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## MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2018

February has come and gone in a flash as we are into March already! Speaking of time flying by, there has been a lot of activity from the Town Office this past month. First and foremost, Town Council and Staff are pleased to announce that Joan Corneil is the new Interim CAO. Joan has many years of experience in municipal government administration and economic development. Please help me in welcoming her to our community.

In an effort to remain transparent with the residents of Gravelbourg, I want to remind everyone that Council Minutes and now, [all committee reports](#), are posted on the website. Visit the link [www.gravelbourg.ca/town-office/committee-reports](http://www.gravelbourg.ca/town-office/committee-reports) for department details. Also, we encourage residents to attend Council meetings. The council meeting dates are listed on the town website community calendar.

The Administration Office has been busy with transportation grants, tax preparations and organizing files for the 2017 annual audit. The financial statements will be posted on the website for your information and review as soon as the reports are completed.

The Community Recreation Coordinator (CRC) Office has completed the year-in-review and financial reports for both the Aquaplex Pool and the Palestre Rink. 2018 rates have been recommended for both facilities. Again, details on the CRC report can be found on the website.

The Economic Development Office has been busy providing support to local businesses, developing a youth entrepreneurship strategy, implementing 2018's marketing plans and preparing to present the Friends of the Gravelbourg Convent (FGC) Committee Consultant's Financial Viability Analysis Report. Thus far, FGC has completed the following reports in search of finding a viable reuse for the former Convent of Jesus and Mary building: Mixed Use Market Assessment, Project Management Plan, Financial Structure Support Services, with the next step being the Business Plan. Once the reports have been reviewed by FGC, a recommendation will be made to Council. The next FGC meeting is set for the end of March. Council will release information to the community based on the information presented.

A By-Election date has been set for **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018** for the position of one Councilor position. This is a great opportunity to become part of a team focused on moving Gravelbourg forward. I encourage you to put your name in the hat.

Public Works has also had a busy February with several water/sewer line repairs. In addition, preparation for future land development in the industrial park is nearing completion. Another priority, as per Provincial regulation, is developing an Environmental Site Assessment and Corrective Action Plan for the landfill (this assessment must be completed by a qualified professional). An application for financial assistance has been completed. For more details, please review the committee report on the website.

Until next month, thank you for your support in all our efforts in keeping Gravelbourg a great community to live in.

Robert Bowler, Mayor