



2021 IN REVIEW

**Report to: Members of Council
All Members of the Administration
Residents of Three Rivers**

Dated: January 2022

Our third full year of operation has been a full and busy one despite ongoing COVID challenges.

Council faces changed again this year. We were pleased to welcome Councillor Larry Creed in February and have benefited from his insights since. We were sorry to see Councillor Ronnie Nicholson resign in July. His contributions were valued and varied. We were pleased to have Councillor Hannah Dawson-Murphy join us in October and are already profiting from her passion and participation.

In addition to new Council, Three Rivers welcomed two new staff members to the team. Patrick Donahoe joined us in July as the new Planning Technician and Lee Kenebel joined us in October as our new Development Officer. Together they are a strong and able force to move the Planning Department through the changes ahead.

Unfortunately we lost a friend, Joel London in September. Joel was a familiar face to staff at Three Rivers and is greatly missed.

Bylaws adopted or significantly amended this year included the Elections, Emergency Management Program, Licensing and Street Vendor, Sewer and Water, and Bylaw Enforcement bylaws. Key policies developed this year include a Cell Phone Policy, Vaccination Policy and Volunteer Policy, and an amendment to the Major Grants Policy saw the maximum grant raised to \$25,000.

New Committees were struck this year to make recommendations regarding different aspects of Town affairs. The Emergency Management Standing Committee was struck in May to ensure that the Emergency Plan was finished within the Provincial deadline and an Emergency Operations Team initiated. The Community Outside Rink Development Committee was struck to recommend processes and procedures for the new outside rink. A Remuneration Commission was struck to review and make recommendations to the Three Rivers Remuneration bylaw. The Three Rivers Economic Development Committee was formed in cooperation with Active Communities Development Inc.

After careful consideration, Council adopted a four-ward electoral map to be implemented for the November 2022 election.

Tenders and contracts were awarded throughout the year, the largest being the \$2.4 million tender to WM&M Construction for the new Three Rivers Town Hall. Construction began in the spring of 2021 with completion expected in spring of 2022. Construction of the Town Hall included a new cul de sac on Fraser Street.

Harbourside Engineering was retained to design and manage the Waterfront Improvements Project for the Montague waterfront.

A major renovation was completed at Lorne Valley Hall. The Cardigan Train Station underwent upgrading and, in the summer, welcomed a new small business start-up.

Other projects and funding included purchase of property at the Cardigan ball fields, installation of a disc golf course on Burnt Pt. Road and re-paving Sullivan Drive.

An Arts and Culture Sustainability Study was awarded to TCI Management Consultants in January of 2021 and recommendations were made to Council in October.

The first draft of the Three Rivers Official Plan and Development Bylaw was presented to Council and the public in November.

This year Council and staff were proud to honour the first ever official day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.

I want to personally thank each Member of Council and the staff of Three Rivers for making 2021 a productive year. A lot of work has been done to this point, and there is still much more ahead.

On behalf of Council and staff, I extend a thank you to all residents for giving us the privilege of serving you.

E. MacAulay
Mayor