

CAO Update:

May 1, 2018

**Administration:**

- Meeting with Parks representatives this week to discuss beach cleaning.
- A report on Cannabis Survey results will be coming later in May.

**Finance:**

- The Auditor will come to the June 5 Council meeting to present 2017 financials.
- 2017 SFE's for grants have been submitted.

**Projects:**

- Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station is on schedule. The building fabrication is complete with only some exterior "architectural" brickwork to be installed. The interior mechanical piping and installation of the process equipment is well under way and will take about a month followed by the electrical which will take about another month. The outdoor site works will continue when the site dries up. The in-lake drilling for the intake lines is scheduled to start on May 22 and will take about 3 weeks to complete.
- Regional Waterline Pipeline project construction is well under way. The contractor has about 90% of all pipeline in the ground with an overall completion of about 85%. The auguring under the airport is well under way and should be complete in another week or so. The repair to the waterline that was contacted last week is currently under way and will take about a week to repair. The work in the Widewater Community Complex area will start this week and will take about 2 weeks to complete. The work around the 3 eagle's nests along the pipeline is complete for now with one tie in left near the one nest. None of the eagles were disturbed during construction and we are continuing to follow all the provincial guideline on working around occupied nests. We have a biologist that comes out to monitor the eagles when work is taking place in the vicinity of the nests.
- Main Street North Water Line replacement project construction progressed for a bit with an attempt to tie in the existing Balsam Road line to the new line on Tamarack Road, but the extreme substandard underground soil conditions prevented us from finishing, so we backfilled the excavation again. We attempted to rent a field assembled, engineered trench shoring solution, but the costs were becoming prohibitive, so we ordered our own new engineered shoring box, which will arrive here in the middle of May at which time we will continue with the project. The next steps are to go back and inter-connect to the existing Balsam Road line and then hot tap the 3 remaining new fire hydrants to complete the main line, then we will start installing the smaller line going north on Main Street and connect it to all the existing customers along the line.
- Engineering and design on the Road Rehabilitation on 5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW is complete and Council awarded the construction contract on May 8. We are currently working with the contractor to determine project schedule. Projected start date is July 2 and projected completion date is August 31.
- The 5 Ave and 5 St NE Road Rehabilitation project is expected to start when the frost comes out of the ground and we are currently working with the contractor on the detailed work schedule

for this project and it is looking like the work will start in early June. This project was put on hold in October last year due to the cold weather coming earlier than expected.

- 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 (Mid May) 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. There is a Report to Council in tonight's agenda.
- CN Rail track replacement project through town is complete now, but has left 2 crossings higher than before, so we met with CN to discuss this issue. Talked to the northern Alberta track supervisor and he has committed to doing a permanent repair on both crossings during the first week in May.
- CN Rail Main Street crossing landscaping rehabilitation work will be starting in about 2 weeks. After contacting CN to see when they were going to come back and do the repairs to the disturbed area, they indicated they cannot handle the work, so instructed the TOSL to look after coordinating the landscaping repairs and CN will pay the bills.
- The 2018 Sidewalk Repair program RFP package is being prepared and will be sent out by the end of this week. We have already created the list of sites to be repaired and since the list is larger than the budget, so we will prioritize each site and scale it back to fit the budget. Some sites may have to be carried forward to next year's program.
- Working with LSL Regional Housing Authority on the preliminary scoping of the proposed Affordable Housing multifamily complex that is being considered for the Town of Slave Lake. As one of the options being considered, toured a fabrication facility in Calgary that will pre-fab a complete complex and then transport all modules to site for assembly, which cuts on site construction time in half. Meeting with the Alberta Government folks this week for further discussions on the project.

### **Operations and Utilities**

- We have 2 street sweepers working. There is a huge amount of material on the roads and it will take a couple of weeks to get through all of the Town. We will be advertising the areas where we will clean and ask people to keep vehicles off the streets.
- The water plant operators are challenged with water treatment with the high levels of dirty creek water entering the system. The new intake line will be a huge benefit next year.

### **Planning and Development:**

- Investigating civic addressing for industrial areas (i.e. tied to water meter replacement program and issues identified by Administration.)
- Several development permits in progress for smaller projects.
- 2 stop orders were issued

## **Fire Department:**

- Hazard reduction burns are taking place throughout the region.
- 1 MVA- HWY 88 & Intersection of Caribou Trail
- 1 Other- Pole Fire
- 7 Duty Officer- 416 6 AVE NE, 413 6 AVE NE, 228 3 AVE NE, 504 7 ST SW, 1294 Southshore DR, 1591 Main ST SE, 105 6 AVE NE

## **Community Services:**

- **Enforcement Services:**

- Peace Officers responded to three separate noise complaints, two related to loud music at the Timber House and the other was animal related.
- Peace Officers responded to two unsightly premises complaints. Investigations are on-going.
- A Peace Officer promptly responded to an officer needs assistance call at the hospital. Upon arrival, he met the RCMP member who needed assistance to control a suspect. The suspect while on drugs threatened to kill the Peace Officer. The suspect was charged under the Criminal Code for uttering threats and other offences.
- An investigation of a dog attack at the Super 8 hotel did conclude with charges being laid after a complaint was made to the Sr. Peace Officer. The accused is scheduled for court to enter a plea.
- Two complaints related to smoking violations were made in relation to persons smoking cigarettes close to entrances. Locations are at a school and hospital. Peace Officers will look out for violations during their patrols.
- Peace Officers conducted a long joint force investigation with the Slave Lake RCMP into animal cruelty. Subsequently a search and seizure warrant was issued and served. The accused has been charged under the Criminal Code for animal cruelty and the dog is in the care of Peace Officers. The accused has an upcoming court date to speak to his charges.
- Peace Officers have seen a reduction in alcohol related offences in our building. Although it's still happening, the calls have since decreased.

- **Aquatics:**

- Gabriel Brady has started as Acting Assistant Aquatics Supervisor (until October).
- Our National Lifeguard course wrapped up and we will be following up with each participant on future opportunities with the pool.
- Sharks swim club starts tomorrow, as well as an additional swim club calling themselves "Dolphins". Dolphins will have one lane from 4:00-5:00 during our lessons, and Sharks will have their usual full pool 5:00-7:00.
- We have had lots of schools call in for end of the year fun swims, most having a total of 130 kids. The end of June will be very busy!

- **FCSS:**
  - Compass for the Caregiver starts this week, class is almost full.
  - Updates for ESS contact info. and the ESS plan.
  
- **Parent Link:**
  - Family Fitness is moving outdoors for the summer.
  
- **ECD Coalition:**
  - Finalized the last edits in the resource guide, hopefully printing will be done, and we will have our copies soon. Will also be getting an electronic copy. Will be working with various agencies and business in town to distribute the guide, and link to the electronic copy.
  
- **Facilities:**
  - Two summer parks workers started this week.
  - MRC arena workers transitioning to Parks this week.
  - Parks work group will be starting garbage clean up downtown Main Street.
  - Ball diamond and soccer fields are 2 – 3 weeks behind where we were last year due to late spring. This has created some challenges for user groups, and where possible, we have been trying to accommodate their needs at the fieldhouse of the MRC.
  - Trails and sidewalks have been swept. Legacy Centre parking lot will be swept this week.
  
- **Programming:**
  - Fees for the Legacy Centre were passed by the Board. We're getting a number of requests for the facility, we are working through them all to see if we can accommodate.
  - Mark your calendar for Leadercast 2018 – flexcast viewing on Jun 8<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Centre. Cost is \$130 pp. Tickets can be purchased through the [Town's website](#).
  - Ice User's Meeting was held last Wednesday. The meeting went well, unfortunately Minor Hockey and Rec Hockey were not in attendance.
  - Prior to the Ice User's Meeting we met with both the Jr A and Jr B reps. We continue to work with them to ensure their lease agreements and contracts are agreeable
  - We are continuing to work with Activenet to push ahead with online registration/membership sales, we are hoping to have pinpads arrive by the end of the week which will allow us to start the process
  - Program Coordinator and Summer Splash Coordinator will be starting on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Summer Splash Registration Day will be Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Plans have started for Community Clean Up and Beach Clean Up Day, Community Clean Up will take place May 27-June 2, with a Beach Clean Up Day taking place on June 2. More details will follow.
  - Youth Ball Hockey League has started at the MRC.
  - There are a number of events coming up at the MRC including the Chambers Trade Show, Farmers & All Season Markets, Northern Lakes College Convocation, 777 and RMSS Grad Banquet.
  - MRC will have reduced hours for the Victoria Day Long Weekend (noon – 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, closed Monday).