

Mayor's report to Council

Jan 9, 2015

Good afternoon.

Since my last report to Council on Jan 9th, I have represented HCM at a meeting of the County property and development committee on Jan 13th, the County social services committee on Jan 13th, the County budget workshop on Jan 21st, and the Jan 28th meeting of County Council.

Of note, the County has passed its 2015 budget of \$38,697,229. County department staffs were directed to not exceed a 2% levy increase and they did that.

The County payment to MPAC this year is \$1,514,289. This is a 0.95% increase over 2014 and the same increase will apply in 2016. The County covers the MPAC costs for all the lower tier Municipalities as well as the FCM annual fees which were \$12,419, a 2.1% increase over 2014.

All other details can be found on the County website.

On Jan 15 I attended the joint AMTCO training held here.

On Jan 16th and 17th I attended a two day strategic planning retreat for the Deep River and District Hospital board held at the Deep River Legion. The Mayors of HCM, Deep River and Des Joachims were in attendance along with many other community representatives, some hospital staff, some paramedics and some members of the public. The findings of this exercise will be placed in the public domain for further input and comment. The 111 page source reference document for this exercise is available for anyone who wishes further information. Attendance at this retreat just reinforced for me how important it is for us to be represented outside our Community.

Consultation with the other Mayors indicated a very strong desire to reschedule the cancelled meet and greet and it is now slated for Thursday, Feb 12th at 19:30. I encourage you all to make every effort to attend.

This concludes my report to Council.

Thank you and I will entertain any questions pertaining to the content of this report.