

## CAO Update:

August 9, 2016

### Administration:

- We are on track to change our medical benefit provider to Great West Life beginning September.

### Finance:

- Working on the 2016 forecast and 2017 budget.

### Projects:

- 2 Ave NW: The road is open to vehicle traffic, sidewalk and crosswalk construction is ongoing.
- 6 Ave SE: The underground work between 6 St & 7 Streets SE has been completed and the road is currently being backfilled. Road base will be in place by the end of this week. Concrete work will be completed next week, with paving to follow the week after. It will be approximately 2 weeks until the intersection is open again. Sidewalk construction continues between 7 St & 12 Streets SE, to be followed by landscaping and top lift of asphalt.
- 6 Ave SW: Underground utility spot repairs were completed in July. Concrete sidewalks and curbs were completed in July. Road milling was completed last week – paving is scheduled for later this week. The road will stay open to traffic, but residents should be aware of delays.
- 12 Street SE: closed between 10 Ave & 9 Ave SE. The road will be progressively closed between 9 Ave & 7 Ave SE as the underground crew moves north.
- 7 Street SE: spot repairs will begin within the next week. Some curb and sidewalk concrete work has already been started.
- Lift Station E: Shop drawings are currently being reviewed by the engineer. Construction activity will begin at the corner of Birch & Balsam by the end of the month.

### Operations:

- Ongoing work with Associated Engineering & Alberta Environment on TOSL Waste Water Treatment requirements & Plan.
- Operations
  - Road Sweeping
  - Line Painting – weather permitting
  - Pot Holes
  - Brush Clearing – drainage swales
  - Two staff off
- Utilities

- Continued maintenance/ repair issues with Lift Station E
- Completed general PM program items for lift Stations
- Testing/inspections for new water lines – chlorine testing & flushing
- Infrastructure project support – line locates
- Water line break 13 Ave SE

**Planning:**

- Laurie and Vanessa are both away, so Samantha is looking after things.
- MPC was last night – there was a request to have Sea-Cans allowed in commercial areas.
- Lots of requests for compliance certificates (as required for home sales).
- 2 development permits for houses since June.
- 9 home based business applications this year which is much more than previously.

**Community Services:**

Facilities

- Schurter Park Bridge is requiring additional work. After removal of the bridge from site and inspection of the stringers with planks removed, there was excessive pitting. The decision was made to replace three of the longitudinal stringers. This will result in a 14 day delay.
- Lines were painted on all the parking lots (Government Centre, MRC, Curling Club)
- The ice plant was serviced over the past several weeks. A compressor was rebuilt. The ice is now going in on rink one. The lines should be painted in the next few days. Everything is on schedule so far. The second sheet of ice is scheduled for Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Zamboni was sent out for regular maintenance and is back with no major issues.
- The men's recreational hockey are running a four week tournament in the evenings this year, starting the week of Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. This is something new we are piloting to utilize more ice time in pre-season
- The minor ball finished their season, with hosting the bantam provincials.
- There is a slo-pitch tournament scheduled for the Aug 20<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- The public works department supplied millings and labor and did a great job at the Sinclair Ball Diamonds parking lots and then this week, worked on edging at the MRC parking lot.
- The dog park is now in operation. It has been very busy. There has been a few issues with parking. "No Parking" signs will be installed shortly.
- Parks will be starting with the maintenance management system next week

Enforcement Services

- 30 unsightly properties investigated. Full compliance seen on all. No court orders sought as of yet.
- A total of 230 files investigated year to date. This includes self-generated files.
- 235 tickets year to date compared to the 193 issued for all of 2015. This is because all officers are sworn peace officers able to write provincial violation tickets ( including animal control).

- AFFRCS (Provincial Radio System called “Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System”) is expected to be online at the end of September. Field testing recently concluded and passed all tests.
- Trials are down considerably this year which is unusual given the status of the economy, **however great for the Town in terms of cost for prosecution.**
- Did checks on the dog park, and had no compliance issues to date

#### Pool

- Dog Swim in partnership with Animal Rescue Committee is scheduled for Aug 21
- Working on preparation for shut down – Aug 22 – Oct 10
- Have maintenance management system prepared for pool – will start when they reopen for regular maintenance checks

#### Regional Wellness

- Invitations were sent out for the Registration / Volunteer Recruitment event in partnership with All Seasons Market (August 27<sup>th</sup>)

#### Parent Link

- Three new programs coming this fall with people already signed up
- Movie night planned
- Put in grant application for new wheel chair lift
- Libraries are all set up at parks – none are broken so far
- Have three more bookshelves to set up
- Family Fitness Fundraiser - parents to help sell cookie dough
- There is a meeting scheduled with Alberta Health Services to make sure we don't duplicate any programs
- Early Childhood Development Coalition barbeque on August 17 in NW Poplar Grove Park  
*Early Childhood Development Coalition - A coalition was formed through grant funds that FCSS applied for in January and received (\$4,500) and the group meets monthly. Haylie is the lead on this coalition. This coalition provides new opportunities for community engagement, collaborative planning and partnerships, knowledge mobilization and communication. The Slave Lake and Region Early Learners Coalition provides an increased awareness of services available and further builds the capacity of Early Childhood Development organizations in the community to ultimately better serve young families. The barbeque on the 17<sup>th</sup> is their second big initiative. They had a lunch and learn in the spring.*

#### Program Coordinator

- Conflict with Outback Power Pack dates. It is sorted out and the dates are now August 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
- Planning Canada Day 2017 (Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>)
- Working with community members on feasibility of a gymnastics club

#### Events List

##### **Internal**

- August 19<sup>th</sup>- Pre Screening Water Safety Instructors with Red Cross
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Dog Swim at NLAC
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Link , Movie Night 6pm-8pm
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Registration and Volunteer Recruitment
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Home Alone Course

**External**

- August 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – British Soccer Camp
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – Hockey School
- August 26<sup>th</sup> – Charity Hockey Game
- August 27<sup>th</sup> – All Seasons Market
- October 14-15 – Northern Volunteers Unite