
LUD TIMES

(Lorette)

Spring 2001

Village Works Streets

This month the 2nd seal coat was applied to River Drive, Lagimodiere Street and Station Road. The seal coat program was a two step process meant to spare local residents from the dust and pothole problems typically experienced in the past.

This spring several streets in the village suffered from frost related problems. Thanks to calls from local residents and our own survey of the streets this spring, we have compiled a list of these trouble spots and are in the process of obtaining estimates of the repairs for repair this summer.

Sidewalks & Footpaths

Last fall the base for a new sidewalk was installed along Johnson Ave. from Dawson Road to the schools. This summer we intend to install a concrete walkway on this base.

Other footpath bases will be installed in the area of Belanger/Laurin Street, better linking that area to Dawson Rd and the new park area next to the Church on Station Rd.

We are also seriously investigating the cost of a footbridge over the Station Road ditch linking the Laurin/Belanger area to Therrien Street and ultimately the schools.

Main Street Boulevard

Last year the first phase of the main street beautification plan was completed. Judging by the letters and compliments from residents the installation of the flagpoles and flowerbeds were very well received.

This year's boulevard work will include drainage improvements; repair of grassed areas and replacement of damaged trees. We will also be working with Highways to make repairs to some of the broken curbs down our Main Street.

The LUD Committee would like to extend a special thanks to the members of the Lorette Beautification Committee and C&S Garden Center for all of the

hard work in planting this summer's flowers. We would also like to thank Bloomers Green House for their donation of some of this years flowers.

Interested in joining a committee dedicated to beautifying and improving life in our community? Contact: Mona Turcott 878-3771, (Chair of the Beautification Committee), Chris at C&S Garden Center 878-3454 or Ron Tardiff 878-9585.

Parks and Recreation

This year we intend to continue improving existing parks in the community. We will be installing a sand box and a new piece of equipment in Greg Smith Park, as well as proceeding with the development of new park space between Laurin Street and the church on Station Road. Just like every other project the committee undertakes, we intend to build this park in affordable stages.

This year we will be installing a parking area off of Station Road, the base of a footpath from Laurin Street to the play equipment area, and some basic equipment and hopefully a beach volleyball court. We will also be planting some trees and tilling for a shelter belt to be planted next year.

Tennis Courts

Just a reminder, the courts were improved last year with a new surface applied to extend their life and improve play.

It's important that the courts not be used for skateboards or roller blades as this could damage the surface. We have provided an asphalt surface at the rink near the high school for these activities. This summer we intend to lock the courts in the evenings to help prevent damage. If you need access please call Dave MacDonell at 878-2353.

This surface will last for many years if it is used for court sports only. Please DO NOT use this area for roller blading, skate boarding, cycling, etc.

Outdoor Rinks

Every year the outdoor rinks seem to get used more and more. It's great to see residents of all ages making good use of these facilities.

Questions or Concerns? Contact your LUD Committee for the facts.

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The committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who took the time to shovel snow and water the ice, making winter a little more enjoyable for us all.

This year we will only be doing general maintenance work at the rinks as the high school has provided outdoor basketball on their grounds. The intent is that **when** the new Community Complex is built the outdoor rink at the complex will come down in favor of a regulation sized outdoor rink. We will then use the old rink materials to complete the rink at the west end of town.

Green Team

Again this year we have hired two local students for the Green Team, along with a seasonal worker. In past years these students have done a super job of polishing our community and we expect good things from this year's team. If you have clean-up suggestions please don't hesitate to call any of the LUD members.

Welcome to the Community

This summer we intend to install new signs welcoming you to our community. Located at the East, West and South entrance to the Village of Lorette, along the right of way of PTH #207 and #405. The signs will offer a distinctive welcome to visitors and travelers in both official languages as they enter our community.

Village Taxes

In the last three years the LUD Committee has managed to operate with **no** tax increases. This year for the 2nd time the committee was able to reduce village taxes slightly. While this should have resulted in a slight saving to the taxpayer, rising school and/or municipal taxes offset this saving again. The committee has consistently kept its pledge to get control of taxes, but we can't do it alone. The RM. Council and school divisions must do their part. For more information on tax changes check the green insert that came with the tax bill.

Citizens on Patrol Program

We would like to thank Dave and Marg MacDonell as well as all of the volunteers for their help and time with this program. This program was a definite success last year and while it will never eliminate crime in our community it has without question made a significant impact.

To get involved contact Dave or Marg MacDonell at 878-2353.

Drinking Water Quality

With **boil water orders** in many communities last year, the committee felt it prudent to go beyond the normal practice of bi-weekly water testing. In addition to following the testing procedures set out by the province we have implemented our own onsite testing program.

This summer we will be experimenting with pressure flushing some of the water mains in the village. This will be done in an effort to find a solution to complaints of smelly/yellow water.

Lagoon Update

The official opening of the new facility was held on July 3, 2001. We're very pleased to say that the new system has been operating since the fall of last year, and by all accounts we expect the final cost will be on or under budget. Best of all it was done with **no tax increases**.

This summer/fall we intend to decommission the old site and seek a buyer who will use the land for the betterment of the community.

With the lagoon issue resolved the moratorium on subdivisions has been lifted. If your subdivision plans were put on hold in the past, they may now be considered.

Village Web Page

The Village is working with some very talented students from Lorette Collegiate to construct a Village web page. Do you have suggestions? Call Us! Look for our web page coming soon to a net near you!!!

Lorette Community Complex News

The Lorette Community Complex will be holding their Annual General Meeting September 12, 2001; 7:30 at the Curling Club.

The Complex is offering public rollerblading every Sunday from 1-3 PM. Cost is only \$1.00 per person.

Anyone wishing to rent the arena for rollerblading can phone 878-2979, and please leave a message.

Just a reminder to watch for Winter sports registration in September.

A **BIG** Thank you to all those who attended, and also to those who contributed so much time and effort making this spring's events a great success.

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