Busy Summer Construction Season in Irondequoit
Week of August 6, 2018

Every summer, we pray for dry weather at Town Hall – or at least during the weekdays. As is the case with the rest of society, a majority of our construction projects take place during the warm summer months. At present, the Town is overseeing a number of projects on both Town property and our system of roads and sidewalks.

This will mark our busiest paving season in quite some time, augmented by additional resources secured by Assembly Majority Leader Joe Morelle, as well as some newly secured federal dollars. This will allow us to spend, roughly, an additional $275,000 in paving this year.

On Norton Street, the County of Monroe has been hard at work to reconstruct that road between Culver Road and Helendale Road. My favorite aspect of this project: a new sidewalk on the south side of the road, which the Town is funding thanks again to funding also secured by Majority Leader Morelle. For those of us familiar with that stretch of road, this will be a welcome makeover, increasing the safety of schoolchildren walking to and from school.

Many residents have inquired about the recent work taking place on Titus Avenue, between Allwood Drive and Brookview Drive - across the street from the new retaining wall erected two summers ago. While Titus Avenue is a County Road, the Town is charged with maintaining the sidewalks on all roadways in Town, both Town and County roadways. At this location on Titus, an existing retaining wall supporting the sidewalk was failing and needed to be replaced.

While I hope most of our residents will never have a reason to see this, our Courtroom is getting a makeover. For those of you who have set foot in our Courtroom, located in our Public Safety building, the addition of a wood façade and new molding is very much welcome, and long overdue. This project is funded largely through a state grant secured through the Office of Court Administration.

Our cabins at Camp Eastman remain a long-term project. As we have made significant upgrades to our athletic fields, playgrounds and Spray Park, we must never lose sight that we are in a competitive market with other communities as it relates to cabin rental. They are not only a source of revenue for our Town, but allow families in Irondequoit to enjoy special occasions in their park.

Many of the cabins at Camp were built post-World War II and re-outfitted in the 1980s, and are truly showing their age. Over the next several years, it is my hope that we will be implementing a capital plan to replace most of the cabins. I am hopeful that the first new cabin is possible in the short-term, thanks to $250,000 in funding recently secured by Majority Leader Joe Morelle.

In the interim, the Town Board recently authorized some minor improvements that aim to keep the cabins functional. Much of this is centered on the decking around each cabin, as well as the restrooms that serve our Oktoberfest. This, and other investments, are vital towards preserving quality of life in our wonderful community.