

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
CAPITAL CITY OF VERMONT**

City Manager's Weekly Report – 03/18/2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS ...

Monday, March 21	Design Review Committee, 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
	Development Review Board, 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Wednesday, March 23	City Council, 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers
Thursday, March 24	Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 5:15 P.M. in the Police Department Community Room
<i>Saturday, March 26th</i>	<i>City Council Retreat (with Facilitator), 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon in the Library at Montpelier High School</i>

You can also click on the following link for a listing of the Montpelier Senior Activity Center's upcoming events: <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/calendar.aspx?CID=30,36>

ATTACHMENTS ...

- ✿ Central Vermont New Directions Coalition: Smoking Survey/Business
- ✿ Central Vermont New Directions Coalition: Smoking Survey/Pedestrians
- ✿ VTrans Letter re: Load Limits on Vermont Roads

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ...

Goals

I have included a recommended Goals document with the agenda for your discussion on the 23rd. I'll start off the discussion with a brief presentation and overview. We will have the leadership team present for that meeting.

Council Retreat

We will be holding the facilitated Council Retreat on the 26th at the high school library from 9:00 to noon. Our facilitator, Susan Terry, has been in touch with each of you to talk about how to best structure the meeting and time; if you have not spoken with her, please set up a time to do so.

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Legal

VCFA vs. City, Tax Appeal. – Awaiting decision. Oral argument on cross motions for Summary Judgment was held at Washington Superior Court on Tuesday, January 12th. Represented by Robert Fletcher

Illuzzi vs. City, Law, Motyka, Renaud Bros. – Motion for summary judgment was filed this week; discovery continues. Represented by Constance Tryon Bell through VLCT

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS ...

Public Works

The Public Works staff is making contingency plans to ensure that the City's potable water supply remains safe in the event the City is unable to regain control of Berlin Pond as our water source. Staff contacted the City's water treatment facility consultant, Dufresne Group Consulting Engineers, to request a cost proposal for professional engineering services to develop an evaluation report to assess alternative process additions or improvements, if necessary, to comply with the EPA rule entitled "Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule" (LT2ESWTR). As stated by the consultant, "Montpelier is currently in compliance with all State and Federal requirements including the LT2ESWTR. However, the facility was designed to provide 99.9% removal/inactivation of giardia cysts based on control of the raw water source of supply. Recently, the raw water source (Berlin Pond) has been opened for recreational use and loss of this first protection barrier for contamination has been eliminated. Recreational use of the raw water supply creates another possible source for contaminants including cryptosporidium." We anticipate, at a minimum, the need for additional safeguards including installation of water supply warning signs at the pond, new source water sampling and testing protocols and early warning systems for volatile organic compounds, etc. Although there have been statements made by public officials that the facility is presently capable of treatment and control of all potential contaminants, no such conclusion has been reached at this time by our office. The proposed contract agreement with scope of services was presented by Dufresne Group this week and is now being reviewed.

TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

March 23rd

2016-17 Goals/Priorities
Appointment of City rep to CVSWMD
Re-visit Committee Assignments
Parking/Smart Meters/Kiosks
Berlin Pond

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Zoning?
Parking Advisory Committee Appointments
Community Services Facilitator Contract

April 27

Master Plan Contract

May 11

Rec Building

May 25

EDSP?



William J. Fraser
City Manager



CENTRAL VERMONT NEW DIRECTIONS COALITION

73 Main Street #33 Montpelier VT 05602 (802) 223-4949 www.cvndc.org

Montpelier Smoking Survey – Business

***Note: Downtown is defined as “where the parking meters are” – State St., Main St., Langdon St., School St., Barre St.
83 individuals submitted surveys**

1) How often does smoking occur in front of your business?	<u>18</u> Very often	<u>26</u> Often	<u>29</u> Sometimes	<u>9</u> Rarely
2) How often does smoking occur in back of your business?	<u>31</u> Very often	<u>17</u> Often	<u>13</u> Sometimes	<u>18</u> Rarely
3) Does the smoking downtown bother you? (check all that apply)	<u>24</u> No <u>39</u> Yes, smoke gets in my business <u>44</u> Yes, litter outside my business <u>18</u> Yes, people loitering by my business <u>17</u> Yes, it gives people a negative impression of downtown or my business			
4) Does the smoking downtown* impact your business?	<u>36</u> No <u>36</u> I don't know <u>10</u> Yes (explain how) 3 said smoking impacted them positively; 7 said smoking impacted them negatively –litter, smells			
5) Would a smoking restriction impact your business?	<u>33</u> No <u>35</u> I don't know <u>13</u> Yes (explain how) 7 said a restriction would have a positive impact; 7 said a restriction would have a negative impact.			
6) What is your level of support for a smoking restriction of some kind in downtown* Montpelier?	<u>14</u> Very supportive <u>24</u> Supportive <u>24</u> Undecided <u>8</u> Not very supportive <u>13</u> Not supportive at all supportive or very supportive – <u>46%</u> undecided -- <u>29%</u> not very supportive or not at all – <u>24%</u>			
7) What are the current barriers to reducing smoking near your business? (check all that apply)	<u>25</u> Not comfortable asking smokers to move <u>7</u> Smokers do not listen to my request <u>27</u> Presence or lack of cigarette butt receptacles <u>41</u> No designated smoking areas to refer to			
8) What types of restrictions do you think would be most effective? (check all that apply)	<u>10</u> 24/7 smoke-free designated Downtown District* <u>15</u> Smoke-free buffer zones (Example: 50 feet away from occupied buildings) <u>11</u> Smoke-free times or days (Example: 8 am to 8 pm or Mon-Fri) <u>16</u> Smoke-free areas or streets (not whole downtown) <u>36</u> Designated smoking areas <u>17</u> Not supportive at all			
9) Do you clean cigarette litter around your business?	<u>60</u> Yes	<u>23</u> No	How often? 23 daily; 4 several times a week; 3 weekly; 7 rarely/occasionally	
10) Do you keep a butt receptacle outside your business?	<u>14</u> Yes	<u>67</u> No	Why? Don't want to encourage smokers; gross; smell; cost; fire hazard; don't want to deal with the trash; don't have them – where do I get one?	
11) How important do you think reducing smoking and secondhand smoke is to the overall downtown* community?	<u>18</u> Very important	<u>16</u> Important	<u>15</u> Somewhat important	<u>14</u> Undecided <u>11</u> Not very important <u>8</u> Not important at all
12) If the downtown* area sidewalks became smoke-free, where do you think people should be allowed to smoke? (check all that apply)	<u>8</u> Outside the downtown* area only <u>17</u> In parking lots and alleys <u>22</u> In parking lots but at least 25 feet away from buildings <u>54</u> In designated smoking areas			
13) What else would you like to tell us?				

Business Name _____ Contact Person _____ Phone _____



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Montpelier Smoking Survey – Pedestrians

***Note: Downtown is defined as “where the parking meters are” – State St., Main St., Langdon St., School St., Barre St.**

1) What is your age?	7-19 <u>10</u> 20-29 <u>32</u> 30-39 <u>37</u> 40-49 <u>46</u> 50-59 <u>54</u> 60-69 <u>46</u> 70-79 <u>26</u> 80+ <u>6</u>	285 responded
2) What is your gender?	<u>103</u> Male 183 Female <u>3</u> Prefer not to answer	289 responded
3) Do you live/work/study in Montpelier? (check all that apply)	<u>151</u> Live <u>133</u> Work <u>12</u> Study <u>82</u> Other: shop, eat, hang out, library, senior center, church, doctor, visit, play, meetings, classes, haircuts, recreation, do business, own property, more.	
4) How often do you shop, eat or do other activities in downtown* Montpelier?	244 Often (twice a week or more) <u>40</u> Occasionally (twice a month) <u>2</u> Seldom (once to a few times a year) <u>1</u> Never [End here]	289 responded
5) Have you ever been bothered by secondhand smoke while downtown* Montpelier?	<u>64</u> Yes, a great deal 120 Yes, a little <u>99</u> Not at all	290 responded
6) When visiting downtown* Montpelier, do you try and avoid secondhand smoke?	177 Yes <u>105</u> No	282 responded
7) Have you ever noticed or been bothered by cigarette butts while in downtown Montpelier?	162 Yes, I have noticed and it has bothered me <u>29</u> Yes, I have noticed, but it hasn't bothered me <u>94</u> No, I haven't noticed	285 responded
8) If smoking were not allowed in downtown* Montpelier, I would continue shopping, dining and visiting downtown:	212 at the same frequency <u>41</u> more frequently <u>35</u> less frequently	288 responded
9) Do you use tobacco?	<u>29</u> Yes 256 No	286 responded
10) What are your main concerns about smoking downtown*? (check all that apply)	191 Litter <u>148</u> Health issues <u>139</u> Children <u>105</u> Rights of non-smokers <u>133</u> Exposure to youth 180 Second hand smoke (breathing/smelling) <u>79</u> Less attractive to tourists 54 No concerns	289 responded
11) What are your main concerns about a smoke-free downtown*? (check all that apply)	79 Business impact <u>91</u> Law enforcement 118 Rights of smokers <u>46</u> Less attractive to tourists <u>106</u> No concerns	287 responded
12) To what degree do you support a smoke-free policy for downtown* Montpelier?	117 Very Supportive <u>57</u> Somewhat Supportive 102 Not supportive <u>14</u> Unsure	289 responded
13) If the downtown* area sidewalks became smoke-free, where do you think people should be allowed to smoke? (check all that apply)	<u>72</u> Outside the downtown* area <u>54</u> In parking lots and alleys <u>56</u> In parking lots but at least 25 feet away from buildings 191 In designated smoking areas	281 responded
14) What else would you like to tell us?		

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Agency of Transportation

Rule 118-4

To Whom It May Concern,

In accordance with Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1109-1110, the Transportation Board has made and promulgated a rule to prevent the abuse of highways from November 15th to December 31st and January 1st to May 15th inclusive, in each year, or until adoption and announcement of any modification to the rule, two copies of which are enclosed herewith. In accordance with Section 12 of Act no. 246 of 1990, this rule is now administered by the Agency of Transportation.

In reading over these Sections you will note:

- a) This rule does not become effective in a particular town until it has been filed with the Select board, and
- b) Posted by the Select board in two public places, such as bulletin board at the Town Hall, or the office of the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer. Posted on privately owned property does not, in most cases, meet the legal requirements. The attached rule is sent to you for this purpose, if you have occasion to use it.
- c) The road to be protected must also be posted at each end with suitable conspicuous notices.

	Town Highways (Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 highways)
Two-axle trucks	15,000 lbs
Three-axle trucks	18,000 lbs
Tractor-trailer units	20,000 lbs

If there are any roads in your town on which it is advisable to limit the loads from November 15th to December 31st and January 1st to May 15th, it will be necessary for you to post these two notices as outlined above. The conspicuous notices for each end of the road affected may be procured from your District Transportation Administrator.

Vermont Agency of Transportation
Montpelier, VT

By Chris Cole
Secretary of Transportation

Date 2/1/16
Rule 118-4



NOTICE

Pursuant to the Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Sections 1109-1110, the State Transportation Board has made and promulgated the following rule, now administered by the Agency of Transportation, in accordance with Section 12 of Act No. 246 of 1990.

In order to prevent the abuse of any highway, or portion thereof, posted under the provisions of these Sections from November 15th to December 31st and from January 1st to May 15th, inclusive, in each year, or until adoption and announcement of any modifications of said rules, no vehicle having a weight, including vehicle and load, in excess of the weights specified below, shall be operated on any part of the following classes of highways, which are posted under the provisions of these Sections:

	State Highways	Town Highways (classes 1, 2, 3, and 4)
Two-axle Trucks	20,000 lbs	15,000 lbs
Three-axle Trucks	30,000 lbs	18,000 lbs
Tractor Trailer Units	40,000 lbs	20,000 lbs

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Montpelier, VT

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Date 2/1/16

**CITY OF MONTPELIER
HIGHWAY & BRIDGE INFORMATION**

Effective through March 31, 2017

TH#	Bridge #	Located on	Weight Limit	Posted Begin	Posted End
11		Berlin Street (intersection of River Street to City line)	24,000	April 1	March 31
107		Bliss Road (intersection of Towne Hill Road to City line)	24,000	March 15	May 15
12		Elm Street (intersection of School Street to intersection of Spring Street)	24,000	April 1	March 31
154		Gould Hill Road (Elm Street to City line)	24,000	April 1	March 31
154		Gould Hill Road (Elm Street to City line)	16,000	March 15	May 15
	17	Granite Street Bridge	16,000	April 1	March 31
	15	Grout Road Bridge	16,000	April 1	March 31
	11	Langdon Street Bridge	24,000	April 1	March 31
193		Langdon Street	24,000	April 1	March 31
205		Mill Road (Intersection of Elm Street to end)	24,000	April 1	March 31
210		Murray Road (intersection of Towne Hill Road to City line)	24,000	April 1	March 31
13		Towne Hill Road (intersection of Main Street to City line)	24,000	April 1	March 31