

## **CAO Update:**

March 13, 2018

### **Administration:**

- Budget information for 2018 for the Intermunicipal and Fire services agreements has been discussed at the Intermunicipal meeting. The MD asked us to bring back some information on income if we charged residents for responding (and resident could claim from insurance).
- The Tri-Council meeting took place last Wednesday. This is the first one since June.
- The Protective Services meeting took place at noon today, with excellent attendance.
- Both electronic signs are working now and we have been getting a lot of interest to put up advertisements, including Forestry and High Prairie School Division.
- Council asked about PD day activities. We will be looking at this again once we get staff in place. Attendance was hit and miss with some days slow and some busy. The Boys and Girls club also has events for 2017 and 2018, so we need to work with them to avoid duplication of services.
- The emergency siren is not functioning and will be checked.

### **Finance:**

- We are working on year end with the auditors scheduled for March 19.
- Operating and Capital budgets are nearly finalized with the report to Council tonight.
- Utility bills went out last week. We reviewed every bill to ensure that the right components were being charged. There have been many calls with questions.

### **Projects:**

- The Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station is on schedule. The next phase will be to perform a leak test on the underground tank and start the building fabrication. The leak test was started on March 9 and the building fabrication is scheduled for a March 19 start.
- Regional Waterline Pipeline project construction is well under way and continuing as planned. We have worked carefully around the eagles nests and it appears that one is incubating eggs.
- Main Street North Water Line replacement project construction will get underway again as spring conditions allow.
- Engineering and design on the Road Rehabilitation on 5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW is in progress. We are went out for bids last week and should have an idea on the construction costs in about 2 weeks.
- Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project is in the detailed engineering phase. The first phase of the earth works contract is almost ready to send out to tender (end of March) and that will include the work to be done during 2018, which will include turning the drying cell into an active cell, empty and reconstruct the 3 existing active cells and all new inter-cell underground piping. The existing cell re-construction will be done one cell at a time so the remaining cells can remain in service. We are also currently working with the SAGR equipment supplier on the detailed design and to begin procuring their equipment for the new system.
- CN Rail light upgrades on the Main Street crossing are complete.
- CN Rail track replacement project through town is complete now, but has left 2 crossings higher than before. CN assure us that they will fix these in the spring.

**Operations and Utilities:**

- Crews are working on steaming catch basins and drainage with the spring thaw.
- The downtown snow haul took place last Thursday night.
- Repairs are being done on the grinder in the Sawridge lift station.
- We have lots of material in stock to start pot hole repair as soon as the weather allows.

**Planning:**

- A report and PowerPoint presentation on lot grading is ready and scheduled for next week.

**Emergency Services:**

- 2 Medical Co-Response -204 Main ST NW & 39 East Mitsue Road
- 2 Structure Fire both 761 Southshore Drive. Hotspots looked after on day 2
- 1 Vehicle Fire 9 Main ST Smith
- 1 Other 712 6 AVE SE –Sparking Electrical box

**Community Services:****Enforcement Services**

- Been very steady dealing with complaints. Special attention has been spent on vehicles parked on the road for longer than 72 hours.
- Conducted co-response with RCMP on officer needs assistance call that resulted in the arrest of a person fleeing officers on foot. Criminal charges were laid in the incident related to theft and other criminal code charges.
- Animal control is steady. Complaints of dogs barking and running at large have been keeping us busy.
- Preventative patrols have increased at the library, government center and MRC. On the weekend while evicting an intoxicated male, a Slave Lake Peace Officer did get into an altercation at the entrance to the library which resulted in the arrest of the intoxicated male. RCMP attended the scene after the incident and arrest the accused for mischief.
- Online Enforcement Auction is active on Facebook. The auction is already very active with lots of bids.

**Pool**

- Staff showed exemplary performance during a rescue that took place on Friday, March 2.
- Pool Closure Monday, March 12 (6:00-8:00am Lane Swim). This is a result of the entry door malfunction (relating to Daylight Savings Time change), followed by a fecal contamination incident.
- Aquatic Centre will be closed for Good Friday
- Aquatic Centre will be open from 1:00-3:00pm for a Public Swim on Easter Monday (Sponsored by Tim Horton's)

**FCSS**

- Anger Ed starts this week, numbers are looking good for participants.
- Reviewing the grant applications we received and getting the report to council ready.

### **Parentlink Centre**

- Peace officers are coming with their cruisers to the center on Wednesday

### **Facilities**

- Continue to work on day to day maintenance items at the Legacy Centre and are figuring out the building.
- Have been doing necessary work at the Legacy Centre including stabilizing bars on the back of the bleachers and installing a set of stairs to access the air handling unit on the roof of the hall. We have also been coordinating the insurance claim from the stage flood a number of months ago.

### **Programming**

- We will be attending the All Season's Market on March 31 to do Easter Cookie Decorating.
- Working on the Spring Fieldhouse Schedule as we head into our Spring hours starting April 1<sup>st</sup> at the MRC.
- Minor Baseball's Spring Camp started in the fieldhouse last week.
- We are working with our Ice User Groups to wrap up the ice season and planning our "ice out" dates. Tentatively looking at March 26<sup>th</sup> to begin taking out Arena 2 and April 3<sup>rd</sup> for Arena 1. We are still waiting for a few minor hockey teams to wrap up their season.

### **Upcoming Events**

- March 12 – Tax Clinic started at the MRC
- March 13 - Service Canada speaker to discuss tax benefits for families
- March 17 – Lakeside Skating Club Carnival
- March 17 – Farmers Market
- March 27 - Post-Partum presentation
- March 31 – All Season's Market