

Report of the Executive Director

November 22, 2017

Local Planning and Building Inspections:

In October 2017, forty-six building permits were issued within the area served by RSC8 at a total construction/installation value of \$2,149,700. This compares to twenty-six permits issued by the end of October 2016 with a value of construction/installation of \$1,924,249.

Separate building permits are issued for electrical upgrades and electrical changeovers for existing structures in cases where no structural building activity is taking place. These Building Permits for Electrical Only are forwarded to Public Safety before a wiring permit is issued to the electrician. A total of fourteen electrical building permits were issued in October 2017.

Planning

Planning Review and Adjustment Committee

The Planning Review and Adjustment Committee (PRAC) of a Regional Service Commission performs both a decision-making (quasi-judicial) and an advisory role on behalf of communities. The decisions and recommendations made by the PRAC are guided by land use plans, the provisions of the *Community Planning Act* and regulations thereunder. Decisions of the PRAC must take into account the impact of development on a community. There were two applications before PRAC for the month of October. PRAC approved a flag-lot related to a subdivision in the Village of Norton and recommended enacting the proposed draft Village of Norton Rural Plan and Zoning Plan to the Village of Norton Council.

Zoning Confirmation and Document Approval

There were four document approvals issued in October 2017.

Solid Waste

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	October-17	October-16	Difference	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	Difference
Residential	495.44	545.32	-49.88	4490.36	4596.91	-106.55
ICI	<u>420.84</u>	<u>442.41</u>	<u>-21.57</u>	<u>4300.59</u>	<u>4636.05</u>	<u>-335.46</u>
	916.28	987.73	-71.45	8790.95	9232.96	-442.01

The total year to date (YTD) waste is 8790.95. We are currently at 83.72% of our yearly goal.

Recollect Waste Wizard and mobile app- In October 2017, we've had 950 addresses searched, 160 Mobile App downloads, and 166 reminder were set-up. The two top searched items were Plastic bottles and Milk

Cartons. The app allows users to provide feedback, here are some of the comments we have been receiving in regards to the waste wizard and app:

- Works perfect! Love the reminders.
- Nice reminder weekly.

In October 2017 we accomplished the following:

- 3 Stream System launched on September 18, 2017, in October we are still receiving higher than normal call volumes. Most people are calling to ensure they are sorting their waste appropriately and looking for information in regards to their hauler.
- We have been seeing a continuous improvement in sorting as we move along in the 3 stream program. Please see the attached correspondence from ECO 360, specifically in regards to the audits they have been performing on RSC8's waste. We are moving forward in a very positive manner and we will only see improvements from here! Hats off to the residents and their hard work and commitment!
- Prepared and submitted interim ETF report on October 18, 2017.
- Identified a specific Rural Route that was missed in our mail out, we got the information packaged, and delivered to these residents.
- Met with Science East on October 19, 2017. Science East held an information evening at the Apohaqui Elementary School on October 19th. We supplied them with information about the new 3 stream sorting system and promotional items to hand out at their event, which included the Zack and Claire educational workbook. I have attached a couple pages of the activity book for you to see.



- New decals on the public space garbage cans look great and give them a fresh look!



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- Free day was held at the Transfer Station on Oct 21, 2017. We served over 140 vehicles, collected 29.9 tonnes of waste! Average wait time was 45-55 mins, with positive feedback from the residents that utilize the day! In comparison to fall of 2016, we saw an increase of 26%, in residents using the service.
- Household Hazardous Waste day was held at the Transfer Station on Oct 28, 2017. I will provide the stats in my November report.
- Radio Ads (590 CJCW) were aired during the month of October. These radio ads are reminders about the launch of the 3 stream sorting system.
- Radio Ads ran the last couple of weeks in October, promoting the new winter hours at the transfer station.
- On October 30, 2017, Andrea and Steve attended an inter-regional meeting – Solid Waste collaboration with Kent Regional Service Commission and ECO 360.

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