

CAO Update: June 18, 2019

Administration:

- Staff opened up the reception center for the Widewater evacuation yesterday. We had nearly 250 people register.
- We are working with the Province on a retroactive grant towards our contribution to the Vanderwell Lodge. It appears that we will be getting \$93,101. We could put this into our building reserve.
- We have been working with FCM on our grant application for over \$1 m to be used for the sewage lagoon upgrades. They have told us that they now have all the required information, but it could take up to 5 months to determine if we receive it.
- We have had our counteroffers accepted for two lots in Fournier.

Finance:

- Reconciling all the costs related to the evacuation and the emergency alert is a huge task. We learned a lot from last year's flood on what is required for the DRP applications.
- There are about 145 meters left to change. Bookings have slowed down to a trickle and the employee hired to change the meters has left. \$300 has been added to the bills of residents who have not had their meter changed yet. This will be removed if they have their meter changed in June. We will have to pay the supplier the \$300 core charge for these residents so there will be no refund at a later date. We will also be reverting to the 24 m³ minimum charge for those people who don't have a meter, which was our standard prior to all the meter problems. They will have their service cut off eventually if they do not have a meter. We will include another brightly colored letter with the bills in the remaining accounts.
- We are seeing a large increase in billing for the airport due to the traffic volume.
- There have been few issues with taxes. Taxes are due this month.
- Working on second quarter GST returns.

Operations and Utilities

- Repairing water leaks in the South East and North East
- We are still analyzing the water on the temporary storage tanks to determine what can be done with it.
- Hot crack sealing of pavement has been completed.
- Roads are being graveled this week.
- Working on ditch remediation
- Levelling the site for the Riverboat Daze Midway.

Planning and Development

- Issued 5 Lemonade Stand Permits.
- Completed a Bylaw for the Sign Regulations which were considered and recommended by the Sign Steering Committee.
- Signed an amending agreement for our FRIAA Grant to extend the project by three months.
- Met with a developer for a potential of three development permits for new housing starts.
- Met with Chamber of Commerce again regarding Riverboat Daze Planning. Received their applications and Emergency Actions Plans.

- Completed amendments to the Food Truck Policy.
- Made some minor modifications to the Special Event Permit and Guidelines with respect to booking parks and sports fields in ActiveNet.

Fire Department:

Fire crews have deployed to High Level to assist.

There were 8 calls from June 10-16. Total calls to date are at 182

-4-MVA's -101 Main ST SE/HWY 22 & HWY 754/HWY 2 Boston Drive SW/TWP RD 660/RD 13

-1-Other-Tornado-East Fawcett Lake

-1-Wildland Fire-HWY 44/TWP 690

-1-Duty Officer-115 11 AVE SW

-1-Medical Assist -12 AVE/2AVE SW

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 project.
- **Regional Waterline Pipeline Project** - The pigging of the line is complete and the contractor started working on the final connection at the Water Treatment Plant when they discovered they had misjudged the size of the existing intake line, so they are on hold for a couple of weeks while they wait on the delivery of some adapter couplers. The current plan is to start the WTP tie-in next week. Once the tie-in is complete later in June we will perform a final end to end pressure test and when that test passes, we will move into the 30 day performance test phase.
- **Main Street North Water Line Replacement Project** – All customers, both TOSL and MDLSR along Main Street and along Tamarack Road have been connected to the new line. The remaining tie-in at the corner of Tamarack Road and Balsam Road was completed 2 weeks ago, but we have discovered a leak coming from that area and have isolated that section of line. We are going to start digging again tomorrow to find and repair the leak. We have completely shut in the old 1960's carbon steel line and have started the cleanup and final grading work along the line to close out the project.
- **5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW Road Rehabilitation Project** – The completion of the paving, concrete and landscaping will proceed now through to completion. The LSLRHA has determined their project may not be ready to kick off for a few months yet, so we have worked with them to come up with an alternate solution for water and sewer service connections off 6 Ave NW. Our contractor should be mobilizing back during the first week in July to begin work.
- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – The project has been progressing very well. The new SAGR beds have been brought up to final grade, the forms and cell liners installed and the underground piping is currently being installed, followed by the gravel beds. The work on transforming the existing Cell 2 from a drying cell to an active treatment cell is also progressing well. The new blower building is now in place, which will be followed by the mechanical and electrical work to install the 5 new blowers inside the building.
- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** – The project is in the detailed design phase with engineering and design currently in progress and the tender package going out in June, with construction scheduled to start in September. Existing hilltop reservoir isolation valves have been located and tested to confirm they are all functional in preparation for the isolation of the

reservoir during construction. Control system testing at the WTP is also being performed in preparation for the isolation of the hilltop reservoir during construction

- **Lift Station C - New Forcemain Project** - Engineering and design is in progress and once complete, the tender package will be prepared in 2019 but will not be sent out for RFP until the 2020 budget is approved.
- **Sawridge Lift Station Modifications** – Contractor has completed the cleaning and valve replacement in the wet well side, so the critical bypass pumping work is now complete. The dry well side discharge piping is nearly complete, and the installation of the new circulation pumps in the wet well side is complete. The overall project scope includes installing a new recirculation pump system to reduce the frequency of cleaning the inlet cells and also the repair and putting back into service the second discharge line to the sewage lagoon as it has been out of service for a few years. They should be complete this project by the end of this week
- **Town Shop Yard – Salt Water Remediation Work** – Provided contractor with a notice to proceed with the summer pumping activities on site. We determined that we will require another year of pumping with two pumps and also extending the weeping tile trench 30 meters into the remaining “Red Zone” of underground salt deposits. To reduce costs, the Town crews will extend the trench using our equipment and materials. Pumps to be installed on Monday next week.
- **LSL Regional Housing Authority** – Holding weekly project design meetings with Stuart Olsen Construction and we are working on the conceptual design phase of the project. It appears the project funding has been secured now as well and the location has been determined. On site construction should start in Q4 of 2019 with a projected completion date of Q4, 2020.
- **2019 Capital Projects Budget** – Working on the 10 Year Capital Project Plan to have it ready for review with Council during the June 18 Council Meeting.
- **DRP Claim for the 2018 Flood and Wind Event** – Submitted the detailed application forms and sent off to the DRP group of the Alberta Government on April 12 so our full claim can be processed. The DRP has already sent us a cheque for \$125K for advance payment on our initial claim for the flood control and cleanup work that was done during and immediately after the flood event. The DRP field engineer came out 2 weeks ago to review all the projects with us and basically told us that we are to proceed with the work we have proposed in our claims and submit the invoices for payment and at that time the DRP will determine how much they will pay out for each claim.
- **Barton Park and Walking Trail Repairs** – Contractor started work on the Barton Park parking lot and trail system and are making very good progress and nearing completion. The project consists of the re-construction of the Barton Park parking lot, new walking trails in the park and also including the repair/replacement of the 2 sections of trails (one behind RMHS and the other behind the College) along the Sawridge Creek that were compromised during the 2018 floods.
- **Lift Station D Replacement** – Held a project scoping and preliminary engineering kickoff meeting on April 4 and have started evaluating the site options and piping routing. Scoping and engineering is now in progress and will be completed in 2019 with construction planned for 2020 if approved in the budget for next year.
- **CN Rail Crossing Lights at Caribou Trail** – This project is to install rail crossing lights at the Caribou Trail crossing. Contacted CN Rail to see if this project was approved for 2019 construction and they said they have not heard from Transport Canada yet if this project has made the 2019 projects list.
- **TOSL Drainage Master Plan Review** – Meeting held in April to do an internal review of the Drainage Master Plan that was developed in 2010 to ensure we are familiar with the report’s recommendations prior to starting the Alberta Environment and Parks sponsored “Slave Lake

Flood Hazard Study". The AEP has started their work on the Flood Hazard Study and we will wait for the results of that study to help us determine our next steps is to begin implementing any flood control infrastructure. Administration will provided a Drainage Master Plan "Refresher" to Council during the May 14 Council Meeting.

Community Services:

- Community Services assisted the MD of Lesser Slave River with the evacuations in Widewater and set-up and operations of the Reception Centre.
- **Enforcement:**
 - Vagrancy related files still remain the most common investigation type.
 - Last week, Peace Officers, while investigating a complaint of a camp near the creek, identified two individuals wanted on federal warrants. Suspects were arrested and turned over to RCMP without incident.
- **FCSS & Parent Link:**
 - Have set up a training session with PESS for the online registration system for future Reception Centre activations.
 - Doing 6 month follow ups from Anger Ed participants that did the weekend course this past winter.
 - Parent Link's Saturday programming is done until September.
 - Parent Link is participating in Indigenous Day celebrations this Friday at Schurter Park with the SLNFC.
 - Administration is working with Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre on a grant proposal for Homelessness Funding.
- **Aquatics:**
 - Different child care programs/organizations have been booking time slots throughout the summer to bring their groups swimming.
 - Summer swimming lesson applications have been sorted, the schedule for summer lessons will be finalized this week.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - With changes in staffing in the Parks operations, workloads are being shifted to ensure operations continue.
 - CIMCO is starting preparations for arena capital improvements (header trench improvements and ammonia alarm upgrades).
 - Plans are coming together for ice installation in August.
- **Recreation & Programming:**
 - Plans are well underway for summer events (Summer Splash, Canada Day, etc.).
 - Ice Users meeting is planned for next week.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Jun 29: RMSS Grad (MRC)
 - Jul 1: Canada Day (Schurter Park)