

Mayor's Report 2015

Dear Ratepayers:

We are pleased to advise you that the mill rate for the taxation year 2015 will remain the same as 2014. The new assessment for Sheenboro will happen in 2016.

The amount of excise tax for Sheenboro road maintenance is \$455,000. This amount is spread over four years. The amount seems large but 1 km of road costs approximately \$80,000 to \$100,000.

The building inspector is at your service 40 hours per week. To make an appointment, he can be contacted at 613-639-4976 or 819-689-5022 or bbrennan.sheen@gmail.com. In order to avoid delays or added cost to your project, it is to your advantage to contact the building inspector well in advance. All works need to be evaluated by the inspector, prior to start up. He will issue you the proper permit if you need one and provide you with important steps that need to be followed.

In order to accommodate all residents from our municipality, including the Schyan, TNO, and Trout Lake areas, Sheenboro will be extending the transfer station hours.

May 1 to November 1: Wednesday 12noon to 4 pm

Saturday 10 am to 4pm

Sunday 10 am to 5pm

November 2 to April 30: Wednesday 12 noon to 4pm

Saturday 10 am to 4pm

Just a reminder when preparing your trip to the transfer station that the municipality is charged by VOLUME when the company picks up the recycling and by WEIGHT for the garbage. It is very important to get the most out of our bins. Break down boxes and flatten all milk and juice cartons and water bottles, etc. Try to eliminate putting deposit bottles in recycling. Check out which organizations are collecting them in our community. In 2014 the municipality received a rebate of \$11,000 for recycling. Do you think we can top that in 2015? We also are paid for steel. Proper handling of our garbage will help to offset the cost at the transfer station.

Sheenboro's transfer station is a drop off for, household garbage, small amounts of construction waste, recycling, paint, oil, batteries, (small batteries are to be put in a plastic bag, tied up and placed in the recycling bin), tires (with rims off) rakings/tree trimmings, steel. Please note that all large construction demolition must be approved by the Building Inspector/Transfer Station Manager.

When entering the Transfer Station, please stop and the attendant will advise you which drop off to use. We thank you for your cooperation.

Not permitted at the transfer station: electronics must be dropped off at Allumette Island transfer station with no charge. Sheenboro does not have a weigh scale, so shingles must go to Allumette Island also, but with a cost.

In 2014 a Dock Committee was formed to help offset the cost of maintaining the dock at Fort William. With the Rib Fest fundraiser, organized by the Dock Committee and Trevor Miller, and with many generous donors, as of December 31, 2014, \$11,500 has been raised. More donations and fundraising will be needed in order to ensure the sustainable future of the Fort William dock. Trevor Miller has agreed to work with the Dock Committee again this year to organize another Rib Fest at Hotel Pontiac. Watch for the date....

In 2014 the Oiseau walking trail in Sheenboro had 264 vehicles register at the Zec office. We are unable to come up with an exact head count since the Zec office registers vehicles only and we don't have the visitor count from the river.

Renovations will commence on the Municipal Hall in Sheenboro this year. Updating our heating system and adding more insulation should help reduce the heating cost. We are also hoping to make the Municipal Hall more accessible to seniors and mobility challenged residents.

Upcoming events in our Community:

St. Patrick's dance, March 14, 2015, with music by Seamus Costello and Danny Byrne, accompanied by Louis Schryer, Heritage weekend, July 25, 2015 with music by The Ryans

Grand Fondo biking, August 29, 2015

Sincerely Mayor of Sheenboro Doris Ranger