



**Town Manager Newsletter
December 1, 2016**

Community Matters

Winter has finally arrived, and on behalf of all the employees, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

December 7th will be the last Town Board meeting of 2016. The next Board meeting will be January 4, 2017.



Organizational Matters



As we look back on 2016, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on behalf of Fraser, our elected and appointed officials, and staff. A lot happened this year!

While we miss Lu Berger and Nancy Anderson, we've enjoyed the contributions of our newest employees Sam Morrell, Lucus Seffens, Beth Williams, David Van Horn, and Tom Hawkinson.

This year we have added two new advisory committees; the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Public Arts Committee (PAC). We also appreciate the efforts of the Housing Task Force and Waste Diversion Task Force.

We have also had a wonderful partnership with Community Builders who helped us with crafting a shared vision, goals and design ideas for downtown Fraser. We appreciate Fraser residents and entrepreneurs that took active part in the planning events.

With Murdoch's assistance, we relocated the veterans' and pioneer monument adjacent to the Lions Ponds. The monument was originally established when Safeway was located at the Fraser Valley Center in 1986, over 30 years ago.

It was good year for our business community, which is good for our community! We are happy to welcome two new businesses in Fraser, Wendy's and One Love, providing additional dining options for our residents and guests. Also, we welcomed the Grand Foundation to its new office in Fraser.

I should note that 2016 also included Elevation Pizza's expansion and we are excited that Wild Horse Catering has expanded their existing catering business to incorporate a new dinner-only restaurant at the Fraser Marketplace. We look forward to Solstice Winter Bistro's grand opening in early December.

Before winter set in, I hope everyone had an opportunity to explore our trail enhancements! And look forward to an expanded winter trail grooming program this season!

And of course, we now have a year round public transit system...the Lift.

Public Arts Committee



Thanks for the efforts of the Public Arts Committee, Shelly Madsen, Fraser Valley Elementary (FVE) students, and our Public Works crew who completed painting another Public Works' snow plow blade. This time students chose to brace for winter through their artwork. The FVE art instructor Shelley Madsen supported the students in painting our snow blades. We hope our community will enjoy their work on the streets of our Town. This is another example of how we can demonstrate our community spirit, complete necessary maintenance of our equipment (the blades need to be painted every couple years), and have fun at no real additional cost. We hope to continue and expand our efforts to include more art to our community.

Administration

Interim Clerk Beth Williams and I are proud to have successfully process several new liquor and marijuana renewal applications!

Finance

Nat has been working diligently to complete our 2017 Budget and we're proud of the Board's work and look forward to adoption.

Below is Fraser's sales tax report for September 2016. Our Finance Manager is still adjusting the Aug-Oct receipts for our 13 Month submitters; there will be a final adjustment next month to smooth the receipts out a bit more. The sales tax trend continues to be very positive, and of course up. Currently we are running YTD up over 17%!

| Town of Fraser Sales Tax Report - Actual Collections 4% | | | | | | | | | | | | | Restricted Revenue 1% Actual |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | \$ Amt +/- | % +/- | 2014 | 2015 | \$ Amt +/- | % +/- | 2015 | 2016 | \$ Amt +/- | % +/- | 2016 |
| Jan | \$154,698 | \$166,660 | 11,962 | 7.18 | \$166,660 | \$158,549 | -8,111 | -5.12 | \$158,549 | \$182,238 | 23,689 | 13.00 | \$45,130 |
| Feb | \$148,979 | \$146,266 | -2,713 | -1.85 | \$146,266 | \$172,330 | 26,064 | 15.12 | \$172,330 | \$179,646 | 7,316 | 4.07 | \$44,560 |
| March | \$171,102 | \$177,000 | 5,898 | 3.33 | \$177,000 | \$199,083 | 22,084 | 11.09 | \$199,083 | \$210,596 | 11,512 | 5.47 | \$52,551 |
| April | \$109,023 | \$114,311 | 5,287 | 4.63 | \$114,311 | \$115,086 | 776 | 0.67 | \$115,086 | \$125,909 | 10,823 | 8.60 | \$31,430 |
| May | \$87,347 | \$81,854 | -5,493 | -6.71 | \$81,854 | \$89,840 | 7,985 | 8.89 | \$89,840 | \$120,799 | 30,960 | 25.63 | \$30,370 |
| June | \$119,942 | \$121,906 | 1,964 | 1.61 | \$121,906 | \$127,481 | 5,575 | 4.37 | \$127,481 | \$163,442 | 35,961 | 22.00 | \$40,860 |
| July | \$220,039 | \$228,451 | 8,412 | 3.68 | \$228,451 | \$155,238 | -73,213 | -47.16 | \$155,238 | \$223,662 | 68,424 | 30.59 | \$55,916 |
| Aug | \$121,671 | \$134,432 | 12,761 | 9.49 | \$134,432 | \$145,602 | 11,170 | 7.67 | \$145,602 | \$270,573 | 124,971 | 46.19 | \$67,471 |
| Sept | \$119,707 | \$120,712 | 1,005 | 0.83 | \$120,712 | \$187,935 | 67,223 | 35.77 | \$187,935 | \$165,804 | -22,131 | -13.35 | \$41,061 |
| Oct | \$96,456 | \$96,058 | -397 | -0.41 | \$96,058 | \$106,436 | 10,378 | 9.75 | \$106,436 | \$0 | -106,436 | #DIV/0! | |
| Nov | \$117,709 | \$110,314 | -7,395 | -6.70 | \$110,314 | \$131,772 | 21,458 | 16.28 | \$131,772 | \$0 | -131,772 | #DIV/0! | |
| Dec | \$188,083 | \$240,384 | 52,301 | 21.76 | \$240,384 | \$257,907 | 17,524 | 6.79 | \$257,907 | \$0 | -257,907 | #DIV/0! | |
| Total | \$1,654,756 | \$1,738,348 | 83,592 | 5.05 | \$1,738,348 | \$1,847,259 | 108,911 | 6.27 | \$1,847,259 | \$1,642,670 | -204,589 | -11.08 | \$409,349 |
| Budget | \$1,600,000 | \$1,650,000 | 50,000 | 3.03 | \$1,650,000 | \$1,595,000 | -55,000 | -3.45 | \$1,595,000 | \$1,800,000 | 205,000 | 11.39 | \$450,000 |
| Amt +/- | \$54,756 | \$88,348 | | | \$88,348 | \$252,259 | | | \$252,259 | -\$157,330 | | | -\$40,651 |
| % +/- | 3.42 | 5.35 | | | 5.35 | 15.82 | | | 15.82 | -8.74 | | | -9.03 |
| | | | | | | | | | 15.82 | 1,351,144 | 1,642,670 | 17.7% | Percent Change |

Planning

The Planning Department has been very busy, considering the time of year, with ongoing construction activity, grant applications, and wrapping up the downtown planning initiative.

Police



All of our first responders continue to be extremely busy with increased visitors and call volumes. Thankfully, everyone seems to have had a safe Thanksgiving holiday and we urge everyone to be safe while enjoying the holiday season.

Public Works

Water:

Replacement of a fire hydrant assembly at the fire station has been completed.

UPRR and Eisenhower Waterline project: Staff and consultants continue with design work and bid document preparation.

Streets:

Training continues with our most recent operators for snow management and equipment operations.

With the Grand County Roads IGA now effective, and with recent snow events Public Works staff have been busy clearing and sanding town streets in addition to the county roads related to the agreement.



Other Matters:

The staff is working with transit partners on winter street maintenance expectations and bus stop and map signage installation.

We are also disposing of surplus items through a second round of a public sealed bid process.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Our 2017 Permit Renewal Application has been submitted...thanks Joe Fuqua, Jim McLaughlin, Gene Riordan, JFOC members for all the hard work!

For Further Information

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