

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

March 28, 2019

THE BUDGET AND BUDGET MESSAGE HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO COUNCIL. I SUPPORT THIS BALANCED BUDGET AND ENCOURAGE COUNCIL'S PASSAGE.

I SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCES THAT WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERNET AUCTION. ALL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT BEING AUCTIONED WILL APPEAR IN THE NEWS HERALD ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS AND WILL BE POSTED IN CITY HALL FOR ANY INTERESTED PARTIES.

I SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ROB GANDEE AS OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF. I AM ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM CONFIRMED SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR FULL-TIME HIRINGS AND UPCOMING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

I RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY TODAY THAT RIVER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM ROUTE 84 TO THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL BY GULLYBROOK PARK FROM APRIL 1 TO APRIL 30. MAPLEGROVE ROAD IS THE DETOUR DURING THIS CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

I RECENTLY DELIVERED MY STATE OF THE CITY TO OUR SENIORS AND APPRECIATED THEIR ATTENDANCE. THEIR MAIN CONCERNS SEEMED TO BE ABOUT YARD WASTE AND THE DUMP THAT HAS BEEN CLOSED. I LOOK FORWARD TO MY FINAL STATE OF THE CITIES THAT WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ROTARY CLUB ON APRIL 15TH.

I AM WORKING WITH ROAD SUPERINTENDENT GRUBISS TO ATTEMPT TO RE-OPEN THE DUMP ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR OUR RESIDENTS. ONCE THIS IS AVAILABLE, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE AND RESIDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED. IT WILL ONLY BE FOR BRUSH, NO LEAVES, PLASTIC BAGS, PAPER BAGS, FLOWER POTS OR ANY BRANCHES OVER 48". IT WILL BE MANNED AND ALL WHO PLAN TO DUMP WILL BE COMPLETING A FORM AND MUST SHOW PROOF OF DRIVERS LICENSE. NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING WILL BE PERMITTED. WE ARE DOING THIS AS A SERVICE TO OUR RESIDENTS.

WORK ON THE STRATFORD PUMP STATION HAS BEGUN. THE FORCE MAIN IS DONE. THE ELECTRICIAN WILL THEN COMPLETE HIS WORK, FOLLOWED BY BUCKEYE PUMPS. I ANTICIPATE COMPLETION BY THE END OF APRIL.

OUR FIRST MEETING FOR THE BUSINESS ADVOCACY TEAM (BAT) HAS BEEN SET FOR MONDAY, APRIL 1 AT 8PM. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED ME OF THEIR INTEREST HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

FINALLY, CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DAVID STEWART WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK.