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Minimize Distractions While Behind the Wheel

By Christine Urquhart

Driving distraction is one of the most alarming road safety issues today.

The problem is on the rise; drivers who are not paying attention to the road, to other drivers or to pedestrians because they're using a cellphone to send a text or make calls, even with a hands-free device.

It is a huge concern for all of us and has caused accidents in our community.

As a motorist, there are things you can do to minimize distractions while behind the wheel.

Though some of these distractions may not seem threat-

ening, remember that in just two seconds at 50 Km/h a car can travel almost 30 meters. A lot can happen in that distance.

Follow these tips to reduce your distractions:

- (1) Eat and/or drink before you get in the car.
- (2) Turn off your cellphone or put it out of sight.
- (3) Pre-program radio stations, fill your CD deck and/or choose your playlist before you start the car.
- (4) Prepare your children for the trip with toys or snacks for each leg of the trip.

If young passengers begin to fight, cry or ask for something, pull over when there is a safe spot to do so and get everyone settle while you're not also trying to drive.

(5) Secure loose items on your dash, rear-view mirror or vacant seats.

(6) Finish your personal grooming before you leave home.

(7) Keep the conversation light and to a minimum.

(8) Review maps and directions before leaving home or at rest areas along the way.

Update Report on Palliser Property

At Municipal Council's committee meeting an item concerning the Palliser Property was removed from the agenda, and an information sheet was distributed to council and media a few days later. The purpose of this Information Item is to provide Council with a brief update of activities related to development at the former Palliser property.

Litter Clean Up

The County's litter crew was out on Thursday and Friday of the previous week and removed all of the litter that had gathered over the past winter...or so. It was a large effort and surprising how quickly they completed the work. The Public Works crew installed a garbage container for the summer and will empty it. Garbage from the local fast food businesses will likely continue to be a problem at least until school is out.

Lawn Care

With the garbage removed, the Parks Maintenance crew with Recreation will begin to rehabilitate the lawns and grounds this week. This work will go a long way to making the site look less abandoned and will be easier for the mowing crew this summer. We are looking into maintaining the lawns at the Palliser proper as well as a swath along the access road.

Demolition

a) Our Building Inspector has been contacting companies to determine interest in site demolition and then arranging tours so they can prepare a cost. It appears it will take a week to complete the demolition. During demolition week, the road and site should be closed to the public. One of the challenges will be to control the blowing of debris from the site due to the constant wind.

Through Mannie's meetings with the contractors and follow up with the Province, it appears that we are required to complete a Hazard Materials Assessment of the buildings prior to work being undertaken. The assessment is a requirement of the Provincial government under their "code of Practice for Safety in Demolition of Structures".

The assessment will determine whether there is any material onsite that requires special disposal and whether any precautions need to be taken to protect the demolition workers. They typically look for asbestos and lead based paints. Maritime Testing has been hired and testing will commence on May 19th and the report completed within a month at the latest.

b) Public Works crew have been asked to remove the old dilapidated sign at the entrance to the site. Staff will also look into replacing the plastic sign faces on the tall sign adjacent to the highway with something new that simply says "Tidal Bore Viewing Park" rather than the Palliser.

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Emergency, 911

By Linda Harrington

There has been some headline stories in the news lately about when not to call 911. Everyone has heard the 911 audio tapes of people wanting pizza delivery or to ask directions, and this is certainly not what the system should be used for.

But in a medical emergency, there should be no hesitation.

There is an old saying "better safe than sorry" and this absolutely applies for making a call to the 911 operator. Trained professionals will immediately dispatch emergency personnel while assisting the caller on the line. Trying to drive yourself, or an

injured person, toward emergency care is putting more people at risk and the health status could change drastically while on route.

In our rural communities, we have Medical First Responders who are trained members of the local volunteer Fire Brigades. They are often able to get to an emergency before an ambulance, since they are located within the community. When 911 is called, the dispatcher will alert the local Brigade and they will provide medical assistance until the ambulance arrives.

Minutes count! Call 911 immediately during a medical emergency.



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