

2011 Annual Report

Greetings from the Village Staff

Village Council is once again pleased to provide this summary of the 2011 financial statements to the public as a part of the 2011 Annual Report. A complete copy of the financial statements and the auditor's report is available at the Village Office.

2011 saw Council and Staff continue to identify and prioritize projects that will benefit the Village in the years to come. A Storm Water Management Plan was developed to identify problem areas and solutions, as well as to facilitate future planning in the Village. The 3 year Strategic Plan continues to assist in guiding Council & Staff in setting priorities for the Village while integrating the infrastructure needs of the Village with the wishes of the community. Work continued on the regional water system and the Village expects to be receiving water by the summer of 2012.

The campground & trail were completed, with the signage to be installed in 2012; a water main loop was constructed to allow for better service for residents; Gwen Avenue East , 2 blocks of Lupin Avenue & Aster Street were rebuilt; Lupin Avenue & Aster Street were paved. In order to ensure that the Gwen Avenue reconstruction is effective, the paving was put "on hold" for a year.

We continue to work closely with our regional counterparts to find ways of providing services to our residents in a cost effective manner. A Community Enhancement Committee, that works with Council & Staff to implement the many suggestions and ideas from the community , was formed. This has been a very successful endeavour for all those involved. This is a great way for community members to add their input & expertise in a meaningful and practical way.

Thank you to our residents and volunteers – we appreciate all that you do!

As always, questions and comments are appreciated. Call your councillors, call or stop by the office—we're happy to answer your questions.

Marg, Sharon, & Gerry

A flourishing , vibrant community supporting strong family values

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Mayor's Report

On behalf of your Village Council I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support we have received from the residents of the Village of Rosemary. We are delighted to belong to a community of people who are proud of where they live and demonstrate that pride by getting involved at many levels to enhance and beautify our village. During the past year we have had numerous compliments on how good Rosemary looks and all of that is directly attributed to you and the dedicated staff who works so hard to keep everything beautiful and running smoothly. Gerry, with his summer students, has kept our Village looking great and Marg and Sharon do a great job in keeping our office in great shape both financially and administratively.

I would also like to recognize the hard work and dedicated service rendered by my fellow councillors, Yoko Fujimoto and Bill Marshall. Both are very dedicated to making Rosemary a growing, vibrant and safe place for all. It is a pleasure being able to work with them.

At this time I would also like to welcome all new residents to Rosemary. We hope that you will become an integral part of the community and involve yourself in making Rosemary a great place to live. Everyone has talents and we hope you will be willing to share yours to build a better Rosemary. If you have any suggestions please feel free to drop into the office or contact one of the members of Village council and share them with us.

Rosemary is known far and wide for its great Canada Day celebration and last year was no exception. It has become the Canada Day event that our MP, Mr. LaVar Payne and his wife Michilene, as well as our MLA, Mr. Arno Doerksen and his wife Wanda, prefer to attend. They all have great praise for the residents of Rosemary and how welcome you have made them feel. Hats off to all of you but a particular thanks to the members of the Ag Society and the Canada Day committee! We look forward once again to another great Canada Day celebration this year.

2011 was a year of many challenges and much change. One of the most important things that has eased us through these challenges is the continued close cooperation between all local municipalities. We are so delighted to be part of a group of municipalities who have caught the vision of a win-win philosophy. As dedicated representatives from all municipalities work closely together everyone has been the benefactors. One example is the regional water system which has had some challenges but we are finally on the very cusp of decommissioning our water treatment plant and hooking up to that state-of-the-art system which will serve the entire area for many years to come. A second example is the formation of a regional economic development committee comprised of representatives from each municipality, the EID, the tourism industry and the business community. We feel that this will bring great benefits to the entire region in the future.

Although we have benefited greatly from our association with all of the surrounding municipalities, the County of Newell has been particularly helpful. They not only spent a considerable amount of money to pay for much of the infrastructure for the regional water system but this year they also agreed to share some of the revenue they generate from linear taxation with the other municipalities and we are one of the recipients. This is another example of the benefits that come from working together for the betterment of all.

2011 also saw several projects completed within the Village. A new water line was installed from Centre Street along Lupin Avenue to Aster Street and then to Railway Avenue. This line allowed a new fire hydrant to be installed that will keep the center of the village safer. Besides providing better water service for those residents along Aster Street it will eventually be extended to the area north of Railway Avenue so that area can be subdivided and new lots developed. After it was installed Aster Street was prepared and then it and 2 blocks of Lupin Avenue were paved. In addition to the street repairs we also repaired several section of sewer line that had collapsed or were on the verge of collapsing and then relined the entire sewer line along Centre Street. These repairs should increase the life of that infrastructure for many years into the future at a much reduced cost over digging up streets and replacing the entire lines.

We also recognized that some of our sidewalks are in great need of repair so we replaced and extended the walks around the complex. We hope that everyone will be patient as we try hard to use our infrastructure funds to slowly make improvements. We do not have the funds to change everything at once so decisions have to be made about priorities but our hope is that eventually the entire Village will have paved streets and new sidewalks. We are trying hard to stretch these grant dollars as far as possible while also making sure the improvements and repairs are done right so they will last long into the future.

We also hope to be able to make continued changes and improvements in 2012. One of the projects we hope to complete is the paving of east Gwen Avenue, one our entrances into the Village. We are also hoping to line more sewer lines and continue to work on sidewalk repairs. The flooding that we experienced in the spring of 2011 also concerned us so we have developed a storm water plan which we hope to also start implementing in 2012. This plan will allow storm water to be diverted away before it enters the Village. We are hoping to work with both the EID and Alberta Transportation to make that happen and to share some of the costs.

Another project that we hope to complete in cooperation with the Ag Society and our school is to install a new electronic community sign along Centre Street where community events can be announced. At the same time we also hope to replace the present streetlights along Centre Street with more decorative lighting and underground cable. We feel that this would go a long way toward enhancing our downtown area. This is one of the things that those who were involved with our strategic planning session two years ago said they would like to see happen.



Once again thank you so much for helping to make Rosemary the wonderful place that it is!

Don Gibb, Mayor

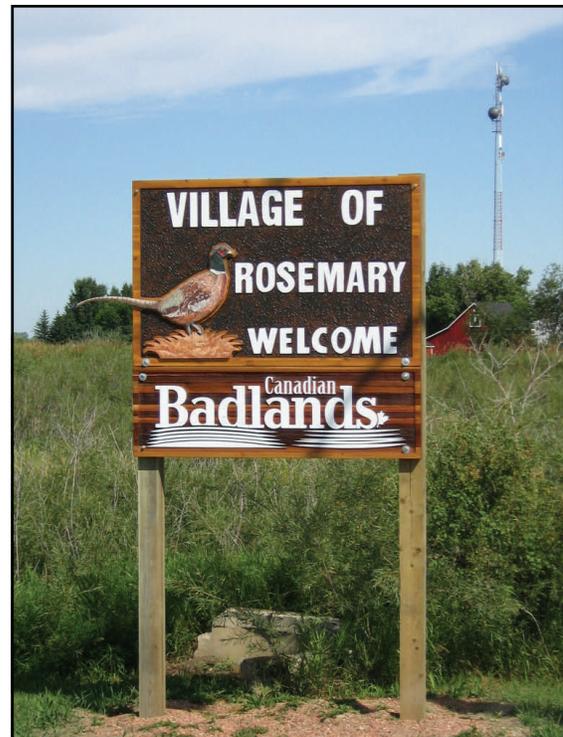
Public Works Projects

2012 - Projected Projects Funded with Government (Transfers) Grants:

- Paving Gwen Ave. East \$ 70,000
- Sewer Main Lining—Tulip Street 93,957
- Sidewalk Replacement/Repair Program 15,000
- Community Electronic Sign (Project with Ag Society) 20,000
- Storm Water Burm / Culvert Project 50,000
- Water & Sewer Main Repairs 34,000
- Rework Oiled Street 26,000

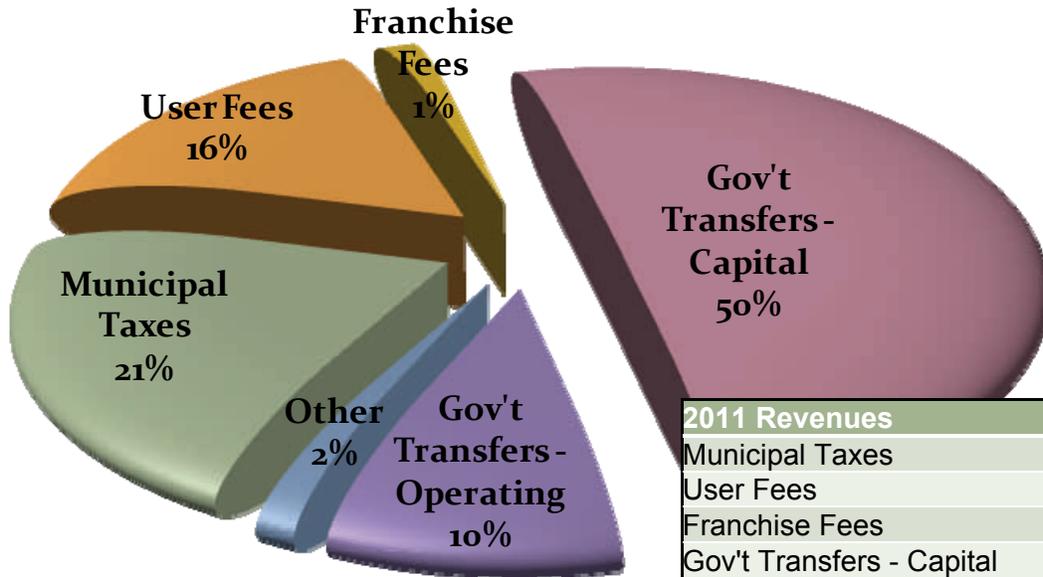
2011 - Projects Funded with Government (Transfers) Grants:

- Completion of Campground & Interpretive Trail \$ 53,966
- Rebuild Gwen Ave. East, Paving Lupin & Aster St. 338,628
- Lupin Ave / Aster Street Watermain Loop 139,115
- Sewer Main Lining—Centre & Aster Streets 100,048
- Toolcat & Attachments 53,364
- Sidewalk Replacement Program 117,750
- Infrastructure Mgt & Storm Water Plan 43,596



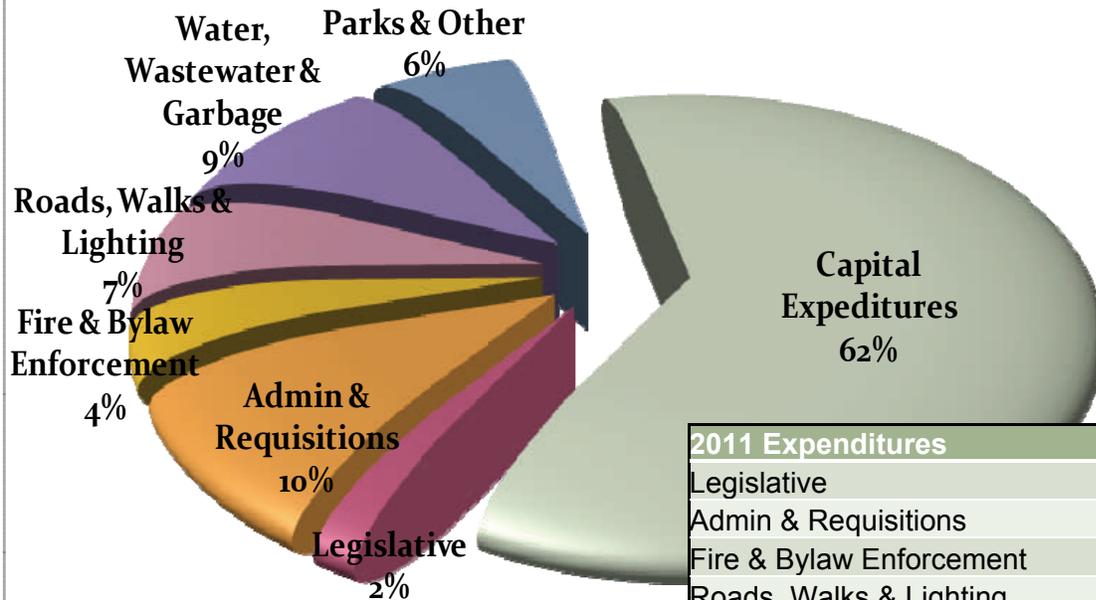
2011 Financial Summary—Village of Rosemary

2011 Revenues



2011 Revenues	Amount
Municipal Taxes	\$ 251,790
User Fees	\$ 197,274
Franchise Fees	\$ 17,093
Gov't Transfers - Capital	\$ 617,801
Gov't Transfers - Operating	\$ 128,423
Other	\$ 18,388
Total	\$ 1,230,769

2011 Expenditures



2011 Expenditures	Amount
Legislative	\$ 24,253
Admin & Requisitions	\$ 135,745
Fire & Bylaw Enforcement	\$ 53,534
Roads, Walks & Lighting	\$ 86,883
Water, Wastewater & Garbage	\$ 122,728
Parks & Other	\$ 75,342
Capital Expenditures	\$ 805,872
Total	\$ 1,304,357

For complete details, please drop by the Village Office for a copy of the 2011 Audited Financial Statements.

Village Strategic Plan

