

LANIGAN LOWDOWN: MAYOR'S SNAPSHOT

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Hello everyone.

This is the first time for me doing this form of communication. When CAO Ron McCullough suggested it, I thought it was a good idea in “upping” our communication to the residents of Lanigan. For the first Lanigan Lowdown: Mayor’s Snapshot, I want to focus on our town staff.

First, I want to let you know that Lanigan Town Council entered a three-year contract with Ron McCullough

as our CAO for the Town of Lanigan, passed by resolution at our May 13th regular council meeting. Ron arrived in Lanigan at the beginning of March where we passed a resolution to make him our interim CAO. Ron dove right in and has made great strides in the past couple of months, making sure things are running smoothly and encouraging good governance. He has been working on rebuilding the office and public works staff as well as guiding Brandon and Sherry with direction to move forward. Ron presented a new staff organizational chart that council approved, and we have budgeted for, moving forward to fill the positions we need.

We have hired Brooklyn Sereda (who some of you may know) as an Administrative Assistant and she is doing a great job with continuous learning every day. We also hired Cadence Bulitzudel who is from Viscount as our Recreation Manager. She started with us three weeks ago coming to us from the University of Saskatchewan recreation program. She is completing her practicum with us as part of her diploma and will continue after she graduates as our Recreation Manager. Cadence has dug right in and is eager to learn and bring some fresh ideas to Lanigan. Some of you will have met her as she is getting out and meeting people in the community. These two new additions have made a great impact to the team, and we ask for everyone to be patient with both as they are still learning.

We have also contracted Diana Hawryluk of Veracity Planning Solutions. Diana is a Professional Planner and is here to help us with planning and development with all the development opportunities we have going on right now. She has already been a great asset in assisting the town move forward to be development ready.

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Sherry Schickerowski, our Corporate Services Manager has been a rock and has really kept things afloat when she was the only person in the office. I know Sherry is learning a lot from Ron and is very happy with how the team is coming together. Thank you Sherry, for all you have done through some very challenging times!

Brandon Uhryn, our Director of Operations is another one of the vets. Brandon takes great pride in Lanigan and works hard to keep things running smoothly as well as making the town look great. Brandon has commented that he is appreciative of the inclusion he has with the new direction the team is going. Avery Sereda has been with the public works for a few years now. Avery continues to grow and learn in his role, and I know he is someone that Brandon really leans on. Thank you to both Brandon and Avery for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Lanigan. With public works, we ask for your patience as we only have two permanent full-time staff right now plus a couple of seasonal staff, and they are working hard to get things done. We will be contracting out some things to get them done in the short term. We are working hard on recruitment, and you will see two new people join the team in the next few weeks.

One very positive note for our town and surrounding communities – we have been lobbying the provincial government for some time now for more funding and resources for health care. We held a virtual meeting on May 7th with our MLA Minister Harpauer, Deputy Premier/Finance Minister, as well as Minister McLeod, Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural Remote Health. We have been lobbying to get another Doctor and Nurse Practitioners to Lanigan. I received some great news on Monday, May 13th that Lanigan has received funding to hire a third Doctor for our community. Recruitment is happening as we speak, so hopefully things will happen soon.

I want to close with confirming that we are moving forward as a Council and staff to continue to provide high quality service to our residents, and grow our community to make Lanigan even better.

If you see me around town, please give me your feedback on this, the first of the *Lanigan Lowdown: Mayor’s Snapshot*. I want to hear from you!

Regards,

Mayor Tony Mycock