

From the Mayor's Desk

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This story was recently emailed to me and I was impressed by the message. As Mayor, I receive emails, phone calls and personal comments when walking downtown, during my curling or golf games, attending my weekly Rotary meeting, at restaurants and other locations, and in the local newspaper. The favourable and constructive messages are appreciated and the messages that are the opposite of this, I often tag as the "Law of the Garbage Truck".



A current topic that is at the top of the pile is our "Municipal Policing Agreement". As the 2011 Census put the population of Creston over the 5,000 mark (5,306), your Town Council and staff are working diligently and meeting with Provincial and RCMP officials to negotiate an agreement for policing costs. The Town will be responsible for 70% of the RCMP policing costs for the Town of Creston, commencing April 1, 2012. I will be able to provide further information in the next issue of the iLove Creston publication. Stay tuned!

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that?'

This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, '**The Law of the Garbage Truck.**'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets,



SO ...

Love the people who treat you right.

Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

I want to hear from you:

Please share your concerns, your experiences, and your issues (both positive and negative) on how we can improve the quality of life in our community (the Town and the Creston Valley).

Thanks

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