

## Camera's up in O'Leary!!

O'LEARY – The Community of O'Leary is forking out \$22,000 to help protect the community from mischief and disturbances.



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Stephen Plouffe from Combat Computers installs a high-tech video surveillance camera in O'Leary's Centennial Park on Thursday. The Community of O'Leary got by for nearly a year with many people thinking the cameras were already in place.

Council recently gave final approval to having two high-tech surveillance cameras installed.

Technicians were installing the cameras on Thursday. During the monthly meeting of council Thursday night council chair Nancy Wallace remarked on the clarity of the images the cameras generate.

"We are online 24/7, 365 days a year, and hopefully they will act as a deterrent to those who want to cause mischief," said vice-chair Dana Harris. "That's the purpose of them."

Harris said more cameras can be added if needed, but he is hoping that won't be necessary.

"We're watching," said Harris. "We know they've had great success in Tignish, from everything I've heard. I'm pretty confident they will work out the same here."

Council had toyed with the idea of installing the cameras more than a year ago but never moved ahead until now. There was an extended period of time, though, when the belief alone that cameras were watching, acted as a deterrent.

This time, council points out, the cameras are for real.