

## CAO Update:

September 18, 2018

### Administration

- Council, CAO and Directors spent 2 days over the weekend working on a strategic plan. Administration have started to put together a plan on how to tackle it.

### Finance:

- Working on the 2019 budget.
- We received 4 crates of new water meters.

### Projects

- **Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station** - The intake station pre-commissioning activities are on-going. The pumps have been load tested. The control system testing and communications testing back to the WTP are in progress and should be fully operational by the end of this week. The site grading, parking lot and site fencing are complete. Intake Station should be fully operational by the end of September. A project completion open house BBQ, open to the public is being planned for September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Widewater Sports complex.
- **Regional Waterline Pipeline Project** construction is also nearing completion. The contractor has 100% of all pipeline in the ground with all the end to end connections completed except for the final tie-in at the WTP. The finishing and reclamation work and cleanup all along the pipeline route has been very good and the contractor is going above and beyond in the residential areas. We started filling the line with water last week and the pigging and pressure testing of the pipeline will continue this week. Once the pressure test is done and has passed, the final tie-in at the WTP will begin and should be fully operational by the first week in October.
- **Main Street North Water Line Replacement Project** is progressing. The smaller 4" line has been installed using HDD along Main Street all the way out to the vicinity of The Point Marina. Two customers along Main Street have already been connected to the new line and this week, we will continue connecting the remaining 5 customers along Main Street and the 2 customers along Tamarack Road. The TOSL work scope will stop at the TOSL and MDLSR border on Main Street and the MD will finish the line off going north to The Point. After all customers are switched over to the new line, we can shut in and abandon the old line.
- **5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW Road Rehabilitation Project** construction started on Aug 15 and has been progressing very well with 100% of the new waterline installed. The waterline will be filled and tested this week and residents should be switched over to it by the end of the week so the temporary waterlines can be removed. The next step which is the sewer line replacement started last week and they are about 30% complete now, then followed by the road base reconstruction, new sidewalks then finally the asphalt to complete the project. The projected completion date is still mid -October. Road closure notices have been issued and door to door notices have been delivered.
- **5 Ave and 5 St NE Road Rehabilitation Project** is complete including the landscaping repairs. The water is draining very well along the road and the sod patches are all looking nice and green, thanks to our continued watering program and a few residents who have been looking after their own sod.

- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – Site construction contract has been awarded and we are having a project construction kickoff meeting on Sept 19, where we will be presented with the contractors detailed construction schedule. The work will start this fall and continue until freeze-up then will resume again in the spring. The project scope is to turn the existing drying cell into an active cell, empty and reconstruct and install HDPE liners in 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.
- **CN Rail Main Street, 3 St SW and 7 St SE Crossings** repair works are in progress with the landscaping and concrete replacement is complete. We will continue to work with CN as they are responsible for the asphalt repairs, which will occur in conjunction with the airport repaving which has already started. CN is paying 100% for all the landscaping, concrete and asphalt repairs on all 3 crossings. CN is managing and directly paying for the asphalt work. Work is planned for this week and next.
- **2018 Sidewalk Repair Program** is complete. The pavement patches at the edge of the new concrete at all sites will be done with the annual operations pavement patching program so we can leverage the competitive pricing operations has with their work. The pavement patching contract has been awarded and this work should start after the rain subsides and should only take a few days to complete.
- **Water Treatment Plant Leaking Roof Repairs** contract was awarded and the work started, with 4 out of 9 sections completed to date and the remaining 5 sections work will resume when the rain stops and will only take 4 or 5 days to complete.
- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** was kicked off a couple weeks ago and in the early stages of establishing the work plan and scope of work. Engineering and design to take place in 2018 with the tender package going out in Q1, 2019 and construction scheduled for Q2 or Q3, 2019.
- **Lift Station C - New Forcemain Project** was kicked off a couple weeks ago and in the early stages of establishing the work plan and scope of work. Engineering and design to take place in 2018 with the tender package going out in Q1, 2019 and construction scheduled for Q2 or Q3, 2019.
- **Sawridge Lift Station Modifications** are in the detailed design stage and hoping to have the modifications completed by the end of this year. This work includes installing a rail track system on the stairs to easily remove the “Muffin Monster” grinder pump for servicing as well as installing a new recirculation pump system to reduce the frequency of cleaning the cells. The scope of work also includes repairing and putting back into service the second discharge line to the sewage lagoon as it has been out of service for a while.
- **Town Shop Yard – Salt Water Remediation Work** is in progress and going well with the results trending in the right direction. Pending results of the 2018 pumping season, we will hopefully go into monitoring only mode next summer, which will cut the costs in half for this work.
- 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

- Prepping for winter.

- Will be sweeping leaves soon.
- Commissioning the new water intake.
- Repairing sewer line at the Legion this week.
- Paving patches will commence as soon as weather permits.

### **Planning and Development**

- Starting the planning and preliminary work on the Sign Regulations within the Land Use Bylaw, which includes extensive public feedback.
- Circulated a survey to Council to obtain direction on proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments for the Downtown Plan.
- Preparing Report regarding the 2019 Project List for the Downtown Area Structure Plan (i.e. Downtown Revitalization) which will inform the budget process.
- Continuing to work through various enforcement files.

### **Fire Department:**

The fire department had a very busy week. There have been 252 calls so far this year.

- 1-Other- Carbon monoxide- 300 8 ST SW
- 5-Duty Officer Calls- 2 @ 1551 Main ST SE/Unit 106 1500 Main ST SW/1001 10 A AVE SE/309 4 ST NE
- 5-MVA's – 3 AVE NE & 3 AVE NW Main ST/HWY 88-25 KM N SL/HWY 88 72 KM/HWY 2 & Main ST SW/HWY 2 & TWP RD 724 A

This week is Smile Cookie week at Tim Hortons.

### **Community Services:**

- **Enforcement Services:**
  - Application submitted to the AB Sol Gen to change Peace Officer authorities to reflect new cannabis legislation.
  - Increase in calls relating to wildlife (bear) concerns. While this is an AB Fish and Wildlife matter, Peace Officers have assisted where they safely could. Residents are reminded become "Bear Smart" and to report bear concerns to local Fish and Wildlife. Wildlife emergencies and aggressive behaviors should be reported to the Report-A-Poacher line. More info at [www.bearsmart.alberta.ca](http://www.bearsmart.alberta.ca)
- **Aquatics:**
  - Shut down update: Hot tub is being repainted, all jets replaced, caulked and sealed by NLC. Pool plumbing repairs are continuing. Some other repairs are taking place in the pool basin this week as well,
  - Continue to take registrations for swim lessons in October.
- **FCSS & Parent Link:**
  - Anger Ed starts tonight.
  - Outback Power Pack Camp this weekend.

- Starting to look for volunteers for snow shoveling for seniors this winter.
- Working with AHS on Let's Talk Cannabis presentations for the community, the first one is Monday for Business and Industry.
- Parent Link is trying out a longer drop in time on Monday mornings.
- Post-natal group is starting back up.
- Seniors and Elders from the NFC will be joining Parent Link for some programming this fall.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
  - Ice install completed in arena #2 and Minor Hockey hosted a 3/3 tournament on the new ice on Sunday.
  - Staffing at the MRC is still in transition between Parks and the MRC, with operators now covering 7 days a week, while still tending to some Parks related tasks.
  - Flower baskets were removed by the Kinettes on the weekend.
  - Numerous smaller facility repairs have been completed at the MRC and Legacy Centre this week (lights, doors, electrical, plumbing, etc.).
- **Programming:**
  - We will be bringing back PD Day Camps, our first date will be October 5th for kids aged 6-11yrs, \$30/day out of the MRC.
  - Still waiting on confirmation of schedules from a number of ice user groups.
  - Scheduling an end of season meeting with our ball user groups.
  - Taw Connors Concert at the Legacy Centre is this Saturday. This will be the first concert fully organized by staff, on behalf of the corporation.