

CAO Update:

October 9, 2018

Administration:

- Two new equipment operators were hired.
- COR safety audit will take place starting September 22.

Finance:

- Working on the 2019 budget. It will be very challenging this year with rising costs.
- Water meter installation is going well with lots of people setting up appointments. We will hire a temporary person to speed this up and also because the water plant is already down one person.

Projects

- **Regional Waterline Intake and Pumping Station** - The intake station construction is complete and the commissioning activities have been taken as far as they can at this point. The 30 day acceptance test is waiting for the completion of the pipeline commissioning.
- **Regional Waterline Pipeline Project** construction is complete with 100% of all pipeline in the ground and 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 had some issues last week with a line break which requires a short section of line to be replaced along Southshore Drive and that work will take place this week and then a pig got stuck in a fitting along the line, so they are working on those 2 issues. We are hoping to resume pigging and pressure testing within a week. Once the pressure test is done and has passed, the final tie-in at the WTP will be done to complete the project.
- **Main Street North Water Line Replacement Project** has come to a halt for a couple weeks as our contractor had other commitments. Five customers along Main Street have already been connected to the new line and when we resume work next week, we will continue connecting the remaining 2 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 and they will connect their 3 customers to the new line. 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 and 100% of the new sewer line installed. We have been unable to get a good pressure test on the waterline due to some of the existing curb stop valves at the edge of each property leaking and after a week of chasing and replacing suspect leaking valves with little success of finding all the leaking ones, we have made the decision to replace all of the curb stop valves along the street. We have replaced 11 over the past week and need to replace the remaining 21. Over the weekend they replaced 13 out of 21 remaining curb stop valves and they feel they should have the rest done by Thursday morning at which time they will do a pressure test and if it passes they proceed with the flushing and testing process which takes 3 or 4 days. We are hoping to be switching from temporary water to permanent water by Sunday or Monday, if the pressure test and the water sample testing both go well. Once we get a good pressure test on the new water line we can remove the temporary water system. The next step is to install the curbs and sidewalks and then after 7 days of curing time, we can build up the road base to get it ready for asphalt.

- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – The general contractor has been mobilizing to site over the past 2 weeks and will start the earthworks this week. The work will 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** – are complete and the invoice has been sent to CN for payment.
- **2018 Sidewalk Repair Program** is complete.
- **Water Treatment Plant Leaking Roof Repairs** are complete.
- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** was kicked off a few 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 few 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 complete for this year. 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.
- **LSL Regional Housing Authority** – Working on the detailed scoping of the proposed Affordable Housing multifamily apartment complex that is being considered for the Town of Slave Lake. Funding has not been secured, so 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

- Winter sand is in.
- Prepping equipment for winter operation.
- Pavement repairs are in progress.
- Meeting with grade 4 students on Friday to do some hands on Water Treatment examples.
- Cleaning Sawridge Lift Station trunk lines.
- Working with the contractor on the sewage lagoons.

Planning and Development

- Working on Budget Report.
- Special MPC meeting today for Cannabis Stores
- We have started to receive applications for the Steering Committee for the Sign Regulations.

Fire Department:

- 3 MVA's-HWY 754 KM 24 North of HWY 88/HWY 44 & TWP 672/HWY 44 & TWP 692
- 1 Vehicle Fire-300 1500 Main ST SW
- 2 -Other Calls- Assistance to the RCMP with supply and delivering Command Trailer and Truck to HWY 88 10 KM North of SL/ Water truck recovery assisting tow company with hooking cables under water

Community Services:

Enforcement Services

- Peace Officers completed an online course through the Canadian Police Knowledge Network around Cannabis and the legislation.
- Gary Roth attended a seminar regarding the Peace Officer Program. The seminar was around upcoming changes to the program including training, authorities etc.
- General statistics were reviewed for 2018. Enforcement Service has seen a 33% increase in calls compared to this time last year. A total of 424 case reports have been generated.
- Bylaw related complaints are beginning to slow down, leaving more time for training, traffic and housekeeping related duties.
- Enforcement met with the RCMP regarding joint operations. This includes homelessness, and the AFFRCS program.

Aquatics

- Near the end of shutdown, 2 days of in-service training are planned to ensure all guards' skills are at or above standards.
- No longer accepting lesson registrations as staff are creating the classes and contacting customers before lessons begin.

FCSS and Parent Link

- Cannabis Talk dinner at Fix is tomorrow. We have 22 people attending.
- Looking for volunteers for senior's snow removal.
- Joining Ford with the We Scare Hunger Campaign and collecting food bank donations for the month of October.
- Baby Massage and Leading to Reading are both full.

Facilities and Parks

- Town Office Boiler 2 is currently shut down since it goes into alarm mode. Working with IEMs to identify the problem.
- Chubb fire panel continues to identify an internal fault, working with Chubb on solution. The panel is operational and functioning however continues to identify an internal fault.
- Continue to prep HVAC at all locations for winter season

Programming

- Unfortunately the PD Day Camp on Friday, October 5th was cancelled due to low registration. We will try again for the PD Day on October 26th
- Minor Hockey's games started this past weekend, we are officially into our full ice season schedule
- We are partnering with the Day Care on their Open House event on October 16th from 6-8pm at the Legacy Centre
- We will be partnering with the All Season's Market to do Mini Pumpkin decorating at the market on October 27th