

Mayor's Remarks

December 2016 - January 2017

It's been a quiet, holiday season. Our Main Street Park was an absolute visual delight!! Our new gazebo sparkled under the new holiday lighting, dancing on our poles, adorned by lighted Christmas trees. As always, our Main Street, was decorated by our traditional decorations. Council wishes to thank our Public Works staff for their hard work and effort.

Santa arrived at the gaily decorated gazebo on December 24th. He was well received by many in attendance.

Administratively, things slowed down during the holiday period, yet the remainder of January has been very busy.

I spent some time working on our recent Zone 4 meeting materials. Actually, members met last night in St. George. All members, with the exception of St. Andrews, were in attendance, and we had a very productive meeting. In our discussions, a common theme of the urgent need for affordable housing, and what enticements we, as municipalities, could offer potential developers. I seized on that common thread, and suggested we take out a full page color ad, in a provincial paper, advertising that need, and what we can offer, and contact information. We agreed to share that cost with partnering municipalities. This suggestion was well received, and will be taken by to respective Councils for their approvals, and I continue to work on the lay out of that ad.

Work also continues on the Holiday Highway concept, within our partnership with Plaster Rock. We are in the route designation portion of the plan, and although Minister Ames has been briefed lightly on the matter, a more formal presentation to him is anticipated in the coming weeks.

There is a high level immigration meeting being held in St. George on January 24th, to which I've been invited.

On January 30th, I will be meeting with Mayor Cooke of St. George, on health services issues. And regular municipal issues and duties have filled the remaining days.

MY RSC duties continue to be met with the HR Committee meeting just days prior to Christmas, as a Signing Officer, and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Remember ... I'm here working for YOU
Mayor Terry James