



March 20, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Upcoming Meetings: Council 3/23/15, 7:00 pm

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

New Police Officer

Steve Grinnwald, Director of Public Safety, announces the newest addition to the Dowagiac Police Department, Kasey Robbins. Officer Robbins hales originally from Muskegon and is relocating to the area. Robbins will serve the force as a part-time officer.



'Tis the Season for Potholes



The bitter cold of winter has created an obstacle course of potholes for drivers this year. City crews have been working daily on these repairs. Most potholes have been addressed the same day as reported. As we have come to know, those repairs often require more than one visit until the weather maintains a warmer temperature.

We continue to find that the pothole patching equipment purchased a couple of years ago has served been effective in providing a patch that last longer than previous cold mix that was used. A big "Thank You" goes out to the DPS team, in the office and on the streets, for making our transition into spring a little smoother.

Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday, March 28, at Beckwith Park

Bring the family downtown for some springtime fun. Visit with the Easter bunny at 10:30 am. "Be a Bunny" costume Contest at 11:45 am, and the Easter egg hunt begins at noon.

Continuous Improvement (excerpts of annual reports will publish each week)

Rose Sherr, Human Resources Director and Assistant City Manager, reported on the revisions to and the measurable improvements of the DART program.

DART
2014 REGIONAL RIDERSHIP REPORTS

Includes:

Dowagiac
Buchanan (nonurban/small urban)
Cass County Transportation Authority
Berrien County

Cass County Composite Ridership

<u>Transit Agency</u>	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Dowagiac	26114	25063	21611	21224	20159	22995
Cass Co Transit	27123	27225	30026	30270	27799	26809
Berrien County	65882	62477	64920	65667	60473	85303
Buchanan	9036	8100	8632	9551	8166	9742
Total Cass County	53,237	52,228	51,637	51,494	47,958	49,804

DART
2014 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORTS
COST PER HOUR TO OPERATE

Includes:

Dowagiac
Buchanan (nonurban/small urban)
Cass County Transportation Authority
Berrien County

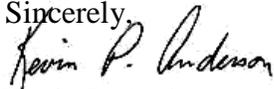
Year	Dowagiac	Cass County
2009	\$47.78	\$48.69
2010	\$49.60	\$48.78
2011	\$45.16	\$52.77
2012	\$43.04	\$53.05
2013	\$42.76	\$54.11
2014	\$43.67	\$55.90

Ridership in the Dowagiac system has shown steady growth and significant cost savings has occurred over the past six years. In spite of these efforts, the cost to operate remains a challenge as the sources of revenue are less than they have been historically.

Airport Terminal Building Update

This week a conceptual design was agreed upon for a 1,080 sq. foot terminal building. Now the architects will produce drawings that will be sent to the state to assure that the size and space meets the requirements of the grant. We will continue to push the process so that construction can take place in 2015.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager