

Council Notes March 17, 2010

Council met with Brian Jensen of the Department of Highways to get an update on the water swale to be constructed on the south side of the highway from the top of the hill down to Albert Street. This is to prevent water from running across the highway in certain areas which causes severe washouts and problems on private property. The swale will be constructed using bamboo matting under seeded grass. It will be contoured such that it can be easily mowed. Some rip rap (small rock) may be necessary around culverts. There will also be some water flow baffles placed on the steep parts of the hill to slow flows and stop erosion. This project will be done this year but the starting date has not been determined. Other issues addressed were the repair of MacLachlan Avenue, highway signs on #16 Highway and highway maintenance between here and Watrous. We were informed that these issues should also be raised with the department in Regina.

The zonolite has been removed from the Village Hall and we are waiting for results from the air quality test and advise from the engineer.

We are still awaiting word from Community Futures, Sagehill on the Community Spirit grant we applied for that would be used for equipment to keep the algae clear of the shoreline.

Councilor Knezacek attended a meeting with the RCMP covering issues in the area and councilor Kochylema attended a Wheatland Regional Library meeting. Mayor Upshall reported that the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group steering committee will be again advertising the Economic Development office position for our area.

We have had more complaints about barking dogs and dogs wandering off leash. We welcome pets in the village but we sincerely ask all pet owners to know the rules and obey them.

Canada Post suggested we rename Roy Street East to avoid confusion with Roy Street West when we change from Box numbers to civic addresses. Council agreed and past a motion to rename Roy Street East to Hayter Street.

Council worked on updating the Rec Board bylaw and also moved a motion to purchase a Golf Club sponsorship.