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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Doyle and City Council
FROM: Bryan T. Kaenrath, City Administrator
DATE: August 17, 2020
RE: **Administrator's Report**

Keep ME Healthy Program Award

The City has been awarded \$116,735 in the first round of the Keep ME Healthy grant program. So far, we have submitted our first set of invoices for reimbursement of expenses already made covering June 8th to July 31st in the amount of \$57,834. We have also submitted application for the second round of funding, however in this request priority is given to municipalities who did not receive funding in the first round. We have preliminarily received an additional \$6,790 in funding for round two.

Signage

We have ordered signs for the beaches to promote compliance with social distancing and mask wearing while on the walkways which are now in place. We will continue adding signs as needed. We have also ordered signs stating "DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON PLAYING FIELDS" that will be placed at SMS, Young Softball, Burns School, Foss Rd. Complex, Bruno Field, Richard Way and Plymouth Settlement Field. The placement of these signs is now underway, dig safe is required in some areas in order to place the signpost.

Elections

A reminder, nomination papers are now available for School Board seats in Wards 2, 4 & 6 which will be on the November 3rd general election ballot. Candidates are required to obtain 35 signatures of registered voters in their respective Ward. Nomination papers are due back in the City Clerk's Office no later than Friday, September 4, 2020.

RFP-Saco Island Multimodal Bridge Concept Plan

The City of Saco seeks proposals from qualified firms to create a feasibility and concept plan for a multimodal bridge across the Saco River and its scenic falls parallel to the railroad tracks between Saco and Biddeford. This bridge would be an extension of the Saco/Biddeford RiverWalk Trail connecting the Saco Transportation Center to the planned Pearl Street Riverfront District in Biddeford, and will accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists, and possibly support transit shuttle service between Saco and Biddeford. Completing this bridge is a major step in creating a Transit Oriented Development hub in Saco and Biddeford as part of regional efforts supported by PACTS, BSOOB Transit, NNEPRA and private development partners. The proposed bridge is intended to be an iconic destination for the region, supporting transportation and recreation in the robust downtowns and mill districts in Saco and Biddeford.

Proposals will be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (the original date of Monday August 24, 2020 has been extended). Any questions regarding the project specifications should be directed to Jessa Berna, Economic Development Specialist, by emailing jberna@sacomaine.org.

Annual Report

The City of Saco annual report is getting some finishing touches and will be ready for presentation to the Council at our next meeting.