



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa
Staff Monthly Report**

Office of Information Technology

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Preamble

The following report outlines issues relating to all areas of the Information Technology Department including NITGC members.

General

IT Infrastructure

All major systems have been running smoothly with no major issues to report. The ITI Department is looking into the best strategy to begin updating our critical infrastructure as it is approaching its end of life. We are pursuing some funding opportunities that are available that could potentially offset much of the costs of this upgrade. We continue to work closely with all departments to ensure that all current needs are met and to improve system efficiencies in areas that are needed.

Solar

As reported last month there have been significant delays in the approval process for the new solar array at the Montreal Street Garage. The application has been resubmitted again to the IESO and we are waiting to hear the result. The application has a 10 day turn around and we should have an answer first week of December.

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NITGC

We continue to work closely with all of the NITGC members. The last month we have had many requests for new project development from our partner communities. The bulk of our time has been spent dealing with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources to get the remaining data acquired and organized for the four new communities east of the Sault. We have also been coordinating with the Planning Board to acquire any hard copy documents that will need to be scanned and digitized for the project.

Wawa Energy Plan Committee

The Wawa Energy Plan Committee met on Tuesday, November 21st and discussed some of the project plans that are coming in the future. Some main items that were discussed include:

Affordability Fund Program

A new program has been announced by the Ontario Government. Visit the website or call and provide information on your electricity costs and income. It's geared towards individuals who say they can't afford energy upgrades in order to reduce their electricity bill. There are three levels that you can qualify for depending on your income. The first one, you receive a home energy kit that would have things that you can install yourself such as a power bar, led lightbulbs. The highest level, you have to have electric heating and you would have a professional home energy advisor come to your home and do a home energy audit and you could receive Energy Star appliances, insulation, etc. Part of the mandate with IESO is to contract with API to deliver the program.

Woodstove Exchange Program

The EDC, in partnership with the Municipality of Wawa, has been asked to submit a proposal to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to be the delivery agent for a pilot project called the Woodstove Exchange Program. There would be \$200,000 in incentives for residents to upgrade their wood burning units to more efficient units, \$20,000 for administration and \$20,000 for education and marketing. The MNRF also requested a proposal for what funding would be required to do a fuel switching program alongside with this one. This would be for residential, commercial and multi-unit.

Ontario Trillium Grant Extension - Bioswale

A formal letter of request was sent to Trillium to extend the grant for seven months due to the bioswale not being able to be built before winter. Confirmation has been received that the extension has been granted to December 4, 2018. The rest of the project is expected to be completed by May 2018.

Web Design

Our new webdesigner/programmer has settled into the position very well over the last month. We are currently in the process of redesigning our municipal website. The new site will meet all AODA standards, mobile friendly, incorporate many of the current social media applications and allow for much better marketing and outreach to the community. We are looking forward to walking through the new site with all departments prior to its release and perform some beta testing to make sure everything functions properly and receive critical feedback.

