



Municipal Newsletter

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Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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After Hour Trouble Calls

Please call 727-2597

Council Meeting Schedule

(for November & December)

Regular Council Meeting
(start @ 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2004
Tuesday, November 16th, 2004
Tuesday, December 7th, 2004
Tuesday, December 21st, 2004

Committee of the Whole
(start @ 12:00 noon)

Wednesday, November 10th, 2004
Wednesday, December 15th, 2004

All meetings are open to the Public.
The Meetings will commence at the times noted above.

Delegations will not be permitted at a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Individuals or groups wishing to appear as a Delegation at a Regular Council 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.

Agendas can be picked up at the Municipal Office after 3:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Meeting.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC DRINKING WATER ADVISORY COCHENOUR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Cochenour Water Treatment (WTP) was shut down on Tuesday, October 26th, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. due to the possibility of contaminants entering the water system. Northern Waterworks (NWW), the Municipality of Red Lake's Operator for the water and sewer plants, noticed water draining from a crown pillar adjacent to the Cochenour WTP and draining into the lake. As it was a possibility that the water was coming from the Cochenour Mine Site, NWW immediately shut down the WTP. The intake for the WTP is 600 feet from shore and is 24 feet deep.

The Northwestern Health Unit issued a "Drinking Water Advisory" on Tuesday, October 26th, 2004 at 5:25 p.m. and it was immediately advertised on the radio and distributed to all the residents in Cochenour and McKenzie Island. There were water samples taken of the water that was entering the lake, the lake itself (both upstream and downstream) and water that was in the reservoir of the WTP. It was decided not to restart the WTP until the results of these samples were received and analyzed by the Ministry of the Environment, Northwestern Health Unit and Northern Waterworks.

The results of the first two sets (total of 11 samples) were received at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27th, 2004 and the results of tests revealed that all levels of minerals (19 in total) including arsenic were well within the provincial guidelines, along with the turbidity and colour of the water. A meeting was held on Wednesday, October 27th, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. between all parties involved and an analysis of the samples was completed. Due to the positive results from the samples, the Northwestern Health Unit rescinded the "Drinking Water Advisory". It was decided that the WTP would not be restarted until the new Advisory was distributed to all the residents and this was completed at 8:00 p.m. that evening. NWW then started to get the WTP back in operation, which involved chlorinating, bleeding and flushing the system and this was completed at 3:21 a.m. on Thursday, October 28th.

The Municipality of Red Lake would like to thank Northern Waterworks for their quick response and support through this incident along with Goldcorp Inc., Placer Dome (CLA) Limited, Ministry of the Environment and the Northwestern Health Unit. The Municipality also would like to thank their employees as they handled the situation with dedication and took the best interest of our residents into account when completing their duties.

The Municipality of Red Lake would also like to thank the residents of Cochenour and McKenzie Island for their patience and understanding over the last few days.

BOIL WATER ADVISORY

The Municipality of Red Lake would like to remind all residents that are on the Balmertown Cochenour, Madsen and McKenzie Island Municipal water distribution system, that the "Boil Water Advisory" is still in effect. This Advisory shall remain in effect until completion of the new Water Treatment Plants.

All water used for human consumption should be boiled for at least one (1) minute.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - DISSOLUTION OF WARD SYSTEM

Please take notice that The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake, pursuant to Section 222 of the Municipal Act, 2001, will be holding a Public Meeting to consider a by-law respecting the Dissolution of the Ward System.

Residents of the Municipality of Red Lake wishing to make representation are invited to attend the Public Meeting to be held on November 1st, 2004, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Balmertown, Ontario.

Requests for information may be directed to Shelly Kocis, Clerk, @ 735-2096, ext. 32, or by attending the Municipal Office in Balmertown. This information will be available upon request at no cost to any member of the Public.

Should you wish to submit comments in writing, please mail or hand deliver to the Municipal Office during normal operating hours or mail to the attention of Mayor & Council, Municipality of Red Lake, P.O. Box 1000, Balmertown, Ontario, P0V 1C0 or via the Municipality of Red Lake's e-mail address (municipality@red-lake.com) or fax to the Clerk's Office at 807-735-2286.

Persons wishing to make representation with regard to this issue are requested to please contact the Clerk's Office at 807-735-2096 ext. 32.

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

Mayor	Duncan Wilson	Ext. 33
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Deputy Treasurer (Acting)	Dennis Kristjanson	Ext. 31
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By-Law Enforcement Officer	Kristina Grondin	Ext. 25
Taxes/Accounts Receivable	Jean McNamee	Ext. 30
Accounts Payable	Leanne Thompson	Ext. 28
Payroll/Benefits	Gail Schugmann	Ext. 24
Main Reception	--	Ext. 21

SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The 32nd Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner

will be held

Tuesday, November 30th, 2004, at 6:00 p.m.,
at the Legion Hall.

If you are a shut-in, you can request a take-out dinner by calling Lucy at 727-2299.

Transportation is available.

Sponsored by the Lions Club and the Municipality of Red Lake.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Reminder - Turn your clocks back 1 hour at 2:00 a.m., on Sunday, October 31st, 2004.

