

CAO Update: July 16, 2019

Council have suggested that we return to a more concise weekly update that highlights some of the key accomplishments for the week. The more comprehensive reports will be emailed out to Council.

Safety:

- There were no serious incidents this week

Finance:

- We have been working hard to contact the remaining accounts requiring a water meter change and are down to about 50 outstanding. We have left messages and door knockers. There were some accounts with higher usage and we have gone around to these to check whether the program ok. This can be done from outside. Watering lawns uses a huge amount of water and can be 1 to 2 m³ per hour.
- We are nearly complete with our DRP claims for the High Level evacuation. The GOA is in the process of transferring an initial \$112,000.

Operations and Utilities

- Dust control is complete.
- Sweeping streets is ongoing and line painting will be completed as weather allows.
- We have brought in a class 3 driving examiner since we have operators and fire fighters that need to take it.
- We have kits on hand to test for blue-green algae. This takes about 15 minutes so we can carefully monitor if there is reason for concern.
- We are meeting with the pulp mill to discuss disposal of some of their waste water in our sewage treatment system.

Planning and Development

- Working through approvals for another 131 lots at Big Fish Bay.
- There has been negative feedback on Firesmart from our survey. We will prepare a list of frequently asked questions since many comments are based on incorrect information.
- We issued a development permit for a new industrial shop and are working on 2 for houses in Fournier, and another on 6th street.

Fire Department:

- The Fire Chief's last day was on Friday. We appreciate his dedication and hard work over many years. Alex Pavcek is acting Chief. We will advertise and interview for a permanent replacement. This is expected to take several weeks. Meanwhile we are well covered and the fire department is in good hands.

Projects:

- **Regional Waterline Project** - The final tie-in at the Water Treatment Plant is complete and the 30 day system performance test will commence in the next week or two.

- **5 Ave NW between 5 St and 8 St NW Road Rehabilitation Project** – The completion of the paving, concrete and landscaping continues this week and weather permitting, should be complete by the end of next week.
- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrade Project** – The project has been progressing very well. The 3 new SAGR beds have all been lined and the piping is well under way with 2 of the 3 being filled with gravel. The work on transforming the existing Cell 2 from a drying cell to an active treatment cell is also progressing well and the new liner installation in Cell 2 should be completed this week. The next critical step is to put Cell 2 into service, then empty, clean and line Cell 1.
- **Hilltop Reservoir Piping Replacement Project** – The project is in the detailed design phase with engineering and we are having our 90% design review meeting next week. The tender package will go out early August and construction scheduled to start in September.
- **Sawridge Lift Station Modifications** – Project is complete.
- **Barton Park and Walking Trail Repairs** – The Barton Park parking lot and trail system are nearing completion with only the curb stops to install in the parking lot. The Parks and Facilities group is looking after installing a new sign on the existing sign posts.
- **Walking Trail Repairs** – The walking trail relocation project, one behind RMHS and the other behind the NL Collage are now paved and landscaping repairs should be done this week, weather permitting.

Community Services:

- **Enforcement:**
 - Several unsightly property complaints are being worked on.
- **Aquatics:**
 - The Wibit Swim went well on the weekend, it was a lot quieter than the last swim but all those who attended enjoyed having more time to spend on the inflatable.
 - Private Lesson interest list/waitlist is continuing to grow. Lessons are being schedule for the remainder of the summer.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - Working on getting Charity Park ready for the two tournaments we have coming up July 25-28.
 - Elevators at the MRC have been repaired.
 - Cimco continues to work on the header replacement.
- **Recreation & Programming:**
 - The VIC staff will be attending Parks Day at the Provincial Park this Saturday.
 - Registration for Summer Splash continues to be strong with 3 full days again this week.
 - We hosted the Lukan Emes Banquet over the weekend, the event went very well.
 - We are in the process of training two new Recreation Assistant 1's at the MRC Front Desk.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - July 17 – Mary Lambert @ Legacy
 - July 18 – Comedy Guys Show @ Legacy
 - July 25-28 – Midget Tier 4 Provincial Ball Tournament @ Charity Park
 - July 27-28 – Slo Pitch Year End Tournament @ Charity Park