

**Mayor's Remarks
January - February 2017**

It seems only a few weeks ago, that my last remarks were issued. My, how time does fly!
As mentioned previously, Mayor's responsibilities and workloads have increased tremendously since the implementation of the RSCs. I continue to meet my committee meetings.
A very high level, immigration meeting was scheduled for January 24th, but unfortunately, weather conditions caused this meeting to be rescheduled to this Monday February 20th. It is expected that Rob Kelly will be outlining his new governmental mandate. I have been invited to attend to offer my suggestions and thoughts on immigration in our area.
I have responded to numerous emails, this month. Also a few Community Contacts pertaining to unsightly premises and snow removal.
I met with staff of the Department of Public Safety, in lieu of meeting, yet once again, with the Minister Denis Landry. Apparently, the Premier sent all MLAs back to their ridings due to the storm situation. However, we did receive adequate responses to our four policing questions, and I have shared that information with Council, and await their direction with regard to signing of the Policing Contract.
Late January, at the invitation of St. George Mayor Crystal Cook, we did meet to discuss items of mutual concern, primarily our Health Care Services situation. There were a number of action items that we continue to work on.
The first week of February, I was in Plaster Rock, our sister Village in Tourism. I dropped off numerous maps, and event notifications to the throngs of people expected at their very well known Pond Hockey Tournament, being held this weekend.
While I was North, I attended a "Mayor's RCMP Meeting" in Woodstock, although I question this title as a number of LSD reps were in attendance. I was also invited to their District Briefing being held in Oromocto in late March.
I also met with the Deputy Mayor, Mayor, and staff of Plaster Rock, where we discussed many issues and events.
I produced a tri fold pamphlet on tourism, and hope to have it ready for March's Regular Meeting of Council for approval.
Work continues on the Holiday Highway concept, with route identification, as well as existing camp sites and their proximity to the Holiday Highway.
Also attended our Zone 4 meeting, which was well attended. I had suggested member municipalities take out a full page coloured ad in a provincial newspaper, outlining that we are open for business and development, and each have unique incentives and enticements. I continue to develop this action item.
Storms this month have played havoc with meeting schedules. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Public Works crew for the amazing work they do, and we do appreciate their efforts.
I would also like to thank our amazing volunteer fire fighters, who responded to a call in the worst of the storm. I do know some of them assisted an elderly vet, and I want them to know, I think they are wonderful people. Thank you
So with another north easter planned for this evening, I invite you to make your way home cautiously and safely.
And remember

I'm here, working for you!!