be compiling a comparison of what we have saved on our solar compared to what it has costs us through these RTIPPA requests on solar, as the applicant keeps indicating they want to make sure that their tax dollar is being spent wisely.

Possible Motion: I, (your name) direct and authorize the Clerk to post a quarterly report from our solar network system on our website.

Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax Funds)

The CCBF has been approved by government and Hanwell will be receiving \$2,289,986 for the term 2024-2028.

A new 2024-2028 Capital Investment Plan needs to be, so I would like to have a Finance Meeting on either Thursday July 25th, Wednesday July 31st or Thursday August 1st.

Fire Truck- MCBB

We will review the costs for the fire truck during our Finance Meeting and have a Special Meeting either that evening or the on a separate date.

Insurance Policy Renewal

As per our previous conversations regarding the clauses within the Canoe Agreement, they were not able provide any insight on the survival clause but did state that we would have to give notice at the beginning of the term that we weren't going to stay with them, otherwise we are committed to the 4 years.

Arthur J Gallagher Canada Ltd (Cain Insurance) will renew our policy with a reduction from \$134,727 to \$114,648. Until we learn more about the survival clause with the Canoe Agreement we should continue to use the same company. For future years, we should look at increasing our deductible to see the impact it may have on our policy as well.

Animal Control Contract

The contract is currently with the province but is expiring January 31, 2025. This contract cost Hanwell \$26,709 annually. We can either contact the SPCA to see if they will enter into a new contract with us, or we can advertise for a dog catcher. There is a person that does this for a couple of municipalities, and we can certainly contact him to see if he is interested and what the cost is. This is something that we need to investigate very soon so that we have the costs for budget and it will probably be necessary to adopt a by-law; staff will look into the requirements on this.

We will get information on this subject and will update Council.

****As per our purchasing policy, only non-budgeted payments over \$5,000 require Council approval.

Motion required for the approval of the following invoice(s):

No payments over \$5,000 needing approval for the month of June.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri L Parker
CAO/Treasurer