

Council Notes
December 15, 2010

MDH Engineering has completed their report providing design options to prevent predicted flooding. We received the report early in the morning of December 16th and we were in Regina meeting with Government representatives that afternoon. With help from Greg Brkich, our MLA, we met with The Honourable Yogi Huyghebaert Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, The Honourable Dustin Duncan Minister of Environment, Greg Brkich MLA for Arm River-Watrous, the Deputy Minister of Highways and representatives from Finance, Municipal Government and Watershed Authority. MDH Engineering was also there to take us through the report. The meeting went very well and they will be discussing our issue at meetings in January. The engineer presented two options. The first was a berm along the lake in the flood prone areas and the second, and the preferred option, was to build up the highway and use it as a berm. This end is complicated by Wellington Creek running into the lake. The flood prone areas on the west end will either be a berm or building up the road, depending on the best way to incorporate the man holes beside the lake.

The wells on Winnipeg Street that were running down the street and over the highway have now been contained and diverted into the sewer system. More work will be done in the spring to complete the project.

Council has contracted Meridian Inspections Ltd. to provide building inspection services for the village in addition to the inspector currently providing the service. Meridian is class 3 inspectors and can inspect all levels of buildings.

The Rec Board is proceeding nicely with building a skating rink in the tennis court, so get your skates sharpened and join in the fun.

Council has passed second reading Bylaw #1/2010, better known as the utility bylaw. We are now in year three of the increase (ten percent per year for four years) that municipal finance required in order to access funding for the lagoon project.

The good news is that the Lagoon project has come in under budget. The original cost estimate from the engineers was \$2,496,835 million. The tender we chose was \$1,830,654 million and when completed the total cost was \$1,622,409 million. The total grant reimbursement from Federal and Provincial governments was \$1,135,522 leaving a total cost for the village of \$486,886.