

Directors Report September 2024

Stormwater Management

It has been a long time since Area D has looked at stormwater management at the Board Table.

Over the next few months there will be a feasibility study to investigate the potential of establishing a stormwater management service for Electoral Area D. This study was awarded to McElhanney Engineering and it is funded through the Electoral Area D Feasibility Study Service that finally has suitable budget to conduct these studies.

For those in the community that are wondering why Area D is spending money on this study it is important to keep in mind that there are areas in the community that are prone to high water problems during the rainy season, and there is the fact that as the Ministry of Transportation builds new roads in the community those roads are not designed to deal with stormwater from properties.

This feasibility study is the first step into understanding the scope of the problem in the community and what are the next steps.

Liquid Waste Management

Some might be wondering what is with the recent motions regarding Liquid Waste Management.

For unknown reasons this was a shared service with Area B. Essentially Liquid Waste is about sewers and septic.

As this is a shared service it was decided in speaking to the Director for Area B that this service would be best as a single participate service. This would allow each Electoral Area to make decision that only affect their Electoral Area.

Once these services are separate this will allow Area D to start the process of investigating and completing studies on where do the problems exist in the community with failing septic and how can the community finally move to sewers

This has been a long forgotten topic here in Area D and while any possible solutions are still how many years away, I would also like to remind the community that this is also about planning for the future.

Active Transportation Network Plan

For those that are not familiar with the term “Active Transportation” this is about using human power for transportation such as cycling, walking, ebikes, scooters and how do we promote that form of transportation.

There is no question that Active Transportation has the potential to play a very important role here in the community so I am happy to announce that the SRD will be applying for a provincial grant and Area D is ready to commit up to \$50,000 from the Electoral Area D Community Works Fund for this important plan to be developed.

Active Transportation was a topic during the last election cycle so it is nice to see that it gained some traction and interest at the Board Table.

Have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me. I am always happy to meet with residents and to have candidate conversations on the items that concern you.