



# City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending January 15, 2016

## Upcoming Events

### January 18

Martin Luther King Holiday,  
**City Buildings Closed**

### January 19, 5:30 pm

Council Work Session  
City Hall

### January 19, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting  
City Hall

### January 20, 6:00 pm

CAFD Board  
Station 2, Scanlon

### January 21, 6:30-8:30

Open House  
Hwy 33 Corridor Study & Access Management Plan

### January 26, 4:15

Library Board  
Cloquet Library

### February 1, 4:30 pm

Parks Commission  
City Hall

### February 2, 5:30 pm

Council Work Session  
City Hall

### February 2, 7:00 pm

City Council Meeting  
City Hall

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Public Hearing  
Proposed Slate Street Sidewalk Extension  
City Hall

### February 10, 8:00 am

EDA  
City Hall

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## ADMINISTRATION

### PERSONNEL

The City has offered the Assistant City Administrator position to a candidate who has accepted the position subject to the City Council's consideration at the January 19th Council meeting. Assuming the Council supports the recommendation, the candidate will start work with the City on March 7th.

### FINANCE

Staff has been evaluating the refunding of one of the City's current outstanding bonds. Ehler's is helping us analyze the savings that would be gained by refunding at this time. Should this make financial sense for the City, we will be bringing forward a recommendation in the near future.

## PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

### MISCELLANEOUS

The snowfall that we finally had this week called for some plowing and sanding to be done.

We have ordered some new candelabra wreaths to replace and add to our holiday street lighting decorations for next season. We will also be replacing all of the red bows on the decorations

All of the outdoor skating rinks are now open and ready for use. The City will have one rink attendant to monitor the rinks this winter. Hopefully with the late start the weather will cooperate and we will be able to maintain them for a period of time.

The warm weather also continues to impact our ability to groom the cross country ski trails. We have tried to leave the trails alone so tracks being used are not destroyed.

The crew was also busy with a water main leak in the area of Maplewood and 16th Street.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### MIDDLE SCHOOL REUSE PROPOSAL

Members of the EDA spoke briefly this week about the reuse proposal received by the School District for the old middle school. While the EDA has not yet seen the full proposal, the Commission hopes that the community will factor in the housing needs identified from the City's housing study into the decision making process. If successful, the proposed project will address a large part of the identified needs of the community.

### EDA

As noted, the EDA met this week and as part of its annual meeting, elected Ross Peterson as the new Chairperson. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank Shelly Peterson for her many years of service as Chairperson. Ms. Peterson's obligations with Boldt have impacted her time and availability to serve in this important position.

The EDA will start reviewing its annual goals at its next meeting.

***"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."***

***-William Arthur Ward,  
Writer***

