



# Municipal Newsletter

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Please call 727-2597

## **9-1-1**

The Municipality of Red Lake has been working on the **9-1-1** project for the past three years and is happy to announce that **9-1-1** service was implemented on August 24, 2005. This service will be available to all residents within the boundaries of the Municipality of Red Lake. Bell Canada will be inserting a pamphlet in your next phone bill, which will have all the required information regarding using **9-1-1**.

## **NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW 635-05**

### **RE: BY-LAW NUMBER 635-05 TO ADOPT AN ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF RED LAKE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake has passed By-Law Number 635-05 at the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, to adopt an Accessibility Plan for the Municipality of Red Lake.

A copy of the By-Law is available for pick-up at the Municipal Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

## **AMO 2005 – UPDATE RE MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS**

A delegation from the Municipality of Red Lake attended the 2005 AMO Conference. Various items were raised with the Ministries and listed below is a brief update. A detailed package was hand-delivered to all ministries. Some items did have some verbal comments from the minister or staff and other items were just taken under advisement. It should be noted that due to conflict in times re meetings the delegation was split to ensure all meetings were attended.

### **Northern Development & Mines**

The delegation met with Parliamentary Assistant, Bill Mauro. There were many items for discussion. The delegation stated that the number one priority with the MNDM was the *Miss McKenzie Ferry*. The Ministry was advised that recent repairs to the Ferry, at a cost of approximately \$50,000, has resulted in Transport Canada certifying the Ferry until December 31, 2005. The Municipality requested MNDM assistance with Transport Canada regarding the Ferry operating after December 31, 2005. The Municipality expressed their concern for residents that may be without transportation, which includes school-aged children, as the cost to replace this type of vessel is estimated at \$500,000. The Municipality has requested support from the MNDM towards a feasibility study for a proposed fixed link. MNDM advised that this item would be forwarded to their transportation personnel for review.

*Closure of the Red Lake Mining Recorder's Office* was the next item. The delegation noted that the Red Lake area is in the midst of the third gold rush and it is not a time to be closing an office. This service is a specialized service, which mining companies and independent prospectors require; and such service cannot be efficiently operated out of the Government Information Centre. The one stop shopping aspect of the office must be maintained to continue to supply high quality service.

*COMRIF (Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund)*. The delegation discussed their application to COMRIF (Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund) and noted that the Municipality was not successful in Intake 1 and requested the Ministry's support with the next round. The Municipality noted that the application is for the Water Line Infrastructure Replacement Project and this is a very high priority due to the aging water and sewer lines. It is the intent of the Municipality, if the application is approved through Intake 2, to also replace the aging sewer lines at the same time. The delegation noted that the roads in the Municipality are in dire need of repair, but until the water and sewer lines are replaced, this is not feasible. The assistant noted that this program was over-subsidized and there were not enough monies for all applications.

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**See Surplus Municipal Property for Sale on Page 4**

## **Council Meeting**

### Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
**(start @ 6:00 p.m.)**

### Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
**(start @ 12:00 noon)**

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

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

## **OFFICES CLOSED**

All departments under the Municipality of Red Lake will be closed for the **Labour Day Holiday, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

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*Forestry.* Forestry is a very important business in the Red Lake area and any mill closures would have an effect on the economy of Red Lake. The upcoming potential closure of the mill in Kenora will affect our community. The delegation noted that it is hard to keep and attract youth in the North when their parents are leaving due to the decline in the forestry industry.

*Woodland Caribou Provincial Park.* The Municipality was not happy with the planning process and requests that the park remain as a 'traditional-multi-use park'. The Municipality and local users want to continue to use snow machines and fly-in fishing, which will not affect the park. The Ministry requested that once the Committee has completed their assessment that a package be forwarded to their office for review.

### **Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Renewal**

The delegation met with Minister David Caplan and provided extensive documentation regarding the *COMRIF application*. The delegation noted their concern if our community does not receive funding through the three intakes. The Ministry noted that there were over 350 applications or \$2 billion worth of applications and only \$300 million available in funding. The Ministry will be evaluating the applications from Intake 2 on a more technical side in order to be more fair and equitable. The Minister directed the Municipality to work with the Secretariat on this matter. The Minister also noted that the approval from Intake 2 would be made in an efficient time, in order to give municipalities time to commence construction next spring.

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

The delegation met with Minister Leona Dombrowsky and provided extensive documentation regarding the *COMRIF application*. The Minister noted that there was only so much monies available and to apply for the Intake 2. The Minister noted that the more information in the application, the better, and directed that the Municipality work closely with the COMRIF personnel. The Municipality noted that Red Lake has implemented an Asset Management and Life Cycle Costing Program to assist in managing assets, and that this model will be used by MMAH at the upcoming regional conference in Thunder Bay.

### **Ministry of Transportation** (joint meeting with Township of Ear Falls)

The delegation met with Parliamentary Assistant, Jean-Marc Lalonde and stated that their priority is the *Miss McKenzie Ferry*. The delegation noted the costs to fix the ferry and it looked quite positive that the Ministry would assist with these costs. The Municipality has requested that an Environmental Study be completed regarding the fixed link.

The delegation noted their concerns with *Highway 105*. The Parliamentary Assistant noted that one million dollars has been allocated to fixing this highway.

### **Ministry of Community & Social Services**

The delegation met with Minister Sandra Papatello to discuss the *Homeless Shelter in Red Lake* and the need for operating dollars. The Minister noted that the last time there was any capital money available was in 2001. The Minister also noted that there is no funding available for operating costs. The Minister advised that they would send someone to our site to do assessments. This person may not be from their ministry, but would have the expertise to complete an assessment at the site and advise of information regarding the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works Programs.

### **Ministry of Natural Resources**

The delegation met with Minister David Ramsay to discuss the *wood industry* and the *Woodland Caribou Provincial Park (WCPP)*. The Minister noted that much discussion was held during the conference with various organizations regarding concerns with the wood industry and their Ministry would be reviewing all information.

The delegation advised that they were lobbying for the Municipality and local users of the WCPP to request that the park remain as a 'traditional-multi-use park'. The delegation reminded the Minister that this process has a lot of Southern Ontario, American and other environmental group influence and do not have the same interests of the local community. The "tourist outfitters" who now enjoy the use of the park will have their own "private park" if they are to get their way. The Minister stated that the process with the WCPP will continue, but requested that their office be kept updated on this matter.

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**Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario**

Two members of the Red Lake Council (Deputy Mayor Jack Goodwillie and NOMA Executive Vice President Brian Larson) were summoned to meet with Premier Dalton McGuinty. This meeting was arranged last minute to discuss the Forest Crisis in Ontario. The NOMA (Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association) Executive, along with the Northern Mayors, all had the opportunity to hear first hand the challenges the forest industry is facing and the possible solutions to make the industry competitive once again. The Premier, in his statement to the group, advised that he was not going to allow the second biggest industry in Ontario die. The Premier assured the audience that his government was committed to the forest industry and committed to Northern Ontario. He did however caution the group to manage the expectations, as regardless of the package that is presented to the forest industry, not all mills will survive. He said that his government hopes to have something within the next month.

**Ministry of Energy**

Councillor Brian Larson, in conjunction with NOMA, met with Dwight Duncan, Minister of Energy, to discuss the high cost of electric power in Northwestern Ontario. Northern Ontario has a surplus of power in the North and this will remain as long as the Atikokan and Thunder Bay Coal fired plants, which are destined for closure by the government, continue to run. The Minister was given options that would help solve the power shortages in the rest of Ontario, which would mean economic viability to the two power plants in Atikokan and Thunder Bay. The Minister has confirmed that he will name someone from his ministry to work with NOMA to look at alternatives such as Clean Coal Technology, Bio Mass and other green power sources for our region.

**Local Municipal Official Elected to AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)**

Councillor Brian Larson was elected to the AMO Board of Directors. As a member of the Board and the Northern Caucus, Councillor Larson will help set policy for the Association and serve as a key municipal leader in the Province.

**PIT BULL BAN – BILL 132**

As of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Ontario's Pit Bull Ban takes effect. A pit bull includes: a pit bull terrier, a Staffordshire bull terrier, an American Staffordshire terrier, and an American pit bull terrier.

Individuals that already own a pit bull prior to August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, will be grandfathered in provided they comply with requirements set out in the amendments and regulations of the Dog Owners' Liability Act. The Owners will be required to be in compliance within 60 days of the effective date (October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005). They are required to have their dog **leashed** and **muzzled** unless the dog is on their owners' **enclosed property** or on enclosed property occupied by another person who consents to the pit bull being without a muzzle or leash. A leash may be a maximum of 1.8 metres long. All pit bulls must be sterilized. No pit bulls shall be imported or breed after Bill 132 comes into effect. If you have any questions you may contact Kristina at 735-2096, ext. 25.

**UPDATE FROM THE HERITAGE CENTRE**

The Heritage Centre staff are now getting ready to start delivering education programs to local school children. For teachers' and parents' convenience, information regarding these programs can be found on the Centre's updated website. If you would like to offer your services as a volunteer to help with the education programs, visit the Centre's website, at [www.redlakemuseum.com](http://www.redlakemuseum.com), and click on **Volunteer at the Heritage Centre**.

The Centre's website features many new additions, including photos of the banners painted for the 2005 Outdoor Art Gallery, profiles of the artists who painted them, photos and descriptions of close to 1,000 aircrafts that flew in the Red Lake area, and more.

The Heritage Centre would like to thank summer students Leah Roy, Adam Erb and Scott Conarroe for all their hard work. The success of the Centre is due in part to their dedication.

As of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Centre will be open Monday to Friday and on weekends for special events and exhibitions. Rental space for meetings, training sessions, public functions, etc., is available seven days a week. Rental rates are posted on the Centre's website.

Phone : 727-3006. E-mail: [rlhc@goredlake.com](mailto:rlhc@goredlake.com). Website: [www.redlakemuseum.com](http://www.redlakemuseum.com)

Fall Registration Night is September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Campbell Curling Rink

**GOVERNMENT DOCK TURNAROUND CLOSURE**

The Government Dock Turnaround on Howey Street, Red Lake Ward, will be closed to vehicular traffic during the **Red Lake Fall Classic Catch and Release Tournament, commencing 4:00 a.m., Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**On behalf of the Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake - WELCOME ANGLERS**

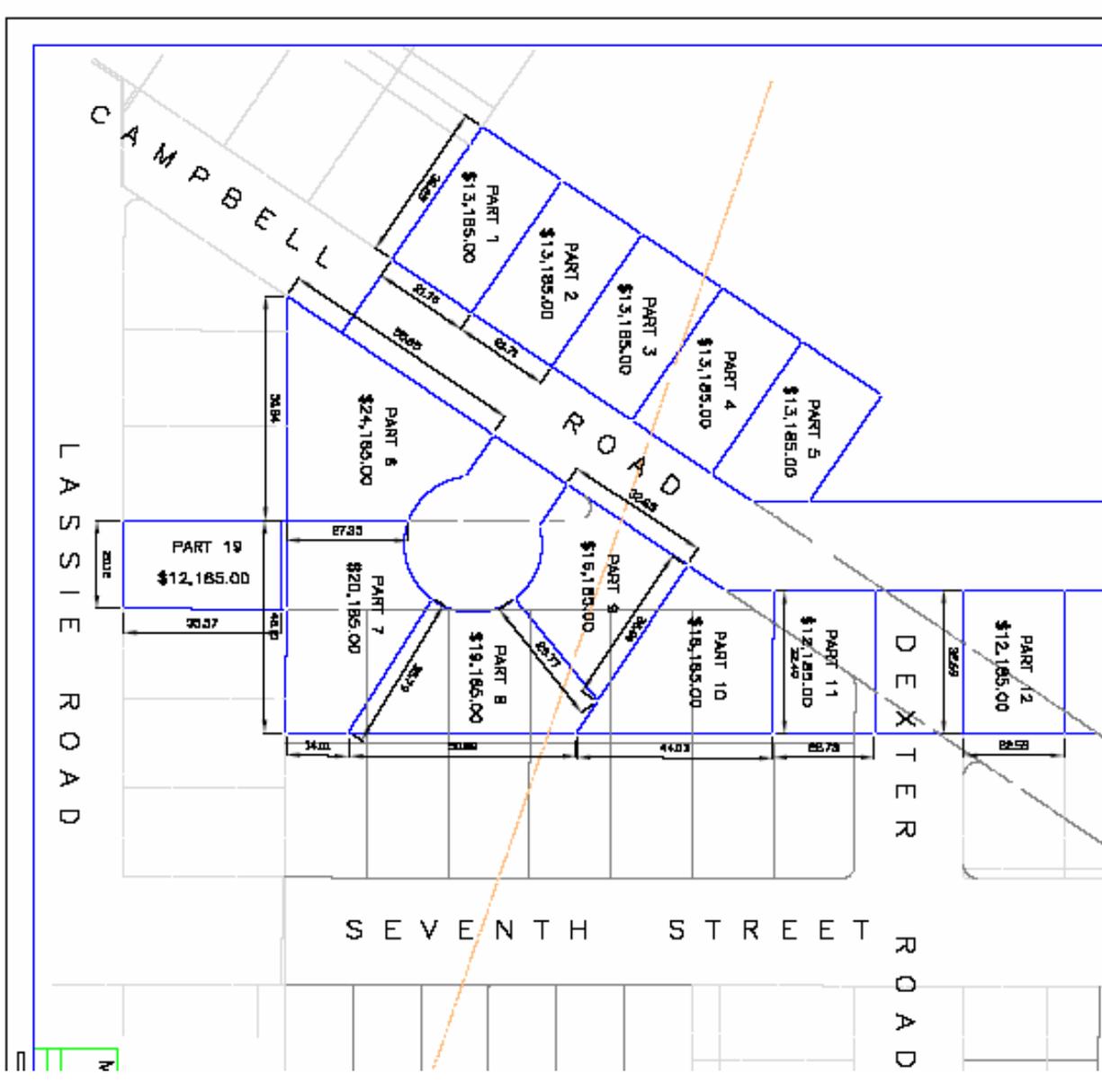


**SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

The Council of the Municipality of Red Lake hereby declares the properties below in the Municipality of Red Lake as surplus to Municipal requirements as per Resolution No. 471-05, and available for sale.

The Prices noted are subject to applicable taxes.

This Notice is being made Public in order to fulfill the requirements of By-Law No. 48-00, regarding Procedures and Notices Governing the Sale of Real Property.



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Legal Description  
Part 1, Plan 23R-11158,

Delta Road, Balmertown

Selling Price  
\$2,700.00

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