

CAO Update:

Sept 6, 2016

Administration:

- We changed our medical benefit provider to Great West Life beginning September 1.
- Our external COR safety audit took place. There were no obvious issues although the final score will take a few weeks. The COR is required for us to do Forestry work with the Fire Smart crews. We also receive a discount on WCB rates of between 5% and 20 % as a result of COR. We recently received a \$26,300 rebate from WCB due to our excellent safety record.
- Barry Stangeland is acting Project Manager with Jessie's last day Wednesday. It was Ken Krueger's last day Friday. Teresa Callihoo started today as our new FCSS coordinator.

Finance:

- Working on the 2016 forecast and 2017 budget. We are scheduled to review these with Council beginning this month.

Projects:

- The chloramination switch is taking place this week. The reservoir is being filled today, with various areas of Town being flushed over the next 3 days.
- 2 Ave NW: Sidewalk construction is ongoing. Parking area along south side still requires a mill & overlay, scheduled for September.
- 6 Ave SE: The road was opened on the first day of school as far as the 7th street intersection. Concrete work is expected to be completed this week. Once completed the road will be opened for traffic until the paving is done.
- 6 Ave SW: The final inspection was completed on Friday, and a deficiency list prepared. Overall the contractor has done a good job.
- 12 Street SE: The underground portion of work will be completed by the end of the week, pending weather. It will take another month to finish the concrete and road work.
- 7 Street SE & 1A Ave SE: Curb and sidewalk concrete work are underway. Paving will take place in late September.
- Site work on lift station E will begin shortly.
- The CN crossing has run into issues with the slope not meeting Transport Canada guidelines by a minor amount. We hope to get the go ahead this week. Further delays will jeopardize getting the work done this year.

Operations:

- Ongoing work with Associated Engineering & Alberta Environment on TOSL Waste Water Treatment requirements & Plan.

Parent Link

- Had two families working on completing Triple P parenting.
- Interviewed for a casual position to do evening, weekends, and help with our new programs
- Fantastic Five, Wise Tales and Rise n' sign all start next week
- Offering Infant Massage in October with Jolene
- Having a presentation about the benefits of risky play, and the importance of outdoor play in November.
- Hoping to start In-dey-go fundraiser in October, the money raised will go to the fieldhouse rental for family fitness
- Looking to do another movie night in November, as parents really enjoyed the last one.
- Doing Christmas decorations for Fort Mac families next week. We will have some seniors join us to do the crafts with the kids and parents.

Pool

- Working on shut down, and the pool is currently being refilled. It will possibly open earlier than originally anticipated
- Lesson registration is due September 18th, forms can be dropped off at the MRC or emailed to Natasha

Regional Wellness

- Alberta Health Services Skill Building weekend – 45 students arrived in Slave Lake to experience what it would be like to practice in a rural community. They met at the MRC on Saturday for lunch and a brief introduction to the community. They then spent the afternoon at the hospital and attended 6 skill based sessions. Later there was a BBQ at Big Fish Bay where they met other health and wellness professionals in the community and got to experience kayaking and our wonderful lake. Sunday morning they toured the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation and got to see the bird banding in process. They then saw Devonshire Beach, toured the Legacy Centre and daycare, and ended their time in our community at the college and Swimming pool. According to the surveys they all were pleased with the reception they received in our community. They felt we were friendly and extremely hospitable. "It's clear they take pride in their town." Over half of the surveys stated they could see themselves living in this rural community and would consider practicing in this community. In fact there has already been one nurse who has applied to work at the hospital once their program is complete.
- Registration and Volunteer Recruitment event was held in conjunction with the All-Season market on August 27
- Northern Volunteers Unit will be held at Northern Lakes College in Slave Lake. Please see attached registration package

Events List

Internal

- September 17th – Home Alone Course
- September 27th – Healthy Eating for Families – Parent Link