

CAO Update:

January 15, 2019

Administration:

- We met with the DRP representatives this morning regarding the spring flood funding. Our claim is on track, but we have a lot of paper work to do. They have advanced us \$125,000 towards direct expenses which we should receive soon. Our overall claim is just over \$1m.
- Working on a grant application for Cannabis related costs. We could get \$40,000 if we are eligible.

Finance:

- The Audit for Year end is scheduled for March 13 and 14. Progress is good on year end.
- Preparing the budget report.

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 has resumed. Construction is complete except for the final tie-in at the WTP. Still working to resolve ongoing pigging issues. Still working on pressure testing the last section of line and to date 10 out of 11 sections of the line have passed the pressure tests. The final section is 4 km's long and has experienced a few leaks which they are still working to repair. After the last section has passed the pressure test, the contractor will work on completing the pigging of the line. When the line has been completely pigged and 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 is in progress again this week. All customers along Main Street have been connected to the new line, except the connection to The Point at the end of the Main Street line. We are currently working on connecting the one remaining customer along Tamarack Road. After all customers are connected, the remaining tie-ins are: one at The Point entrance, one at the corner of Tamarack Road and Balsam Road to loop the existing line then one more fire hydrant installation along Tamarack Road to complete the project. After all customers are switched over to the new line, we can shut in and abandon the old 1960's carbon steel 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 with a gravel surface. Our contractor told us we will be the first paving project on their list in the spring.
- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – Contractor has not returned to site yet after the Christmas break as they are waiting the delivery of some materials, so no change since the Dec 18 report. 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 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 and associated process piping.

- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** – The project is in 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 detailed design stage. Engineering and design to take place in 2018 and preparing the tender package that will be held until the 2019 budget is approved.
- **Sawridge Lift Station Modifications** – Site construction bid was awarded last week and we are working with the contractor to determine a construction schedule. Contractual completion date is June 1. 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 is moving into the RFP development stage with the RFP package sent out on Dec 21 with bid close being Jan 15, 2019 with bid award proposed for end of January. Expecting word on grant funding approval by end of January
- **2019 Capital Projects Budget** – Working on the 10 Year Capital Project Plan to have it ready for review with Council in Q1, 2019

Operations and Utilities

- Continuing with meter changes. 2 people are working on it this week.
- Wadewater raw water intake deficiency inspection is scheduled.
- Utilities are generally running well.
- Finished all residential snow removal. Working on snow piles and banks.
- Grading gravel roads.
- Cutting trees that have fallen into the creek.

Planning and Development

- Met with Willie Driedger regarding next steps in the Big Fish Bay development plan.
- Preparing cost estimates for the Cannabis Grant application.
- Posted RFP to the APC Website for the Consultant to prepare the FireSmart regulations. Working on the proposal evaluation form.
- Working on information for the Sign Steering Committee Kick Off meeting including a tentative date, notification and a power point presentation.
- Met with several developers regarding their development proposals.
- Reviewing final drafts of amendments to the Land Use Bylaw for the Downtown Plan.

Community Services:

- **FCSS & Parent Link:**
 - Women’s Anger Ed starts next Tuesday.
 - Men’s Anger Ed is just about full, the weekend course seems to work better for the men’s group.

- Disconnect Boxes are ready to go out starting next Monday, the advertising of them seems to be getting a lot of attraction so far on social media. The hope is that families can start to disconnect a little more while at home, and spend Family Day fully disconnected and attending activities at the park.
- Meeting with staff from Vanderwell Lodge to develop some policies for working with residents in the Manor, as there have been some issues with residents receiving Home Support.
- Parent Link's Movie night was cancelled due to low registration.
- Dental Hygienist will be coming to the center for a short presentation and story on Wednesday, for Parent Link families.
- Parent Link will be joining Preschool Plunge on Thursday.
- Connecting with the Gathering Place Church in the NW to see if we can offer some programming in that area of town for families during the day during winter months, as we have seen a need to offer supports when running programs there in the summer.
- **Aquatics:**
 - Water Safety Instructor re-cert course went well over the weekend- 6 staff participated.
 - Pool will be closing early on Saturday, January 26, at the request of the NLC (relating to their gala event).
 - Second set of grade 3 swimming lessons for the 2018/2019 school year starts this week.
 - We have a staff in-service this Friday.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - Continued to clear trails and to sand them, received a resident complement on the clearing of trails.
 - Still waiting on availability for service tech to come and repair lift at MRC.
 - MRC identified 4 power bumps over the weekend. Administration is working on a plan to try to help resolve the power bumps but can't be implemented until after the ice plant is shut down for the season.
 - CIMCO carried out mid-season maintenance on MRC ice plant.
- **Recreation & Programming:**
 - Stacey will be running "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" a low impact workout class. We had tried to offer 2 other classes but there was not enough registration to run the programs.
 - The Home Alone Course running this weekend is full.
 - Slave Lake Physiotherapy will be sponsoring a number of skates over the next 2 months.
 - We are creating an "Advertising Opportunities" brochure for the Multi Rec Centre that will be sent out to encourage more facility advertising.
 - We will be hosting Pee Wee Provincials March 28-31, 2019 at the MRC.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Jan 18 – Private Rental (Legacy)
 - Jan 19 – Stage North Event (Legacy)
 - Jan 19 – Home Alone (NLC)
 - Jan 21 – Feb 4 Musical Theatre (Legacy)
 - Jan 25 – 27 – Soccer Tournament (MRC)
 - Jan 26 & 27 – Girls Hockey Tournament (MRC)
 - Feb 2 & 3 – Babysitting Course (NLC)
 - Feb 9 – All Seasons Market (MRC)
 - Feb 9 – Family Carnival (MRC)

- Feb 9 – 18 – Frost Fest