

CAO Update:

November 20, 2018

Finance:

- The interim audit is taking place this week.
- Work continues with the operating budget and capital budget.
- Water meter installation appointments in the Southeast were slowing down so we expanded to the Southwest. We are going to need to consider a penalty for those who don't set up an appointment since the supplier will be charging if we don't return the old ones (core charge)

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 except for the final tie-in at the WTP. The previous pigging issues have been resolved and we have resumed pigging and pressure testing. As of today, the pigs are moving along the Sawridge Road and hoping to see them come out at the WTP in the next day or two. After the line has been fully pressure tested, the final connection to the WTP will take place to complete the project and move us into the 30 day performance test phase.
- **Main Street North Water Line Replacement Project** – Work has resumed this week and if the weather cooperates, we will work through to completion before the year end. Five customers along Main Street have already been connected to the new line and 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** – The work on the road is complete for this year and the road is fully open again. Unfortunately we did not get the pavement down due to the sub-zero temperatures. The sidewalks and curbs are complete and the gravel road base has been built up to the curbs. Our contractor told us we will be the first paving project on their list in the spring.
- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – The general contractor had a very good start on the earthworks part of the project, but the ground has become too frozen to work with, so the earthworks has been suspended until spring. They will continue to work for another month or two to prepare for resuming in the spring with work like stockpiling clay and gravel for the SAGR beds, building the SAGR bed forms, installing the perimeter fencing, fabricating new blower building.
- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** – The project has moved into the detailed design phase with engineering and design taking place in 2018 and the tender package going out in Q1, 2019 with construction scheduled for Q2 or Q3, 2019.
- **Lift Station C - New Forcemain Project** - Is 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** – Detailed design is complete and hoping to go out to bid this week with construction starting later either later this year or early in the New 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. Expecting the 2018 results report later this month.
- **LSL Regional Housing Authority** – The project team has awarded a contract to a consulting firm to complete a “Business Case and Options Analysis for the design and construction of 40 units of affordable housing in the Town of Slave Lake”.

Operations and Utilities

- Crews are plowing and sanding roads.
- Tree lights were repaired and snowflakes were installed last week in preparation for the Parade.
- Crews were out to close the road for Remembrance Day and for the Parade.
- D lift pump is giving ongoing problems.
- Dealing with issues related to a control valve failure at the water treatment plant. The plant is still processing water.

Planning and Development

The Planning Department is:

- Working on a new Municipal and School Reserve Policy for presentation to Council in December.
- Working on the list of Policies, Bylaws and Statutory Plans that we refer to for subdivision and development permit applications. This is to be posted on the Town’s webpage January 1st.
- Completed the second submission of the FireSmart Grant.
- Reviewing the proposed Agreement, policies and procedures and code of conduct for the potential Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.
- Met with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Santa Claus Parade and potential future outdoor events site.
- Working on the Steering Committee for Signs. Will conduct the draw in the next week or so to establish the official membership.
- Working on a couple Land Use Bylaw amendments.

Fire Department:

- 3 MVA’s HWY 88 30 KM North of SL/HWY 2 & TWP 710A/HWY 88 80 KM North of SL
- 1 Medical Assist 1240 14 AVE SW
- 1 Duty Officer- 115 11 AVE SW

Community Services:

- **Enforcement Services:**
 - Senior Peace Officer was away to recertify his PPCT training (defensive tactics).
 - Sidewalk snow removal complaints continue.
 - Vagrancy (homeless individuals) incidents continue as well.
- **FCSS & Parent Link:**
 - Seniors Pancake Breakfast and crafts was yesterday.
 - Anger Ed is wrapping up, next session will start in mid-January just waiting to confirm dates with facilitators.
 - Met with Red Cross and they presented information about their Missing Maps pilot project that Slave Lake has been chosen for. This will provide updated maps with buildings in town that will be used in the event of a disaster. It's still in the beginning stages. They will be looking for volunteers in the community to help finish it up in the New Year.
 - Parent Link's Post-Partum group is wrapping up this week.
 - Parent Link's drop in is happening at the MRC on Friday from 9:30-11:30
 - ECD Coalition: Winter Wonderland event is full. The topic for the parents is about the importance of outdoor play and risky play for young children.
- **Aquatics:**
 - Noon hour and early bird lane swims are getting busier.
 - Registration for the PD Day Camp on the 23rd is very low so will likely be cancelled. Unfortunately PD Day activities do not seem to be popular this year.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - Playgrounds continue to be monitored weekly.
 - Have swept the trails and sidewalks two complete cycles. Facility Maintenance worker is continuing to improve on the procedure. Will be done again today with some extra snow clearing/sanding planned for this week, as warmer weather is forecasted.
 - Had contractor come and de-ice the chiller/condenser platform @ the MRC. Continue to have problems with condenser motor freezing again over the weekend, had to do unfreezing remediation.
 - Contractor completed the downtown plugs, upon working it was identified that there were additional plugs that were damaged and or not functioning. These were repaired as well.
 - The halls in the town office have been waxed over the weekend.
- **Programming:**
 - The Santa Clause Parade went very well: a big thank you to Stacey and to all those who helped build the float and walked in the parade.
 - It was a very busy weekend at the MRC with the Atom Tournament and the Adult Ed Craft Sale taking place. Overall things went very well.
 - We have started to secure sponsorship for our Holiday Skates over the school break in December/January.

- The weekly workouts that Stacey has been doing are very popular, we have had lots of people using the track to do these.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Nov 22nd – Northern Haven Event (Legacy Centre)
 - Nov 23rd – PD Day Camp (NLC)
 - Nov 25th - Stage North Event (Legacy Centre)
 - Nov 30th – Brett Kissell Concert (MRC)
 - Nov 30th – Private Christmas Party (Legacy Centre)