

Municipal Act 2001, Section 300 Reporting for Taxation Year 2006

Section 300, which is new to the Municipal Act, requires municipalities to report to the public at least once each calendar year on improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of their service delivery as well as that of their local boards. Municipalities must also report on barriers to achieving improvements in these aspects of service delivery.

The following report identifies improvements in efficiencies, services and barriers that have been identified by their respective departments:

Administration

1. The Municipal Office's computer system continues to be upgraded to better facilitate the needs of staff and the public. Current information is being provided to taxpayers through use of the website and is being updated regularly to ensure the taxpayers can locate any information required.
2. Staff and Council are reviewing procedures to implement an Asset Management Program in the municipality to effectively meet new provincial requirements.
3. An Emergency Management Committee has been formed to review the municipal's emergency management program and provide an enhanced level of implementation in the community.

Fire Protection

1. Camlachie Fire Department delivered fire safety and public education programs to area schools during Fire Safety Week in October.
2. Camlachie Fire Department performed fire inspections upon request.
3. Camlachie Fire Department continued training of all fire fighters in all aspects of fire fighting practices.
4. Camlachie Fire Department reviewed and updated department Operating Guidelines.
5. Camlachie Fire Department continued to upgrade fire fighters protective clothing (bunker gear, helmets, gloves, etc) as required.
6. Camlachie Fire Department purchased a thermal imaging camera to enhance fire extinguishment capabilities in structure fires as well as fire rescues.

7. Wyoming Fire Department implemented a new tracking system that keeps track of fire prevention and public educational programs.
8. Wyoming Fire Department conducted fire inspections on single family dwellings, multi family dwellings and commercial occupancies.
9. Wyoming Fire Department delivered fire prevention material to each one of its four schools during fire prevention week.
10. Wyoming Fire Department aggressively addressed health and safety issues through their health and safety committee.
11. Wyoming Fire Department purchased and/or upgraded personal protective equipment and fire fighting equipment.

Water/Waste Water

1. The main line valves in the Water Systems were located and exercised.
2. Customer meters in the Water Systems were upgraded.
3. Miltronic's were installed at the Wyoming Sewage Plant.
4. Air conditioning was installed at the Wyoming Sewage Plant Office.
5. Pump #1 was rebuilt at the main pumping station in Wyoming.
6. Installed standby generator at the Camlachie Pump Station.
7. Revamped solids classifier in screening room in the Plympton Plant.
8. Replaced exhaust fan in the screening room in the Plympton Plant.
9. Purchased two new automatic composite samplers for the Plympton Plant.

Public Works

1. The west portion of Sarnia Street and a portion of London Street were fully reconstructed and paved. Improved drainage eliminated problems with surface water. Wider asphalt surface allows safer walking as there are no sidewalks in this area.

2. Nine kilometers of Confederation Line were reconstructed and repaved. Poor soil in the sub-base was excavated and sub-drained in order to build a healthy road with no breaking or rutting. The elimination of ruts has ensured the safety of our residents against the previous possibility of hydroplaning during wet weather.
3. The new insulated garage doors improved the appearance of municipal garages and decreased the heat loss.
4. Renovations of the salt building at the public works site were completed. The inside/outside cladding of wooden structure and roof replacement will extend the life structure by thirty plus years.
5. The overhead crosswalk lights in the Village of Wyoming were upgraded. Larger and brighter flashing lights are more noticeable. New fixtures to support the system allowed us to install lights at a lower level improving visibility for drivers and safety of the residents crossing the street.

Landfill/Garbage Collection

1. Continued provision of curbside pickup including household waste, recyclables, large items and compostables.

Parks and Recreation

1. Parks Board initiated the hiring of local students to cut grass at small local parks to encourage community involvement in the care of the parks.
2. The filter was upgraded at the community pool to ensure the health and safety of community children.
3. A ball hockey league was initiated and run by volunteers. Two new ball hockey nets were constructed for their use.