

Date: September 25, 2007

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky

RE: Monthly Activity Report

Fall is just around the corner and much has been going on in town since my last report.

The Apple Blossom Trail got off to a bit of a later start than expected but has made significant headway and is already nearing completion. You may have noticed that the portion of the trail on either side of the US2 Bridge is elevated on a steel superstructure which joins the trail to the bridge concrete abutments. As a result of this design, pedestrians on the trail will be able to cross under US2 without having to negotiate their way through vehicular traffic. Caspian is currently working on the southern end of the trail which begins at the Museum and will terminate at Caspian's eastern limits in the Dober location. Once these two phases are complete the trail will be over 4 miles in length. In addition to linking our cities, the trail provides pedestrians with links to Nanaimo and Bachman Parks, The Iron River RV Park, three ADA accessible fishing peers on the Iron River, the Iron County Museum, and Caspian's new completed Fishing Quarry Park & Picnic Facility. This project is the results of joint planning and cooperation between the two cities for the betterment of all our residents and guests.

During the past month Mineral Hills is found itself well on its way to receiving significant improvements to its aged and failing infrastructure. The Mineral Hills sewer's rehabilitation's first phase was recently completed and the water project is off to a great start. Snow Country Contracting, Inc. is moving forward quickly with the water project which reinforces the new water lines in the former village. This new connection and replacement of existing lines will improve the water delivery system and provide fire protection flows to that part of town. Along with the safety factor, many of the streets that were deteriorated are being replaced as a result of the water and sewer improvement projects.

Per the Pending Issues Report for this month, you'll note that Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project was bid with favorable results. STS will be preparing the bid tabulation and recommendation of award for this project. Depending on the City's decision to award, this project could begin within the next month with completion in the spring of 2008.

Our City crew has been hauling ice control sand which is a sure sign that summer is over. Along with preparing for the upcoming winter work, the DPW is in the process of closing down the swimming facilities at the Ice Lake Park and will be hauling in the flower barrels and other seasonal activities.