

## Councillor's Report

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The meeting of September the 4<sup>th</sup> will be an important one for the flood recovery efforts. Council has had a chance to review options in the hydrology report with the experts and we have had numerous public meetings to garner feedback from residents. Questionnaires have been sent out to North and South Ruckle and Johnson Flats. I have heard feedback that not everyone received one of these forms but I hope that they were able to pick one up at city hall, or email in their concerns. Council met with the recovery team on the 30<sup>th</sup> to go over all the information and we will be coming to the table on the 4<sup>th</sup> to debate what we have heard and send our recommendations on to the province. I also want to make sure that houses that don't fall into one of these three neighbourhoods get properly discussed. The east side of the Granby River has not received a lot of attention but also deserves the same careful thought for remediation efforts.

August 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended the candidate and voter readiness workshop hosted by Christina Benty. After picking up my nomination package this week, I was encouraged to see some new names on the list of potential candidates. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for interested parties to get a basic job description before being on council. One of the problems highlighted at the LGLA conference I went to this year, was the lack of training for new councillors. Although I have learned a lot over the past 4 years on the job, there was virtually no training up front. A basic understanding of the Community Charter, our governing legislation, is vital. Council policies also need to be available for studying as do the city bylaws. A good grasp on Robert's Rules of Order is imperative, if any council is going to function respectfully and productively. A glance over the 20 year capital plan would also be recommended as well as engineering studies for the past few years. If a candidate couples all of this with honesty and humility, they will serve the voters well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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