



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Burch and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: January 9, 2015

Sidewalk Snow Removal. You will call that the operations and management plan adopted for this enforcement program required a report to Council in January. As measured against the performance standard established in that plan, I would consider the program an unqualified success. Of course, a major contributor to this success was the near total absence of snow. The weather in 2015 has been very different. We have not commenced enforcement yet for two reasons. First, our intent is to delay enforcement until a weather system has completely moved through the area. Second, I was concerned about forcing residents to be out shoveling snow when the temperatures were so low. It is my expectation that we will send an inspector out early next week.

Christmas Kiddies. The online fundraising for Christmas Kiddies through the Crowdrise site has generated contributions of \$2120 to date. We have been pleased with the success of this first-time use of this way to raise funds. I will be discussing with Bill Callahan whether this is a tool that could be used to raise funds for Camp Frances as well.

Camp Frances. You might recall that the City submitted a grant application to ITC for financing the environmental education programs that have been taking place at Camp Frances. Late last month we received a check from ITC for \$1300 for these programs.

MSHDA Grant. We have also been notified that the MSHDA grant application associated with the construction of apartments in downtown

buildings has been approved. This approval will enable those projects to move forward and, we hope, encourage other building owners to also consider converting upstairs space into dwelling units.