

## **CAO Update: September 3, 2019**

### **Safety:**

- There were no serious incidents this week.
- First aid training renewals for staff will be all day Thursday.

### **Administration:**

- The offer to purchase lots in Fournier has expired as he has purchased lots elsewhere in Town.
- Arranging first step interviews with Fire Chief candidates.

### **Finance:**

- **Staff Projects** – Expanded the number of banks residents can use to pay online. Residents may now use RBC, ATB, BMO, TD and Tangerine banks online features to pay their utility and tax bills. The senior's program can now pay with debit instead of only cheques. A wireless debit machine has been setup so users can pay from their home. Work on budget preparation continues.
- **Taxes** - Working on a property tax sale report for next week's meeting.
- **Business Licenses** – 5 new licenses were added last week. Current number of active licenses is 450.

### **Operations and Utilities:**

#### Public Works

- Fixing drainage in the boulevard in front of Boston Pizza. It is an ideal time to do it since BP is shut down and we are able to access it from the parking lot.
- Crack sealing and pothole repairs continue.
- Ongoing sweeping and grading.
- We are presently down 2 operators

#### Utilities

- Repairing a manhole on 6 ave.
- Working through issues and repairing the caustic dozing skid in the water treatment plant.

### **Planning and Development:**

- Working with the Project Manager on the Request for Quotation and Site Tours for the demolition of the two hotel sites. Deadline for quotations is September 13, 2019.
- Have received numerous minor development permit applications and special event permit applications.
- Issued a development permit for a new house development in Parkdale Way SE.
- Working on the first Workshop and Open House for the FireSmart LUB Amendments project.

## Fire Department:

- This week finds us on call 281. With 15 calls that came through most over the long weekend. MVC's came back into play as our number 1 call out for the weekend with 6 calls along with medicals and duty officer calls.
- The weekend leading up to the long weekend, and the long weekend was one of the toughest on the Regional Fires Service in recent memory, on Wednesday evening Crews in Slave Lake responded to a train incident involving a pedestrian, the extraction due to the area the person was, was very taxing on the crew that responded. Unfortunately the outcome was not positive for the pedestrian.

Friday evening Hall one responded to a call at the West Mitsue log truck turn out, a motorcycle struck the side of a log truck at a high rate of speed. The driver of the motorcycle is still in the hospital, and he suffered severe injuries.

Saturday at noon the crew from Smith and Slave Lake responded to a downed aircraft that was performing at the Smith Rodeo. The pilot was well known to the Smith Community and did not survive the crash. Due to the nature of this call all first responders were sent back to their stations and a crew from Flatbush was brought in to Assist RCMP with the rest of the call. Members from the Alberta Peer Support team were brought in Saturday and Sunday to work with the firefighters to help them get through these stressful times.

The Regional System worked during these difficult times, and the firefighters will be working through the stress of these calls for some time to come, and we will continue to provide the support they require.

- Norquest College is starting another 4 week 1001 class at our facility.

## Projects:

- **Regional Waterline Project** – The 30 day performance test is on hold due to the leaks on the old intake line into the WTP. The bid package to replace the old line under the WTP has been prepared and will be sent out for bid this week with the work to be completed by the end of September at which time we can proceed with the 30 day performance test on the new system
- **5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW Road Rehabilitation Project** – Project is complete.
- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – The project has been progressing very well. The 3 new SAGR Cells have all been lined and the piping is well under way with 2 of the 3 SAGR cells already filled with gravel and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is in progress. We are planning to have the new SAGR cells in service before winter sets in. The work on transforming the existing Lagoon Cell 2 into an active lagoon

is complete and it was put into full service and lagoon cell 1 was taken out of service. The next critical step in progress is to de-sludge and line Lagoon Cell 1 and put it back in service before winter sets in. Wet weather has slowed the progress on this project.

- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** – The tender package was posted on August 6, closing on September 6 and will be awarded in mid-September. The construction was scheduled to start this fall, but with the project demands being put on the TOSL operations and utilities groups with all the water and sewer projects we have on the go, they have asked if we could delay the start of this construction to the spring of 2020. We have sent an addendum to the bidders indicating this change.
- **WTP Lab and Office Renovation Project** - With the current active project demands being put on the TOSL operations and utilities groups with all the water and sewer projects we have on the go, operations have asked if we could delay this project until 2020 as well.
- **Hotel Demolition Project** – Completed a Phase 1 Environment Site Assessment and posted the demolition bid package on APC which closes on September 13. We have had interest from numerous vendors, including a couple local ones.

#### **Community Services:**

- **Enforcement:**
  - Peace Officers assisted Fish and Wildlife with bear related calls.
  - Peace Officers have developed a coordinated approach for back to school this week, where an emergency vehicle will be in school zones, with emergency lights flashing, to help remind drivers to slow down.
- **Aquatics:**
  - Pool shut down has started- scheduled to reopen September 30.
  - Fall lesson applications are currently being processed - the schedule should be finalized by the end of the week.
- **FCSS:**
  - FCSS Coordinator has resigned. Her last day of work will be Thursday. Administration is currently reviewing the job and will be advertising this week.
  - Outback Power Pack registrations are full. It runs Sept 13 – 15.
  - Anger Ed is still accepting registrations. Women's group starts later this month.
  - Parent Link Kids in the Kitchen starts this Thursday.
  - Parent Link programs have moved back indoors this week.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
  - Process of cooling Arena #2 started this morning. Plan to start making ice this week.
  - A power outage caused some electrical issues in the MRC, which required an electrician to repair. Everything is back in service.
  - SAR assisted Parks with a slope rescue exercise to help pick Himalayan Balsam along the creek bank.
  - Trail and park closures due to bear activity (on the advice of Fish & Wildlife).
  - Selection for the MRC Operations/Parks Supervisor is underway.
- **Recreation & Programming:**
  - Fall Ice Users meeting was held last week. Following up with concerns raised last week as well.
  - Modified ice schedule is in place for the next couple weeks on arena #1.
  - Icedogs' schedule has been finalized by the league.
  - Visitor Information Centre was open through to Sept 2 and is now closed for the season.
  - Selection & recruitment for a number of positions is underway.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Sept 7 – 9: Slo-pitch Tournament (Charity and Sinclair Parks)
- Sept 14: First Responders and Their Backup (Legacy)
- Sept 17 – 19: Private rental (Legacy)
- Sept 21: Raise the Woof (Legacy)
- Sept 22: Private Rental (Legacy)
- Sept 28: Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival (Legacy)