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City of
Summerside

Prince Edward Island



Former Councillor



Garth Lyle

Dedicated to the **MEMORY**

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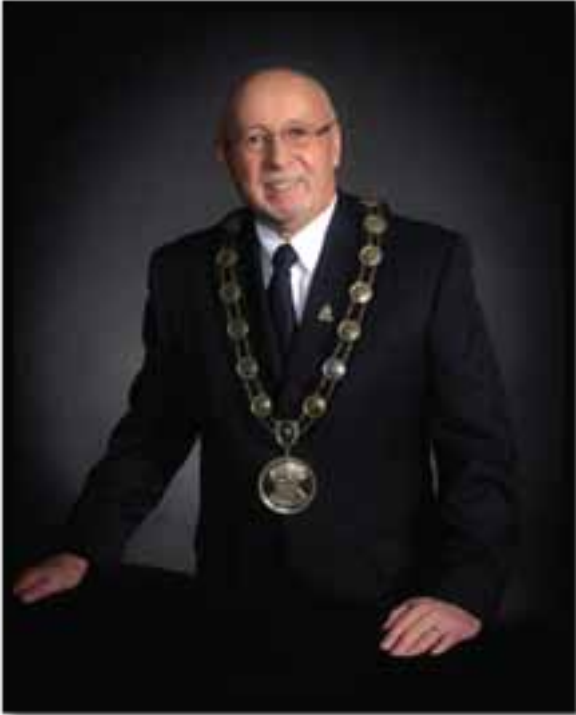
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Having recently completed my first full year as Mayor of the City of Summerside I certainly feel far more confident in my role than was the case a year ago.

2015 was certainly not only a busy year but a year in which we as a Mayor and Council have overseen many changes both from a governance and policy perspective, as well in day-to-day operations.

I am devoting much of my time and energy to assisting our Economic Development team in expanding existing businesses and attracting new ones to add new jobs to our local business environment.

These efforts I am very confident will bring positive and exciting results in 2016.

Our City continues to be uniquely positioned to grow and prosper and with the help and guidance of City Council and staff I look forward to an exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Bill Martin
Mayor
City of Summerside*

The last twelve months has delivered a catalogue of changes, challenges and accomplishments in our City.

In 2015, Council modernized its governance, meaning it has changed committee structures and decision making processes towards simpler and streamlined. Fewer committees, wider inclusion in voting, and many more calls for public participation all underpinned by a new Transparency and Accountability Policy, all pointing towards a healthier local democracy.

City staff dispatched an A-to-Z spectrum of services in 2015, from sidewalk and curb construction to water main replacements, from hosting signature sporting events to putting out fires, from upgrading electric utility infrastructure to clearing the snow dozens of times in a record-breaking winter, from improving seaweed odor control through scientific analysis, to a full public review of our Official Plan.

Recognition of high achievement only comes with dedication and hard work. I'm proud of City staff for the accolades they have earned. To name a few, our Chief of Police was named Police Officer of the Year in PEI and two of our other officers were nominated. They also earned a Compassionate Police Department Award from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Our electric utility won two innovation awards in 2015, one of them a national prize. Credit Union Place was celebrated with the Facility of the Year Award from Special Olympics PEI, and our Wyatt Heritage and MacNaught History properties both won prestigious heritage awards from the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation.

The City of Summerside's upcoming 2016 Budget is the product of months of reflection, weeks of analysis, and many hours of energetic debate, deliberation and difficult decision making. Residents have weighed in on the budget's development, and likewise, business people, developers, community group leaders, and institutional representatives. Council's burden of balancing the community's needs in a balanced budget with finite financial resources is onerous to say the least. But they've taken up the challenge with zeal, creativity, and hope fueled by the imagination, spirit and resourcefulness of the Summerside community that 2016 will be a year of opportunity, prosperity and well-being for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert (Bob) Ashley
Chief Administrative Officer

Chief Administrative Officer



Robert (Bob) Ashley

COMMUNICATIONS

Director of Communications



Lorri Laughlin

2015 proved to be another engaging and exciting year for the Communications department overseeing a plethora of issues, events and activities in our City. Some of the highlights were:

Annual City of Summerside Awards Night Gala, Public Consultations, Junior Mayor and Council Tour Day, 2015 Annual General Meeting – Budget 2015, Canada Day Ceremony, Flag Raising Ceremonies and City and Mayoral Proclamations.

Communications also led the City of Summerside's corporate advertising campaign in 2015 which consisted of over 300 newspaper, magazine and radio advertisements. The focus of many of these ads was to promote and market City of Summerside's programs, services and events in the areas of parks and recreation as well as arts, heritage and culture to residents and visitors to our city. Other advertisements focused on the day to day workings of the municipality such as tenders, requests for proposals, planned power interruptions, public rezoning meetings and staff recruitments.

Communications also received and coordinated the City of Summerside's response to close to 500 enquiries from the media in 2015. This includes conducting research on the topic of the enquiry, the gathering of factual information for journalists and the coordination of on camera, face to face and phone interviews by the City's official spokespersons – the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Management. The Communications department issued over 150 news releases, media advisories, public service announcements and official statements in 2015.

Communications also took on a growing role in the coordination of the City of Summerside's corporate presence on social media websites like Facebook and Twitter this year. Our following on Facebook has more than doubled in 2015, up from 2256 at the end of 2014 to 4735 by the end of 2015. Our following on Twitter has also grown significantly in 2015, up almost 2000 followers to 5680 for a combined social media following of 10,415 which is excellent considering the City of Summerside's population is just under 15,000. As 2015 progressed Communications made concentrated efforts to increase our followers on social media specifically trying to attract individuals with ties to Summerside in an effort to stay connected.

We look forward to 2016 with much enthusiasm and anticipation as we continue to strengthen our communications with and for the City and the residents we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri Laughlin
Director of Communications

The department of Community Services, with 9 separate and diverse divisions, manages and operates hundreds of programs and events each year as well as maintains and enhances hundreds of acres of the City’s green space, parks, and community trails. Additionally, we service the City’s community centers, library, and senior center. All this while operating one of Eastern Canada’s premier sport, recreation and entertainment facilities: our 290,000 square foot flagship building Credit Union Place.

With the implementation of our Sport and Event Tourism Strategy, we surpassed our projected \$10 million dollar economic impact for the City of Summerside’s business community. After hosting over 85 local, provincial, regional and national tournaments in addition to our signature events, (such as the Harlem Globetrotters in April, Monster Spectacular in May, Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) World Volleyball in June, Women’s U21 Softball in July and the Atlantic Canada International Airshow in August) we brought an estimated 25,000 + sports event tourists to the City and \$11 million dollars in economic impact to Summerside’s business community in 2015.

Traditional free family activities and events were offered throughout the year including daily pre-school skates, Canada Day activities, the Summerside Lobster Festival, NatureFest, Remembrance Day, and New Year’s Eve Festivities. Our Veteran’s Convention Center and Credit Union Place meeting rooms hosted over 806 meetings, parties and conventions from Weight Watchers meetings to the Summerside Lobster Festival’s “New Year’s Eve Bash” fundraiser.

Credit Union Place continues to be the heart of the City of Summerside’s sport and recreation community. With only a snap shot of the traffic visiting the building, recorded activities show there were 193,502 visits to the Fit Stop, Aquaplex, Bowling Lanes and Walking Track in 2015.

Our Parks and Greenspace division had another very busy year, maintaining and beautifying the City of Summerside’s outdoor spaces. As part of the departments second year of the “Get Active This Winter” campaign, 3 outdoor skating rinks are being created for the 2015/2016 winter season as is a monster snow hill and cross-country ski tracks at Rotary Friendship and Heather Moyses Parks.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Tyler DesRoches
Liaison to Community Services



JP Desrosiers
Director of Community Services

Liaison to Community Services



**Councillor
Tyler DesRoches**

Director of Community Services



JP Desrosiers

CULTURE

Liaison to Culture



**Councillor
Brian McFeely**

Challenging, rewarding, and fast-paced would sum up the year of 2015 for Culture in Summerside. In addition to operating and maintaining the historic sites of: Wyatt Historic House Museum, International Fox Museum and Hall of Fame, Bishop Machine Shop Museum, Lefurgey Cultural Centre, and the MacNaught History Centre and Archives, Culture offers interpretive programming and historical resources to local residents, schoolchildren, and special interest groups.

The established year-round activities included the Olde Fashioned Carnival, Arts in Motion/Chautauqua, Concerts in the Garden, Island Storytelling Festival and Ghostwalk. In 2015 Culture Summerside celebrated with the help of many volunteers the 150th anniversary of the Journal-Pioneer in a project which tracked 150 years of social change in the community as reflected through newspaper advertising.

As the city's cultural division continued its quest to build cultural partnerships in the community with the goal of making Summerside a richer and more vibrant cultural community for residents and a cultural destination for visitors and fellow Islanders. A very successful project was the creation of a cultural brochure clearly directing city visitors to its many cultural attractions.

Manager of Culture



Lori Ellis

A great deal of staff time was directed to the submission of grant applications for the securing of government funding for festivals, events, and special celebrations and the success rate was impressive. In 2015 The Board of Governors of the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation awarded Wyatt Heritage Properties a heritage award for the "Spirit of Chautauqua" program, another for the outdoor "Laying the Keel" street exhibit and a third for outstanding contributions in the field of genealogy and family history on Prince Edward Island.

Several of the Cultural plan recommendations were implemented and others strengthened. Culture thanks its summer students and the many volunteers who make so much of the programming possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brian McFeely
Liaison to Culture

Lori Ellis
Manager of Culture

As we know in today's global economic environment, our community must distinguish itself as a regional and global leader as we strive to increase the wealth and diversity of our great City. We have all been exposed to the news of the challenges the Canadian and Global economies are facing, and the City of Summerside is certainly not immune from these economic realities.

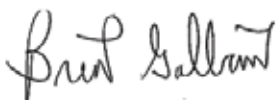
The City of Summerside has seen a relatively consistent performance in 2015 with just over \$6 million in industrial commercial activity along with an estimated 64 new enterprises establishing in our community. Some of the larger projects in 2015 included the continuation of the Prince Alex Resort and Convention Centre, several new commercial condominiums, commercial developments on the North Granville Street retail node and a significant investment by our food processing operator Amalgamated Dairies Limited (ADL).

While forecasters have set modest growth targets for 2016, we as the City of Summerside and its direct partners are committed to ensuring we position our community in as competitive a position as possible as our focus remains on growing our economy. The leadership of our business community and their ability to adapt, react, diversify and serve is a testament to the greatness of our City. To that end the department is continuing to explore the many ways to grow our economy through the leveraging of our community's assets.

Summerside's business community is most integral to our City's success; we will continue to work in partnership with businesses and community partners to provide an environment conducive to their success. Looking forward, we will continue our commitment to innovation, viability, creativity and sustainability. Our City is at a unique moment in time. Attitude going into 2016 is going to be our most powerful marketing tool and collectively we must be positive about the future we are building for our community.

Our economic development strategy is focusing on improving the skills of the area's workforce, reducing the cost of doing business and making available the resources business needs to compete and thrive in today's global economy. We all must ensure we have clarity of purpose, achievable goals and an attitude of "Yes We Can."

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Brent Gallant
Liaison to Economic Development



Mike Thususka
Director of Economic Development

Liaison to Economic Development



**Councillor
Brent Gallant**

Director of Economic Development



Mike Thususka

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Liaison to Financial Services



**Councillor
Frank Costa**

The mandate of Financial Services is to provide leadership and support to senior management and Mayor and Council in making decisions regarding the assets and resources under the City's stewardship. In doing so, Financial Services strives to ensure that both groups have sufficient, timely and appropriate information on which to inform current and future policy direction for the growth and betterment of the community.

In reflecting on the year just past, Financial Services continued several initiatives aimed at enhancing openness and accountability for results. For example, the department led the development of a long-term capital improvement plan which identifies the City's future infrastructure needs over the next ten years. This plan will serve as a blueprint for ongoing development and sustainability of the City's infrastructure while ensuring our residents continue to receive the quality services they deserve.

In the interest of good governance and accountability, a municipality needs to hear from its citizens on how it's managing public resources. As a City we need to continue to reach out and address the growing needs of our community. To that end, and in the spirit of enhancing openness and transparency, the department once again led and facilitated pre-budget consultations with the general public, as well as members of the City's business and not-for-profit community.

Looking ahead to 2016, the department will be looking at effecting performance improvements in a number of areas, all with the intent of providing better information to senior management and Council to make decisions. We look forward to the results of these projects and ultimately to enhanced transparency and accountability for financial results.

Sincere appreciation goes out to all staff of the department for the great work they do in support of transparency, accountability and public engagement. 2016 will be a year to build upon the department's accomplishments and of setting a foundation for continued success.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Frank Costa
Liaison to Financial Services

Rob Philpott
Director of Financial Services

Director of Financial Services



Rob Philpott

During 2015 Fire Services answered 220 calls requesting assistance, an increase of 10% over 2014. The increase was primarily due to 46 calls for assistance in February, which was our busiest month in the history of the department. This record number coincided with record snowfalls in February which buried many vents for furnaces, resulting in unwanted and dangerous carbon dioxide buildups in many homes.

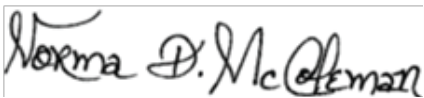
After a year of preparation our firefighters under the direction of Deputy Fire Chief Tom Peters and Captain Ray McCourt held the 2015 Maritime Fire Chief Conference in Summerside. We hosted 600 attendees, including firefighters, spouses, children, speakers, entertainers, and equipment suppliers.

Looking forward to 2016 our firefighters will be hosting a Firefighters Combat Challenge at Credit Union Place in late July. Firefighters from all over eastern Canada are expected to participate in an effort to improve their personal times.

Two new fire trucks (replacements for engines 1 and 2 which are both 25 years old) are going to be delivered to Summerside in October of 2016.

It is also hoped that in 2016 we can arrange to identify a location for our much desired new and improved modern Fire Station and Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Norma McColeman
Chair of Fire Services



Jim Peters
Fire Chief

Chair of Fire Services



**Councillor
Norma McColeman**

Fire Chief



Jim Peters

HUMAN RESOURCES & LEGAL AFFAIRS

Liaison to Human Resources and Legal Services



**Councillor
Brian McFeely**

This has been a busy and rewarding year for the department. In addition to providing payroll services, benefits assistance, Council support, legal advice and guidance, representation, and health and wellness initiatives for our staff and their families, some of our department's accomplishments have included:

The department was busy this past year with job competitions and staffing, including unionized, non-unionized, and management positions as well as student interns and seasonal employees.

* Retirements: Everett Moase, Diane MacLaren, Cathy Gaudet, John Hastings, Stuart Andrews and Darrell Arsenault

* Internal Position Changes: Jennifer Driscoll (Corporal), Paul Lamay (Semi-Skilled Laborer), Robbie Betton (Equipment Operator), Sam Arsenault (Supervisor Waste Water Treatment Plant) and Joanne King (Communications Officer)

* New Full-Time Employees: Chris Edwards (Electrical Engineer), Greg Milligan (Mechanic Foreman) Mike Harris (Waste Water Operator), Robert Nicholson (Distribution Supervisor), Ryan Blacchiere (Assistant Operations Supervisor), Jeff Mahar (Power Line Technician), Stephen MacIsaac (Power Plant Operator) and Sheila Arsenault (Electrician).

Director of Human Resources and Legal Services



Gordon MacFarlane

2015 saw several health and wellness initiatives including management and supervisor training, lunch and learns, contests and team building activities including photo contests, fitness challenges and recognition event including the eighth annual Green Commute Club encouraging City staff to walk, bike, or carpool to work from May until October. City employees taking part in this challenge saw tremendous health, environmental, and financial benefits from participation.

During National Public Service week in June a Rewards and Recognition Ceremony was held where employees were recognized for their long service with the former municipalities and now the City of Summerside. The confidential Employee Assistance Program continues to be provided by Sheppel fgi. Statistics show that the program is well used by the City of Summerside employees and their families.

Occupational health and safety remains paramount in our commitment to the health and safety of our most valuable asset – our people. Training, workplace inspections, active safety committees and a genuine commitment to continually working to compliance is paying dividends in terms of employee safety, engagement, and trust.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Brian McFeely
*Liaison to Human Resources
and Legal Affairs*

Gordon MacFarlane
*Director of Human Resources
and Legal Affairs*

The Information Technology (IT) department is responsible for the governance and formal controls over the corporate IT systems.

Manager of Information Technology

Below are some of the key responsibilities of the department:

- Administration and support of the Local Area Network (LAN) and the Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure (over 60 switches with a mix of fiber and ethernet).
- Support approximately 56 smart phones users.
- Provide a corporate perspective on information technology initiatives.
- Maintain approximately 130 domain connected computers.
- Support several Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems used within the City for water, electric and pollution control.
- IT physical and logical security.
- Maintain over 12 servers with various software configurations.
- Provide a source of guidance for technology issues for staff and associated organizations.



Jason Muttart

The Information Technology department had a very busy year replacing dated equipment, inventorying IT assets, implementing a network policy and still maintaining support to the end users.

The information technology world is an ever changing one; the City of Summerside is consistently changing with it. The Information Technology department looks forward to more changes in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Muttart

Manager of Information Technology

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Liaison to Municipal Works



**Councillor
Gordie Whitlock**

The Public Works division of Municipal Services cleared snow from all our streets 31 times, sidewalks 28 times, the downtown core 9 times, municipal parking lots 31 times and from our network of 637 fire hydrants 10 times. They also salted the streets 49 times and the sidewalks 27 times.

The following infrastructure was also repaired by our Public Works division this year 37 driveway culverts, 51.4 kilometers of sidewalks, 6.3 kilometers of boardwalk, and 7 catch basins. The division also patched 113.9 kilometers of roadway, loaded bio-solids material and cut the grass on many acres of land owned by the City.

The Water and Sewer division experienced 24 water main breaks and 1 water valve was repaired. They also assisted Technical Services in its capital work on new water and sewer main replacements providing sampling for testing of the mains for potable water before bringing the new mains on line.

Staff performed 95 water disconnects, repaired 16 water services, and 7 fire hydrants. The department installed 8 new water taps and sewer services this year. They also responded to 124 sewer calls, 12 video inspections of laterals and mains, 16 sewer manholes and 12 sewer lateral repairs this year.

Summerside's Waste Water Treatment Plant had some effluent quality issues for 2015. The annual report detailing the testing for the year is published in our annual report on our website. The bio solids processing and handling facility produced 4,957 tons of class A fertilizer which was sold to Agromart. The Summerside facility continues to handle all of the hauled septage from the western half of Prince Edward Island and has received in 2015 a total of 1,023,232 gallons. The plant's usage flow was 792,239,800 imperial gallons which is a decrease of 1.9% over 2014 (807,184,246 2014).

Electric Services

In 2015 the electric utility's distribution revenue from kwh sales increased by 5.4% over 2014, mainly due to an increase in electric consumption across all sectors. The residential sector increased by 7.0% for a second year in a row, the commercial sector increased by 4.2%, the industrial sector increased by 6.2% for a second year in a row and lighting increased by 2.3%.

Revenue from total sales averaged 15.25 cents per kilowatt sold which was an increase of 4.8% over 2014 due to load growth on the system. Exports of wind power to New Brunswick were reduced from 2,004,000 kwh's to 1,994,000 (even though wind production increased by 11% from 2014) by our continued offering of our Heat for Less Now program, an additional 7,501,306 kwh's stayed to be used by customers locally (an increase of 891,569 kwh's from 2014).

The City of Summerside's energy makeup for 2015 came from New Brunswick Power at 56.8%, the City of Summerside's Wind Farm at 23.2% and from West Cape Energy at 20.0%. The kilowatt hour consumption increased by 3.2% over 2014 largely because consumption by residential customers was up by 6.1%, by commercial customers by 1.7% and with the other sectors remaining flat. Generation at our Generating Station on Harvard Street decreased slightly to 399,013 kilowatts hours from 477,361 in 2014. The need to run generation in 2015 was directly related to overloading of the submarine cable.

Distribution lines were extended for the new D and D subdivision in Lefurgey and on MacKenzie Drive to support developments for a total of 1.3 km of new primary circuit kilometers, 0.75 km of lines were upgraded and 0.75 km of secondary lines were replaced. In 2015, the utility had 13 new customers which represented a 0.2% growth in customers.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Gordie Whitlock
Liaison to Municipal Services

Greg Gaudet
Director of Municipal Services

Councillor Greg Campbell
Liaison to Electric Services

Director of Municipal Services



Greg Gaudet

Liaison to Electric Services



**Councillor
Greg Campbell**

POLICE SERVICES

In 2015, Police Services opened 5,527 new files compared to 7,592 new files in 2014. Criminal Code complaints decreased in 2015 to 1,886 as compared to 2,019 in 2014. Last year we had 357 accidents reported, with injury accidents at 26. We are extremely pleased to report that we had a fatality free year.

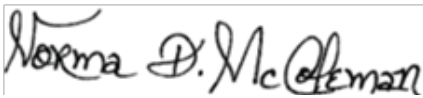
The general patrol section consists of 18 full time and 6 part-time officers who patrol the City 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Our dispatch centre employs 4 full-time and 2 part-time dispatchers. Police Services also has a Court Liaison Officer, an Administrative Assistant, and a Data Input person. Our Traffic Bylaw Officer and Patrol Members issued 1498 municipal bylaw tickets in 2015 along with 346 warning tickets.

The Major Crime Unit of Police Services is currently comprised of 4 full time members with one person positioned full time in a Joint Forces Drug Unit with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Police Services also has 3 members in a Tactical Troop in partnership with our counterparts in the municipal forces, and the RCMP, along with one member on the provincial Emergency Response Team (ERT).

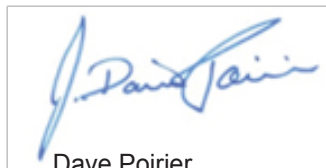
In 2015, the Prince District Joint Forces Drug Unit (RCMP & Summerside Police Services) conducted searches of residences and vehicles in the Greater City of Summerside Area and throughout Prince County. As a result of these searches and seizures, 30 people were arrested and 61 drug related charges were laid. Youth Worker Dave Ellis received 25 referrals from Summerside Police Officers in 2015.

We wish to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to all the Police Services staff, for their commitment and dedication throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Norma McColeman
Chair of Police Services



Dave Poirier
Chief of Police

Chair of Police Services



**Councillor
Norma McColeman**

Chief of Police



Dave Poirier

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Liaison to Technical Services



**Councillor
Bruce MacDougall**

A comprehensive review of the Official Plan was completed in 2015, which proposes a vision and development goals for the next 5 years. Staff members are currently working on reviewing the zoning bylaw.

A number of requests for subdivision approvals were granted for small subdivisions, lot consolidations, and appendages as well as commercial, institutional and industrial lots. A number of residential and commercial site plans were reviewed for conformance with parking and building setbacks to property lines. Several requests were processed by Council under the City's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw including official plan and zoning amendments, variance requests, discretionary use requests, and conditional use permits.

Development in the City for 2015 resulted in 146 building permits issued with an estimated construction value of \$18.8 million. Construction for 2015 saw 79 new construction starts and 50 additions or alterations to existing commercial and residential buildings. We conducted 368 inspections this year, relating to both fire and building related inspections. Water and sewer capital projects carried out in 2015 included the replacement of the water mains on 5 different sections of streets. The City replaced sewer mains on 2 different sections of streets and had one new sewage lift station installed on MacKenzie Drive.

Director of Technical Services



Aaron MacDonald

In 2015 we resurfaced the pavement of 7.9 km of streets, replaced 0.9 km of deteriorated sidewalks and replaced 1.1 km of concrete curbs. Storm sewers were also upgraded on 1 street. Traffic surveys were conducted at 65 City street locations this year to collect annual traffic data. Individual survey summary reports were provided to Police Services for their information and a summary report of the average annual daily traffic was provided to the Economic Development department.

Land Development Office (LDO) software is being utilized by staff for all its planning and development applications. All Technical Services staff is using ArcMap 10.2 to analyse and work with data organized within the City's geodatabase. An online GIS program is available for users within other departments to ensure that all City staff have access to the most current data. Current departments utilizing the web based GIS include Municipal Services, Economic Development, Financial Services and Police Services. Data is organized and stored within the geodatabase and updates of the property assessment data and the 911 civic address data are updated bi-weekly.

In closing, we would like to express my thanks to the Technical Services staff for the excellent cooperation and assistance they have provided over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bruce MacDougall
Liaison to Technical Services

Aaron MacDonald
Director of Technical Services



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