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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTEPAD

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Happy New Year to all on behalf of Village Council, Administration, Staff, myself and my wife Alice.

2009 was a very busy year for Council and Administration. In February, after numerous years of negotiating with CN, we finally completed an agreement. Our Dragon Fly became a reality and has been placed on the roadsideattractions.ca web. A very successful Homecoming was held July 3, 4 and 5th plus our official opening of the Waterfront Spray Park. The Council is in the final stages updating the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use By-Law, which still require Public Meeting input. Thanks to the committee that was involved in updating our Municipal Sustainability Plan.

We are still working on the conceptual plan on developing the area south of the CN tracks. This plan will be included in our MDP and LUB Development Plans. The 3-D plan is available for viewing in the administration office.

We have received grants from the Federal and Provincial Governments to

upgrade our water, sewer, and repaving of 51st Avenue. The cost will be shared one third by each of the Federal Government, Provincial Government and the Village.

We have attracted a Doctors Clinic and after numerous negotiations and setbacks, which included renovation of our existing facility, the Doctors should start their practices on February 8th.

An on-going project still in the works is a Regional Water Supply pipeline. A water commission has been formed and negotiations with the Government for grants are underway.

Thanks to our staff for a job well done in 2009.

Again, thanks to all the community-minded volunteers; without your help we would not have the activities and privileges that we now have.

Grant Kulak
Mayor

2009 CHRISTMAS LIGHT WINNERS

Novelty

- 1st Place - Gary & Marianne Woloszyn
2nd Place - Nick & Rita Adashynski
3rd Place - Fred & Janice Lindsay

Mobile Homes

- 1st Place - Tom & Irma Gregson
2nd Place - Russell & Lillian Koflick

Residential

- 1st Place - Gerald & Marian Ostopchuk
2nd Place - Denise Purdy
3rd Place - Phillip & Jackie Engstrom

Commercial

- 1st Place - Rosie's Greenhouse

<h2>WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN</h2>	<h2>NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER</h2>
<p>The Waterfront Development Plan was unveiled to the public at our October open house and received overwhelming support from the community.</p> <p>The Plan was forwarded to the regulatory agencies for their comments and several studies have been commissioned by the Village in response to their comments.</p> <p>Klohn Crippen Berger has been commissioned by the Village to commence the environmental applications required for the development of the waterfront lands as well as our habitat replacement plan.</p> <p>There are a lot of roadblocks and hurdles that the Village will have to overcome in order to be successful in our quest to replace the power plant assessment, however the Council is committed to follow the redevelopment plan and the funding is in place to accommodate the plan.</p> <p>Formal presentations are being developed as well as information packages for residents and potential developers. The Village has already been contacted by developers who are interested in working on the project.</p> <p>TransAlta has confirmed their support for the redevelopment plan and are diligently working with Village administration and our consultants to assist in getting the appropriate approvals reviewed from the various government departments.</p> <p>We also hope to have some really cool graphics of our plan on our website soon.</p>	<p>The Village of Wabamun is pleased to announce the hiring of Trevor Anderson as our new Economic Development Officer. Trevor joins our Village team in a challenging and exciting time with the impending closure of the TransAlta Power Generating Plant and the proposed development of our waterfront.</p> <p>Trevor will also be working with TransAlta regarding the redevelopment of the industrial lands north of the railway line. The Village of Wabamun has received a number of proposals to develop in the industrial area.</p>
<h2>2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</h2>	
<p>Although the Village faced many challenges in 2009, the 2009 financial picture for the Village has improved immensely. The settlement from CN included funding for future expenditures to operate the new water treatment plant process as well as the Village's share towards a new regional water line.</p> <p>The Village Councils since 1997 have been setting aside a development reserve fund to ensure that we can take advantage of the TransAlta Utility land development opportunities.</p> <p>The TransAlta power plant will be shutting down after fifty years. The Wabamun Power Plant has historical significance in the Province and its closing will have a significant property tax impact on the Village. The tax agreement that the Village has with TransAlta will continue for 2010. It will not be until 2011 that the Village will experience a reduction in municipal taxes. This will allow the Village to continue to work on the Waterfront Development Plan. Excerpts from the financial statement will be circulated in the March Newsletter.</p>	



Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
 Bonanza pre-call starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by 2 Earlybirds.
 Regular games start at 7:00 pm
 Satellite Bingo, 2 Bonanzas.

WABAMUN LIONS BINGO

Added \$500.00 Bonanza
 1st Thursday of:
 January, March,
 May, July,
 September &
 November

THURSDAYS
 JUBILEE HALL



Monday to Friday
 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
 (Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.)
 Drop Box Available to right of Office door

First & Third Tuesday of Each Month - 8:30 A.M. CIVIC CENTRE - Council Chambers - 5217 - 52 Street
 (Only one meeting per month/July & August - Dates are posted at Civic Centre)

Water bills can be paid by Auto Debit (forms at the Village Office) or at the Village Office using Debit, Visa, MC, cash or cheque, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. or be put in the drop box to the right of the door or at the Wabamun Credit Union or through Telpay.

To find out about community events and programs that are being offered for kids and adults, pick up a copy of the Club News. Available at the Village Office. Please note that submissions are due by the second last Friday of each month.