

CAO Update:

June 12, 2018

Administration:

- The highest priority event this week has been the heavy rains and threat of flood. An EOC was set up at the fire hall Monday afternoon and ran through until Tuesday afternoon.

The Town operations crew worked throughout the night with up to 11 vacuum trucks to keep water and sewer from backing up. Lift station C and Sawridge lift station were overwhelmed at times, but the trucks managed to maintain levels. The worst area for overland flooding was 6th avenue and 8th St. NE. The trucks managed to control this. Also trackhoes were brought in to clear log jams from the creek. 6 of our 11 storm gates were closed. Town crews are also struggling to stabilize operation of the water treatment plant following the flood waters and the power outages. Fortunately we have plenty of reserve capacity in the reservoirs.

The Sawridge Creek had just breached a berm and water was progressing towards the hospital when the level started to fall at about 3:00 am.

Fire fighters and RCMP were also out throughout the night helping where required, including doing the evacuations in Martin Beach and East of Town, and sandbagging at Martin River. Forestry crews also came out to help with the sandbagging.

Town communication on Social Media was constant and current. We were definitely ahead of the information curve this time.

I would like to thank all the Town crews, contract workers, firefighters, RCMP, forestry and others who worked so diligently and so well together, to provide a very favorable outcome. When people know what they are doing and work well together, a difficult situation such as this looks easy.

- The front desk will be opening over lunch from June 18 to June 31 to accommodate those who wish to pay their taxes over lunch hour.

Finance:

- Water meters are delayed until at least the end of June.
- There haven't been very many questions on taxes or water bills.

Projects:

- Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station is on schedule. The building fabrication is complete with only some exterior "architectural" brickwork to be installed. The interior mechanical piping and installation of the process equipment and piping is complete and the electrical is nearing completion. The outdoor site works will continue when the site dries up and the in-lake work is done. The in-lake drilling for the intake lines is in progress with the first section of intake line drilled and pulled in and they have been trying to get the second line

started, but the weather conditions have not been favorable and will not start for a few days yet. In the lake work expected to take 3 weeks total.

- Regional Waterline Pipeline project construction is well under way. The contractor has about 95% of all pipeline in the ground with an overall completion of about 90% with work in progress on all remaining sections of the line. The work at the airport and at the Widewater community complex are both complete. The bulk of the remaining work is the end to end connections of the Horizontal Directional Drilled lines of which there are still 34 connections to be done. This project is also on hold until the weather clears up later this week.
- Main Street North Water Line replacement project has been at a standstill because of the extreme substandard underground soil conditions. We tried to rent a trench shoring system, but the costs were becoming prohibitive, so we have ordered our own new engineered shoring box, which is scheduled to ship from down east on Wednesday this week and when it arrives, we will continue with the project. The next step is 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. 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 Council awarded the construction contract on May 8. We are currently working with the contractor to determine project schedule. Projected start date is now the end of July and projected completion date is now the end of September.
- The 5 Ave and 5 St NE Road Rehabilitation project is in progress with the next step being to install the forms for the new sidewalks and curbs. The project is expected to be complete by the end of June. Public notifications have been done on website, in local newspaper and letter delivered door to door. Road closure notices have been done and are now in effect. This project is also on hold until the weather clears up later this week.
- 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 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 awarded the contract to the SAGR equipment supplier for 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, and are currently working with CN on a permanent solution to this.
- CN Rail Main Street crossing landscaping rehabilitation work will be starting in about 2 weeks. After contacting CN to see when they were going to come back and do the repairs to the disturbed area and broken sidewalks, they indicated they cannot handle the work, so instructed

the TOSL to look after coordinating the landscaping repairs and CN will pay the bills. Had discussions with CN late last week and it looks like we are finally getting some movement from them.

- The 2018 Sidewalk Repair program RFP package has been sent out and the bids closed on June 11. 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 detailed scoping of the proposed Affordable Housing multifamily complex that is being considered for the Town of Slave Lake. The one company being considered for the construction of the prefabricated modules has gone into receivership, so the project is now being re-evaluated with the Alberta Government folks. We are continuing with the detailed scope of work document and preparing the RFP documents to have them ready when we have permission to proceed.

Operations and Utilities

- Operations and Utilities have been dealing with the flood waters to keep water and sewer from backing up in Town and to keep the water treatment plant operating.

Fire Department:

- 3-MVA- 7ST SE 1ST ST NE & 1A AVE SE, 65 KM South on Hwy 2/44, 30 Minutes north on Hwy 88
- 1-Abandoned Vehicle –Holmes Trail
- tree on powerline Widewater

Community Services:

- Community services were on standby in the event that an evacuation center needed to be set up.