

Mayor's report to Council Tuesday May 11, 21, CC

Community Happenings:

On behalf of Council I have had the privilege to sincerely thank all our staff for how hard they have worked over the last difficult year. They certainly are appreciated for keeping us afloat during Covid 19.

Just a friendly reminder that Saturday May 22 is "tree day" in McKellar as the MLCA group will be handing out all their tree and seed orders at our arena by appointment beginning in the am along with the distribution of 5 pine trees per family that completed the GBB's Climate change carbon calculator study with special thanks to Steve Munro of West Wind Forest.

Our Recreation Committee's "Clean up McKellar" challenge was very successful as there were 51 participants, representing three municipalities who gathered all sorts of debris – plastic, many cans, styro foam, tires, culverts, cement and you name it that pollute our environment. A special thanks to all who participated and to the Recreation Committee who continue to amaze us with positive and unique community events during Covid 19. Special thanks to all our local businesses who supplied many draw prizes for the many winners- see photos on line - Beaver Creek, General Store, Middle River, The Outpost, Scoobey's and The Wind Flows

The Recreation committee are at it again with "Picture McKellar" – May Challenge - asking everyone to share your photos of a "Historical Building in McKellar"; "beautiful flowers or garden in McKellar" and a photo of your interpretation of "The Best of McKellar". Please send all photos to joyhopkins@gmail.com by May 30th. Again all entries will be entered into the Judges choice draw prizes from local businesses for those under 12; 13-16 and adult. Start clicking. Several entries have already been received.

On a sad note, Scott Howarth, a local resident and barber to many, passed away last week. Donations through Logan's to an animal rescue organization.

Reports:

EMC- We are still in a lockdown until May 20. We have very low incidents in WPS and vaccinations are now at two pharmacies- Pollards and Shoppers. We have recommended that we end our State of Emergency July 1, 21. As well we have asked our MPP to support the opening of our two excellent camps- Kodiak and Manitou and the Ridge at Manitou golf course asap. We meet next on May 18, 9am to see where we are going

Budget Meeting- We held our last budget meeting on May 4th to firm up our 2021 budget while preparing for our 2022 budget this fall. We will be presenting the budget at our Public Meeting on June 1, 21.

The Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee met on April 17 and will be recommending to Council to move to a standing committee. Council has invited the Ridge at Manitou to make a deposition to Council on their environmental plan in June. We are busy finalizing their overall report, getting

organized to deal with rental properties, and a Septic Re-inspection Plan, while developing various educational materials for all. They are preparing a PP presentation for the public this summer. And a completed report this fall

We are planning to give out for the first time a : McKellar Youth Volunteer of the Year award once the terms of reference are approved.

Community Events:

Wed May 13: NBDHU remote 1pm

Tues May 18 EMC 9am Council

Sat May 22 – MLCA and West Wind Forest Tree pick up – arena by appointment

Thurs May 27- Recreation Committee 3:30pm tbd

Sat May 29 – Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee – 9am tbd

Mon May 31 – Library 10am , zoom- tbd

Connectivity meeting tbd

Tues June 8 Council 6:30 pm

Thurs June 10 6:30 Public Meeting on the budget