

CAO Update:

January 12, 2016

Administration:

- Quarterly Regional Emergency Services meeting was held today. All forecasts are for a very dry spring with extreme fire hazards.
- The two young ladies that Council sponsored, Carlee Dick and Zaphira Ey, will be representing our community, province and nation at the Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland - March 4 - 14th, 2016 on Team Alberta North Snowshoeing contingent.

Finance:

- The budget is will be brought to the January 19 Council meeting.
- Yearend turnover went very well. Thanks to the staff who worked to make this happen.
- Staff are now working on year end. The auditor is scheduled to be here for the end of February.

Projects:

- The raw water intake and line is nearly ready to go out for bids. We need to finalize all of the First Nation input first. Meanwhile we will prequalify bidders. If approvals are all in place work is expected to start in June and finish in the summer of 2017.
- Lift station E design is progressing. It is expected to go for bids in March.
- Working on a proposal for design of 6 Ave SE overlay.
- The salt contamination report is being reviewed and an update will be brought to Council.

Operations:

- Ready for snow removal. Have done jobs that are normally contracted such as haul snow from cul-de-sacs.

Planning and Development:

- Continuing to work on reports resulting from the survey. Several reports are coming on January 19.
- Letters were sent to owners of properties with development permits still open from 2011 and 2012 listing the outstanding items required.

Regional Fire

Vegetation Management:

- Brush piles in Canyon Creek burned.
- Mulched in Big Fish Bay block.
- Moved mulcher to Smith for Cemetery block next week.

Inspections

- Hospital – Slave Lake

Inter-agency co-operation:

- Project between Slave Lake Firefighter Society, Slave Safety Supply and Lesser Slave Regional Fire Service to enhance training options on refurbished confined space/hazmat training prop. Work ongoing to make prop for confined space/hazmat/smoke maze/firefighter safety. Any costs are covered by the Volunteer Firefighters Society or donation.
- Call for trainees on water rescue and tech rescue teams.

FD Operations/Calls

- Training scenarios being practiced and enhanced on new prop.
- 2015 annual report and stats prepared.

Community Services:

Administration

- Working with Stantec on the second draft of the Recreation Master Plan.
- Front desk at the MRC is complete and programmer and administration have moved into the offices. FCSS and seniors will be moving into the old reception area over the next few weeks.
- Working on ESS (Emergency Social Services) with Recovery Manager.

Facilities

- Had issues with the hard drive in the server for the Government building. The last update was not captured, so had to reissue cards from September onward. Getting some quotes on service contracts and upgrades.

Programs

- Parent Link
 - Parent Link lead has moved into the Parent Link Centre.
 - This was the first week of programs where AHS and Parent Link are functioning independently.
 - 15 people showed up to the Family Fitness program this week- great turn out!
- Pool

- Interviewed 3 lifeguards and interviewing 3 more. Currently at 10 lifeguards
- Program planning for WSI (Water Safety Instructors Certificate)
- Lifeguard Instructors Course may be offered in the coming months.

- Regional Wellness Coordinator
 - Wellness Fair taking place Jan. 16th, 2016.
 - 25 booths are booked and inspirational speaker Ken Larson will speaking on “The Inspiration Movement”.
 - Will present grant to recipients during the Wellness Fair.

- FCSS Coordinator
 - Kicked off Anger Ed. with a reboot plan in order to revitalize this program.
 - Calendars for kiosk in MRC are being implemented.
 - Small scale transportation program for social programs will be kicking off next week.
 - Interagency luncheon this week.

- Program Coordinator
 - Working on adding more events to Frost Fest.
 - Winter Walk Day is Feb. 3rd- Walking as many steps as the West Coast Trail.
 - Bubble Soccer took place on Saturday with 6 teams signed up and was very successful – working on a rental rate package for balls and field house with supervision. Have another tournament planned for February.
 - Public Skates on Sunday will change to next few Sundays: 3-4:30 pm.
 - There are also additional skates coming up in January and February including youth/adult skates on Friday evenings.

Internal

- Jan 16th – Regional Wellness Fair
- Jan 26 – Interagency luncheon
- Feb 3 – Go Girl
- Feb 6th- 15th- Frost Festival
 - Feb 10th- Parent Link Field House Morning (9:30-10:30)
 - Feb 7th FCSS Bonfire

External

- Jan 16th & 17th – Girls Tournament