

CAO Update:

May 16, 2017

Administration:

- Joyce Pearce, new Utilities Clerk started yesterday, May 15, 2017.

Finance:

- Starting next week to implement the preliminary changes for payroll.
- Updating Diamond Software with respect to the General Ledger and Year End Reporting.
- Completed hardware upgrades and back-up infrastructure was installed. Trinus will be back by the end of the month or early June to complete all of the upgrades.

Projects:

- MRC Dehumidifiers and air conditioning – bid awarded – work to start in June.
- Lift Station E: Electrical switchgear delayed. Completion will now be mid-June.
- MRC refrigeration: The fireproofing of the compressor room is complete. The new equipment is expected to arrive in May for June Installation.
- Sewage Lagoon Upgrades: With Alberta Environment for approval. Engineering is in preliminary design stage.
- Raw Water Line: Alberta Environment approval was received. The bid packages have been sent out.
- Main Street North Water Line as per the report to Council presented tonight.
- 5th Avenue and 5th street paving and sidewalk: Engineering is progressing.
- Town Shop Yard Salt remediation: 2017 summer work was approved and will start in early June.
- Sidewalk remediation: Advertising for expression of interest in the paper. Started developing a list of repairs to be completed.
- Water treatment plant leaking roof: Assessing the roof this week.

Operations and Utilities:

- The Public Works crew has been sweeping throughout Town. Currently there are 4 brooms out there working on boulevard sweeping, Caribou Trail and other roads.
- The Public Works and Utilities staff will be receiving training all this week on the Vac Truck. Training includes the use and application for various tips and lines.
- Utilities crew completed the dig and repair on 10 A Avenue SE and will be working on Lift Station E.
- Water Treatment staff are dealing with dirty water as a result of the spring thaw and recent rain; that said, they are managing the treatment process well.
- Ken Caissie has been working on various cemetery maintenance and monument requests. He has also order a Township Plan for the Raw Water Line Intake.

Planning:

- Lots of development permit activity for small items such as sheds and fences but very slow as far as houses.
- Enforcement is underway with respect to development on boulevards and sump pump discharge issues. All areas of Town are being visited.
- Planning Department is working on the Road Closure Bylaw required for the Airport as well as several more Land Use bylaw amendments.

Emergency Services:

- 3 Motor Vehicles Accidents, 2 Medical Co-Response calls, 1 Rescue and 1 Wildland Fire.
- FireSmart crews have completed Hazard Reduction burns in Slave Lake, Canyon Creek and Chisholm.
- FireSmart crews have received training in Narcan as well as TDG Whimis online.

Community Services:

Pool

- Pool Operation Course went well
- Added in new lessons for the June set
- Parent swim has been moved from 11 to 9:30 after feedback from the community
- Looking into the Loner Life Jackets program. Programmer has a meeting with the company to look at how it works, and the costs involved. This would put information and life jackets down at the beach for the public to use. Not likely to happen this year, but hopefully next year.

FCSS

- Met with the staff from Vanderwell Lodge, and a community member to look at developing a program "Buddies for seniors". This would be a volunteer program that would match a senior with a volunteer and they would get together 5 hours a month.
- Received one grant already for the June grant run

Parentlink

- A contractor will be coming next Friday morning to give us an estimated cost on the renovations for the 3 possible Parent Link Centers.
- The ECD Dine & Learn event for May 26th is almost full.

Programmer

- Community Cleanup is really busy this year, about 15 more groups than we had signed up last year. We are looking into the idea of seeing if McDonalds, Tim Hortons, or Dairy Queen would help to sponsor the cleanup, as the majority of the garbage around town is around these restaurants. We are also looking at how we can get groups to continue to help clean the garbage year round, and possibly looking at doing another week in the fall.

- Attended a Community Engagement session through High Prairie School Division last night. They talked about how groups in town can work together with youth for drug and alcohol awareness, bullying and how to make the school more inviting.
- Summer Splash now has a page on the website, and our Summer splash Coordinator has a lot of really good ideas for this summer.
- Still looking for sponsors for the rest of the funding needed for Canada 150, and Canada Day activities.
- Pickle Ball course went really well, and it will be added into the drop in schedule.

Facilities/Admin

- Have been working on slo pitch diamonds , getting them ready for the season
- Met with all ball users groups, as we have additional slo pitch teams, senior men’s teams and senior youth teams and are trying to work with all the users on diamond allocation

Events List

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Internal

- May 7th-13th - Community Clean Up
- May 12th - PD Day Camp
- May 17th - Summer Splash Registration Opens
- May 19th - PD Day Camp
- May 19th-21st - Bronze Cross
- May 26th - Parent Link Buffalo Farm Tour
- May 26th - ECD Coalition Dine and Learn
- May 26th-28th - Bronze Medallion
- June 3rd-4th - Babysitters Safety Course
- June 5th – 12th Seniors Week
- June 7th - Bike Rodeo

External

- May 27th - Farmers Market @ MRC
- June 3rd - All Seasons Market @ MRC
- June 30th - RMSS Grad Banquet @ MRC