

Dear Village Residents,

On behalf of the village council I would like to take this opportunity to make an accounting of the past year. We feel that much was accomplished in 2013 and hope that 2014 will be just as productive. I need to begin by recognizing those who have spent so much time helping to make Rosemary the attractive community that it is. Once again a big thank-you to Heather Hingley for all of the effort she put in to planting and taking care of the flower boxes throughout the community. Thanks also to the members of the Ag Society for all they do to keep the RecPlex operating as well as the Canada Day events. Your many hours of service are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to CoriAnn Nielson and all those who help organize the Burst of Color Run. A special thanks also for the members of the Rosemary Enhancement Committee who give many hours of their time to make Rosemary a better place to live. I would also like to recognize all of the residents of Rosemary who keep your yards neat and attractive. There is nothing more inviting than a community where the residents obviously take pride in their surroundings.

2013 was a year where much was accomplished. Most obvious was probably the new rollout garbage bins which keeps garbage confined and the result is much less trash on the streets and allies. This was made possible by a reciprocal agreement with the Village of Duchess where they pick up our garbage and we keep their water safe. This has been a win/win for both communities. Once again more of the sewer lines have been relined as well as sections of sidewalks replaced. We are working hard to replace or repair aging infrastructure. We feel that there needs to be a balance between repairing old and building new. With limited funds this takes longer than we would like it to but there is certainly light at the end of the tunnel.

2014 will be another year in which we will continue the work of replacing and repairing infrastructure. There will be more sewer lines lined, sidewalks replaced and work on improving the streets. Through a Thrive grant there will also be a new fitness park installed which we hope will get lots of use. We also hope to start improving the drainage in the village so that we can better use the land where the rail line used to be as well as improve the entrance to Rosemary to make it more inviting. There should be lots of activity this summer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the village employees who work so hard to keep Rosemary clean, safe and operating the way it should. A special thanks to Marg Loewen who has spent a number of years as the CAO and who will be retiring at the end of May. We wish her well and hope that she and Dan can now spend much more time traveling and enjoying their family. Rosemary is certainly a much better place now than it was when she took over the CAO responsibilities.

Thanks also to Bill Marshall and Yoko Fujimoto for their tireless dedication to making Rosemary a great place to live. It is a pleasure to work with them. They are certainly proof that people working together can accomplish much more than the same people working as individuals.

Sincerely

Don Gibb