

CAO Update:

April 10, 2018

**Finance:**

- Finalizing questions from the Auditor and the year end.
- Will be bringing the mill rate report to Council next week.

**Projects:**

- Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station is on schedule. The below ground work is complete and the excavation has been backfilled to grade. The building fabrication has been ongoing for a couple weeks with about a week to go. The next steps will be to start the interior mechanical piping and installation of the process equipment which will take about a month followed by the electrical which will take about another month.
- Regional Waterline Pipeline project construction is well under way. The contractor is about 60% complete with work in progress on all sections of the line. The drilling under the airport will start as soon as we receive approval from Transport Canada, which we are expecting any day now. The eagles are nesting in all 3 nests along the route and we are ensuring we are following all the provincial guideline on working around occupied 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 extremely wet 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.
- Engineering and design on the Road Rehabilitation on 5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW is complete and the RFP was sent out to tender and the bids were received. The results are in a Report to Council tonight.
- Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project is in the detailed engineering phase, and we had a 90% drawing review last week between TOSL and our engineering consultant. 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.
- 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 as soon as the snow and ice disappears and the temperatures will allow for a permanent repair material to stay in place.
- 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.

### **Operations and Utilities**

- Keeping ahead of spring runoff drainage issues. Steaming catch basins and culverts.
- Pot hole repairs as conditions allow.
- Inspecting and clearing sanitary sewer lines.
- Our latest information is that we will receive the first 1000 water meters in early June.

### **Planning and Development:**

- Working on 6 different enforcement files.
- Prepared reports to the MPC and Council for Bylaw #11-2018 and #14-2018.
- Held the April MPC meeting and had good discussion on the housekeeping amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.
- Follow-up letter on the open 2017 Development Permit files.
- Looking into civic addressing issues with respect to the Water Meter Replacement program.

### **Fire Department:**

- 2 Duty Officer -601 Willow Drive & 1 Springwood Lane NE
- 2 MVA -100 6 AVE SW & HWY 88 & Wabasca Turn Off

### **Community Services:**

#### **Enforcement Services:**

- April is speed month. We are paying special attention to speed enforcement on our highways and roads. Please watch the posted speed limits.
- Peace Officers while conducting traffic enforcement, seized two motor vehicles for no insurance. Charges were laid in both cases.
- Animal Control conducted an owner surrender on a dog in the pound and was given to Animal Rescue for adoption.
- One ban notice was given to a repeat offender for being drunk in the library. The bans appear to be making a difference, however there is still heavy alcohol abuse in the government building and lobbies.

#### **Aquatics:**

- National Lifeguard Course starts this weekend (Friday April 13, 14, 15)
- We are into our second week of swimming lessons, and still have lots of parents signing kids up for the coming months.
- Last week we had Tim Hortons sponsor all of our Family/Public Swims, and they were very well attended with at least 80 people in each swim with no significant incidents/accidents reported.
- The hot tub was closed Monday, Apr 9<sup>th</sup> due to a health concern (detected during water sampling). Water was super-chlorinated and brought back to standard. No reports of anyone affected.

- The hot tub will be closed for the majority of the day (possibly all day) on Wednesday as repairs will be made to rusty roof drain hangers, as well as a bearing in the air handler system. These require scaffolding to be set-up over the hot tub.
- There are a few other mechanical/pool systems repairs that will need to be completed in the next couple weeks. The college is addressing these, with the plan of keeping the pool operational throughout the repairs.

**FCSS:**

- Volunteer dinner numbers are very low. We have extended the date to RSVP to Wednesday.
- “Compass for the Caregiver” registrations have started to come in.
- Income tax clinic is still very busy. Runs until May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Parentlink Centre:**

- Both sets of “Kids in the Kitchen” are full.

**Facilities:**

- Sean McConnell is the successful candidate for the Manager of Facilities and Parks. Sean currently is our Health and Safety Coordinator and will be assuming the new duties on Apr 16.
- Interviews and the selection process is well underway for the 2 vacant Facility Maintenance Coordinators.

**Programming:**

- Legacy Centre Board Meeting has been delayed so we still have not set fees for the facility.
- Interviewing for the Program Coordinator.
- Spring Break Camp went well, full or near full registration each day.