

CAO Update:

May 8, 2018

Administration:

- Met with Parks representatives to discuss beach cleaning. They are certainly willing to work with the Town. Also, they recently purchased their own tractor and disc.
- The Town had a booth at the trade show on the weekend. The show was well attended.

Finance:

- The Auditor will come to the June 5 Council meeting to present 2017 financials.
- We are also preparing a report for cheques over \$100,000 and for spending year to date, possibly for next week.

Projects:

- Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station is on schedule. Installation of equipment and electrical in the building is progressing well. 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 continues to progress well. The auguring under the airport is well under way and should be completed soon.
- Main Street North Water Line replacement project construction will continue in mid of May. The next steps are to 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 the contract has been awarded. 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. 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.
- 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
- 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 says the work will be done as soon as the as E-Construction's asphalt plant starts up.
- CN Rail Main Street crossing landscaping rehabilitation work will start soon. 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 was prepared and will be sent out for pricing. We have already created the list of sites to be repaired and since the list is larger than the budget, 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. Met with the Alberta Government representatives this week for further discussions on the project, and confirmed that funding is tied to the use of shipping containers.

Operations and Utilities

- The boulevard brush plus 2 street sweepers are working. The street sweepers follow the brush since it deposits a lot of material on the roads. About half of the Town has been done. We are advertising the areas where we will clean and ask people to keep vehicles off the streets.
- Contractors are working at the water treatment plant on modifications to connect the new raw water line.
- The schools are cleaning the recycle center this week as a grad fundraiser.

Planning and Development:

- Held MPC meeting last evening.
- Letter sent to the Chamber regarding their request to sit on the MPC.
- Reviewed the Power Point on the Cannabis Survey.
- Working on amendments to the Land Use Bylaw coming from a legal opinion letter regarding our development process.
- Balanced the Development Deposit Log for the Finance Department
- Preparing the reports for a SDAB Hearing.
- Have a FOIP request we are dealing with.
- Issuing a number of development permits.

Fire Department:

- Hazard reduction burns are taking place throughout the region.
- 2 Day Rescue Athabasca River
- 1 Duty Officer 105 6 AVE NW
- 2 MVA –HWY 2 & Caribou Trail, HWY 88 & Marten Road
- 1 Grass Fire Flat Top Road

Community Services:

- **Enforcement Services:**
 - Peace Officers are still caring for a seized pitbull as part of an RCMP criminal investigation.
 - Unsightly premise complaints are coming in. Typically these include issues such as excessive dog feces, junk on private property etc.
 - A Peace Officer currently has an active file for a dog attack that had occurred twice at a business. Investigation is on-going.

- Peace Officers installed a large dog run in the pound yard so animals can go in and out of their kennel and into the yard. It's working well.
- Traffic safety and enforcement continues to be priority when calls for other services allow.
- **Aquatics:**
 - There were two significant first aid incidents at the pool last week. Thank you to the lifeguards involved, who handled both situations in a calm and professional manner! Following those events, administration has provided counselling for all lifeguards, with very positive feedback received.
 - Lots of focus on private lessons trying to get as many people in as possible.
 - We've been working with Sharks Swim Club to help them get all of their new equipment up and ready for them. The Sharks were able to purchase new swim blocks this year.
- **FCSS:**
 - Compass for the Caregiver started last week, with good numbers.
- **Parent Link:**
 - Baby Massage starts this week. Registered program in partnership with Healthy Choices for Moms and Babes
 - Mother's Day Tea is on Friday May 11th
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - Reviewed Ball diamonds maintenance with Contractors, Parks Supervisor and user groups.
 - New summer workers have started with Parks.
 - Clean up of main street garbage resulted in over 50 bags of garbage!
 - Heat wheel (air exchanger) replaced in Government centre.
- **Programming:**
 - The Chamber of Commerce's Trade Show went very well - the Chamber did an excellent job of organizing and the event went smoothly on our end. It was nice to see all three spaces within the MRC being used.
 - We are working with Rec Hockey and Oldtimers to finalize their ice season bills.
 - We have been working with Minor Ball, Slo Pitch and Minor Soccer to get things ready for their outdoor season start up: Minor Ball is planning on starting outside this week, Minor Soccer will start next week and we are still waiting to hear from Slo Pitch on what their plans are.
 - The Legacy Centre continues to take up a great deal of time, working through contracts with upcoming events, working on communication plans for renters, figuring out facility access, among other day to day tasks.

- Meeting with the Woods and Waterways Recreational Trail Association on Tuesday to help them with some grant information and obtain an update on their plans.
- We will be operating on a reduced schedule at the MRC over the Victoria Day weekend, we find that the facility is usually slow over long weekends if there are no events taking place, so are trying out a reduced schedule.
- Community Cleanup is May 27th to June 1st, with a Beach Cleanup on June 2nd.