

CAO Update:

February 6, 2018

Administration:

- Town facilities staff are now taking care of call outs for the Legacy building. We are gearing up to take over bookings on March 1. We have a draft agreement which we need to review with the corporation.
- New formatting is being used on the digital sign on 6th to increase readability. When we get a break in the weather we need to upgrade the software on the digital sign on Hwy 2 and main.
- I met with AXIA (suppliers of Supernet). They are interested in putting fibre to residents and businesses if 30% of the residents indicate that they are interested. They claim faster speeds (500 gbps) and unlimited usages at competitive rates. The sign up is on their web site under "Find out if your Town is a FibreTown".

Finance:

- We are working on year ends with the auditors scheduled for March 5.
- The capital budget was reviewed with Council.
- Water meter failures are an ever increasing problem as more fail and the manufacturer cannot provide replacements. We will be bringing a report next week for an interim solution

Projects:

- Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station is on schedule with all below grade cellar walls now poured. The final 2 below grade walls were poured last week and they have started getting the grade level floor prepped for pouring which is the final stage of the concrete work. The next phase will be to start the building fabrication, which should begin later in February.
- Regional Waterline Pipeline project construction is well under way. Surveying work is just about done, brush clearing is in progress and the PVC pipe fusing has started along the line. The pipeline trenching and directional drilling construction will start in the next week or two.
- Main Street North Water Line replacement project construction has been at a standstill for the past 2 weeks due to the cold weather. The main line pipe along the south end of Main Street and along Tamarack Road up to the 8 St intersection is complete and tied in to the existing water lines at each end and was filled with water 2 weeks ago, but the cold weather has prevented us from doing a pressure test. 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.
- Engineering and design on the Road Rehabilitation on 5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW is in progress. Expecting to go out to tender at the end of Q1, 2018.
- Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project is in the detailed engineering phase. We have completed the hauling of the bio-solids from the drying cell to the Widewater Landfill. 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 have come to a standstill and trying to get an answer from CN as to when they are going to complete the project.
- 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. The 3 St SW crossing was supposed to have been repaired a couple of weeks ago, but CN has not been back.

- The interconnection of the WLC Building Management System with the Gov't Center Building Management System is complete. We have also relocated the BMS server from the Government Center utility room to the TOSL office area which will be a much cleaner environment for the server computer and help to prevent system failures, which have occurred in the past.

Operations and Utilities:

- Crews did another complete snow plowing of Town last week as well as hauling snow from downtown and the crescents. They have been out sanding intersections multiple times daily. Remember that salt does not work in the cold weather, so the sand doesn't last that long. We have about 10% of the fine rock this year and might increase that to 25% next year. Working on plowing collectors and mains since they are rough.
- Evaluating a water leak by Speedees.
- Working on calibration of equipment in the water plant and year end reports.

Planning:

- The Planning Department has been working on enforcement of an illegal non-complying use of a garage as a residence.
- MPC meeting last night with 5 applications being dealt with.
- We are scanning land base files to the digital system
- Preparing a draft brochure on protecting your property from flooding. This ties into lot grading and roof and foundation drains.
- Reviewing information from the FCM on preparing for Cannabis legalization.
- Set-up the Map Box and filing index for it. Have filed all paper copies of plans into this system.

Emergency Services:

- 5-Duty Officer -112 12 AVE SW, 604 Main ST SW, 900B Main ST SW, 4618 55 ST West Fawcett, 801 6 AVE NW
- 1-Structure Fire –East End of Poplar Lane
- 1-MVA-Hwy 2 22KM West of SL

Community Services:

Enforcement Services

- Conducted a Check Stop with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- There have been lots of alcohol consumption issues in the lobby of Government Centre. The tables and chairs have been removed on a temporary basis.
- The Peace Officers are attending the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers annual conference this week, where they will be learning about upcoming marijuana legislation, a discussion led by the Solicitor General's office about current concerns and future initiatives, and more.

Facilities

- Staff were able to repair the hot water tank at the MRC instead of replacing it.
- One of our maintenance coordinators is leaving us as of February 9th; the position is being advertised

Pool

- 113 people attended the Slave Lake Dental Sponsored Swim
- Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross this week (February 6th-10th)
- New lesson set begins this week
- Public Swim on Family Day, Monday, February 19th, from 1-3pm

Parentlink

- A dental hygienist will be at Baby Time in Parentlink on February 20th

FCSS

- Anger Ed should be full groups this next session, still receiving lots of registrations
- Income tax clinic will run from March 12th May 2nd, it will be 3 days a week again this year (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
- Volunteers have started online training in preparation for income tax. This service is available to residents with low or modest income
- FCSS grant applications are out and due back by February 28th at 4pm
- Homelessness research study results are being presented on February 27th at 12 noon at the Friendship Centre. The presentation is open to everyone.

Programming

- Quiet weekend at the MRC, numerous games cancelled due to poor road conditions.
- We are working with Minor Hockey to reschedule games
- Senior's walking track is sponsored by Landon Persson Memorial Fund for February
- Learn to run is from February 13th – March 7th
- Frost Fest advertising is out; the brochure is on the Town website
- Planning continues for Legacy Centre transition

Internal

- February 6 – 10 - Bronze Cross
- February 10 –19 – Frost Fest
- February 19, from 1-3pm, Public Swim
- February 13 – March 7 - Learn to run
- March 12- May 2 - Income tax clinic

External

- February 10-19 – Frost Fest
- February 27, 12 noon - Homelessness research study results presentation, Friendship Centre