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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

It is my pleasure, on behalf of Council, to extend wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all residents, families and visitors to Red Lake at this joyful time of the year.

I note that our municipal departments have extended their Season's Greetings. At this time I extend Council's thanks to Administration and our employees for their many hours of dedication and effort, and going the extra mile in their work. It certainly shows up in the progress and appearance within our communities.

Onward and Upward for 2004!

Duncan Wilson, Mayor



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Municipality of Red Lake has started and/or completed all the major projects it set out to accomplish this year. The Infrastructure Program on Howey Street has been completed and planning is on the way for next year's projects.

The construction of the Water Treatment Plants for the Golden and Madsen Wards started this year and completion is expected in the middle of 2004.

The Community In Bloom Committee has had their second year of operating and they have done an excellent job within our communities. The judges from the Communities in Bloom awarded the Committee with three blooms for their effort and the final mark was an improvement over last year. The Municipality looks forward to working with the Committee again next year.

The Airport Marketing Initiative is off to good start and it will be enhancing our Airport throughout Northwestern Ontario. The Water and Sewer and Waste Disposal Site Studies were completed and will assist the Municipality in its long term planning.

The Municipality is also a member on the Marketing and Promotion Program of the Red Lake/Ear Falls area. This Program will help in the promotion of our area for many years.

The Red Lake Heritage Centre Project has started and is expected to be completed this summer.

The new fire truck is to be delivered early in the New Year.

The above projects were just a few of the highlights from 2003 and we can expect new projects next year like residential lot expansion, repair of the second set of docks in Red Lake, continued infrastructure improvements and the completion of the Water Treatment Plants and Heritage Centre.

I wish that your holidays will be filled with remembrances and shared with family and friends. May the true meaning of Christmas bring you peace and comfort and may the New Year bring you hope and prosperity.

2003 CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATION CONTEST - RESIDENTS TO JUDGE

Mayor and Council wish to advise the Public that the Annual Christmas House Decoration Contest will be held again in 2003. The voting procedure will take place via a Vote-By-Ballot system, whereby the General Public may pick up and drop off a Ballot at the following locations: Red Lake Recreation Centre, Red Lake & Golden Day Care Centres, Municipal Office and the Red Lake & Balmertown Public Libraries. You may also vote on-line at the following website: www.red-lake.com

Only one vote per person per community, which means that each person (all ages) can vote for the house of their choice from the communities of Balmertown, Red Lake, Madsen/Starrett Olsen, Cochenour and McKenzie Island.

Deadline for casting your ballot **HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2003**. Winners' names will be published in the 1st Municipal Newsletter of the New Year and pictures of the winning homes will be displayed on our website.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Regular Council Meeting scheduled for **December 23rd, 2003, has been cancelled.**

The Council Meeting Schedule for January, 2004, is as follows:

Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, January 6th, 2003
Tuesday, January 20th, 2003

Regular Council Meetings

Tuesday, January 13th, 2003
Tuesday, January 27th, 2003

All meetings are open to the Public. The Meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m. Individuals or groups wishing to appear before a Council or Committee of the Whole Meeting shall submit a request, in writing, to the Clerk not later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. The individual or group shall state the nature of the business to be discussed and to which the said person shall confine their remarks.

If there is a delegation listed on the Agenda for a Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m. Agendas can be picked up at the Municipal Office after 3:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Meeting.

Wishing you every happiness at this festive Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.



From the Clerk's Office
Shelly, Linda, Christine and Wendy



ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Holiday Season Hours of Operation for Municipal Office:

Wednesday, December 24 th	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Thursday, December 25 th	CLOSED
Friday, December 26 th	CLOSED
Monday, December 29 th	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 30 th	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 31 st	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Thursday, January 1 st	CLOSED
Friday, January 2 nd	Regular Hours Resume

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Amber, Cheryl, Jean, Tracy, Gail, Glenna, Tess and Tana

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Holiday Season Hours of Operation are as follows:

<u>Cochenour Arena:</u>	CLOSED - December 24 th , 25 th , 26 th , 31 st and January 1 st .
<u>Red Lake Community Community Centre:</u>	CLOSED - 12:00 noon December 24 th to 12:00 noon December 27 th and
	CLOSED - 12:00 noon December 31 st to 8:00 a.m. January 2 nd .

The Staff of the Municipality of Red Lake Operations Department wish all Residents and Visitors a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

With each Holiday Season, it gives us pleasure to extend our best wishes to those whose patronage and support we cherish throughout the year. Happy Holidays!

John, Natalie, Michel, Erica, Diana, Kaila and Ben

CONGRATULATIONS

Michel Labonte and Angie Skoglund

Landon Marie
Born on Friday, November 28th, 2003
7lb. 14oz.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

T'is the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la. At least that is what the Christmas song implies. Each of us gathers together with family to enjoy these holidays and fill our stomachs with great food, and our hearts with great memories. That is what Christmas is all about. As your fire service, we also gather with family, relatives, and friends to have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Some things are left for tomorrow, and others for another time. When it comes to Christmas, we must prepare our home for guests, we light up with the festive lights inside and outside. We light up candles for joy and great smells. Remember, when you leave the house, turn off the indoor lights and extinguish the candles. Be holiday safe.

From all the fire fighters and their families, we wish each resident of the Municipality of Red Lake a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. May all your wishes be doubled and the season be wonderful.

Joe Blazek, Fire Chief

**PUBIC LIBRARY**

The Red Lake Public Library Board and all the Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! The holiday hours for the Red Lake and Balmertown Libraries are as follows:

Open Regular Hours up to and including Tuesday, December 23rd so make sure to stop by and pick up your holiday reading!

CLOSED:	December 24 th , 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , and 28 th
OPEN:	Regular Hours - December 29 th and 30 th
CLOSED:	December 31 st and January 1 st

Normal hours resume on Friday January 2nd, 2004.

**CHILD CARE DEPARTMENT**

The Staff at both Child Care Centres and the Resource Centre would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to serving you and your families in the New Year! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Listed below are our Hours of Operation over the holidays:

Red Lake Day Care Centre and **Golden Child Care Centres** will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24th, 2003. Both Centres will be closed for the remainder of the month of December, 2003. The Centres will re-open for their regular hours on Friday, January 2nd, 2004.

The Red Lake Community Resource Centre/Ontario Early Years Site will stay open throughout the holiday season. All regular hours will be maintained during this time. However, we will be closed at noon on both Wednesday, the 24th of December and Wednesday, the 31st of December, 2003.

Best of luck in 2004 from Sandi, Carol, Maureen, Cathy, Jennifer, Peggy, Wendy, Cindy, Shelley, Kay, Rhonda, Michelle & Christine.

REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Affected Residents – Red Lake/Madsen Only

Wednesday, December 24th, 2003, pick-up will now be on Friday, December 26th, 2003; and

Wednesday, December 31st, 2003, pick-up will now be on Friday, January 2nd, 2004.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Kristina, By-Law Enforcement Officer

