

CAO Update:

December 5, 2017

Administration:

- Audrey DeWit is acting Director for Community Services until a permanent person is hired.
- The Staff Christmas party is Friday night.

Finance:

- Council will be starting to look at budget this week.
- Invoices for renewal of business licenses are being prepared.
- Preparing for year end.

Projects:

- Regional Water line: Site construction of intake and pumping station is on schedule with the below grade concrete floor poured last week and the sump walls will be started this week. Pipeline project construction and site work will start early January.
- Main Street North Water Line: We will be working on the final 3 major tie-ins are hoping to have the section of the main line along Tamarack Road in service this year. Service connections will be done next year.
- Road Rehabilitation on 5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW: Engineering and design is in progress. Expecting to go out to tender in Q1, 2018.
- Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project: We are currently hauling the bio solids to the Lesser Slave Regional Waste Site where they will use it as cover. We are also currently working with the SAGR equipment supplier to begin procuring their equipment for the new system.
- CN Rail light upgrades on the Main Street crossing: No Activity this week.
- CN Rail track replacement project through town: CN left 2 crossings higher than before. We met with CN to discuss this issue and are now following up to see why the temporary repairs were not completed as committed.
- Legacy Building Management System with the Government Center Building Management System: Work is progressing.

Operations and Utilities:

- Crews are out grading and sanding. They got through the whole Town again including residential in record time – just over a week. They will do the hauling from down town tonight and from Cul-de-sacs tomorrow.
- We have nearly 1000 water meters that are not working due to battery failures. The manufacturer is having this issue everywhere and is having difficulty supplying adequate replacements. We just received 50 and are expecting another 500 in January.

Planning:

- MPC met last night
- Starting to review various MGA changes and implementing amendments to development forms, applications, procedures, etc., as well as noting required Land Use Bylaw amendments to be included in a future housekeeping bylaw.

Community Services:

Enforcement Services

- Door knockers were delivered to residences in follow up to the 74 snow removal complaints over the last two weeks, with a very high subsequent snow removal rate. Elderly residents calling in for help are directed to the Seniors Coordinator. Empty lots with snow on the sidewalks remain an issue.
- December is Impaired Driving month; Peace Officers will be working with partners in “Joint Force Operations” to ensure traffic safety for the pedestrians and motoring public.
- Peace Officers continue to be as visible as possible in school zones.
- Peace Officers attended a trial resulting in an owner being penalized for failing to maintain his property. The bylaw was viewed and dissected by a Provincial Court Judge (which doesn't happen often) and our community standards bylaw upheld well in trial.
- The animal control facility is in need of blankets! Anyone wanting to donate blankets can drop them off to the Town of Slave Lake office.

Pool

- The next Sponsored Swim is December 27th, 6-8 PM, sponsored by BrokerLink.
- We are playing “Elf” for the Movie Swim on December 17th, 5-7 PM.
- Last week of lessons for the year - the new set begins in January.

Parentlink

- Santa is coming December 15th.
- Positive Parenting program in partnership with Northern Alberta Psychological Services will be held January 15, 4:30 to 6:30 PM @ Legacy Centre.
- Closed from December 21st at noon until January 2nd for Christmas.

FCSS

- Anger Ed starts January 23rd.
- Ongoing recruitment for volunteers for seniors' snow removal.
- Looking for more buddies for the Buddies for Seniors program, for seven new applications.
- Seniors Pancake breakfast went well despite all the snow the night before.

Facilities

- Canada 150 Mural installed in Arena 1; join us to celebrate its unveiling and Canada 150 Skate Day December 10th 4-6PM.
- Fieldhouse divider is being installed December 11-15.
- New process for snow removal in the MRC parking lot and on trails is being developed.
- Had a few issues with the boilers and hot water tanks at the MRC over the weekend. Maintenance staff troubleshoot and has a temporary fix so there were no disruptions to ice users. We are working on a more permanent fix.

Program Coordinator

- Cookie decorating taking place Dec 9th during the All Seasons Market
- Free Sponsored Skates Dec 24th - January 5th, 12-2pm each day
- Seniors (60+) Track is sponsored through to March
- Lots of events happening at the MRC

Internal

- December 9th – Free Christmas Cookie Decorating

- December 10th – Free Canada 150 Skate Day and Mural Unveiling
- December 24th-January 5th – Free Holiday Skates 12-2pm
- February 10th – 19th – Frost Fest

External

- December 9th – All Seasons Market
- December 9th – Little Lightning Tournament
- December 16th – Farmer's Market
- January 5, 6, 7 – Arctic Winter Games Tryouts
- January 20, 21 – Girls Tournament
- February 10-19 – Frost Fest