

CAO Update:

September 20, 2016

Administration:

- The new website will be live on Thursday.
- The staff appreciation night last Friday was an excellent event. It was sponsored by the Social committee with staff cooking the roast and a turkey. Also the social committee organized a staff Kayak trip from Spurfield to Smith on Sunday.
- Interviews are underway for a Facility Manager

Finance:

- Budget meetings with Council have commenced.
- The tax sale is off since the owner has paid their back taxes.
- Water shutdown notices have been sent out. We have seen a good response with residents paying their bills.

Projects:

- 2 Ave NW: The road is open to vehicle traffic. Sidewalk construction is ongoing. The sidewalk contractor has been given the sidewalks on 6th and 12th as priorities so we can get those streets open, but will move to 2nd soon. The parking area along south side still requires a mill & overlay, scheduled for late September.
- 6 Ave SE: The road is open for traffic with pavement to follow later in September. Only one lane at a time will be closed.
- 12 Street SE: The road base is complete and work started on the concrete. The concrete will take about 10 days to cure and pavement will follow.
- 7 Street SE & 1A Ave SE: Paving will take place later in September.
- Lift Station E: Contractor is working on site. Birch Road will be closed for about 7 days starting later this week.
- Chloramine Conversion: The conversion is complete although the system requires further tuning for automatic operation. There has been very little reaction from the public.
- Main street track crossing: Work is expected to start within the next 2 weeks. A schedule is being developed.

Operations:

- Operations
 - Road Sweeping, grading.
 - Prepping for winter – sand, salt and equipment.

- Utilities
 - Continuing to commission Chloramination system
- Engineering
 - Old cemetery cleanup schedule/event planned for after Thanksgiving.

Planning:

- Dealing with an influx of activity on development permits.
- The RFP for the Downtown Plan was posted on the Alberta Purchasing Connection today.

Community Services:

Enforcement Services

- The Peace Officers have worked several evenings from 4-12, and have patrolled the industrial area and done some checks for speeding. They have given several tickets for excessive speeding.
- Have three animal neglect cases going to trial.
- Participated in school safety with RCMP and AHS. The peace officers did the cross walk safety, and it was well received by the students. They were very happy to see the students today , activating the crosswalk, putting out their arm, waiting for traffic to stop and then crossing as they had been shown to do.

Facilities and Parks

- Had cameras and electrical outlets put in the referee rooms to assist the referees in getting from rink to rink without incident. Also working on getting outlets in Arena 1 above the bleachers, so we are not running extension cords.
- All the planters have been taken down. Working on the pots.
- Had a slo-pitch tournament last weekend. All went well. We have another minor game at Sinclair this upcoming weekend.
- Started a “Tree line for Troubled Trees”, to engage the public in pointing out trees that need pruning or a tree that is damaged that is on public property. We have a contractor coming in early October.

Pool

- Monday, Sept 26th will be a soft opening for the pool. We will run a temporary schedule for the first two weeks with a 1-3pm public swim every day. We will be utilizing the early opening for training. The hot tub won't be ready to go for Monday as the paint still has to cure for at least another 3-4 days, but should be ready by Oct 3. We are still opening two weeks earlier than planned.

Seniors

- Busy with home support, rolling out rates. Will be presenting packages to each individual with their new rates.
- Already receiving calls for snow removal

Community Services Assistant

- Practice schedule for hockey has been finalized. Some changes may happen with the minor hockey schedule. Regular practices have started.
- Rates have been set for renting out the multi-purpose room upstairs in arena 1. It will be \$20 for 3 hrs.
- Pool staff have been providing assistance at the MRC during the shutdown.

Regional Wellness

- Grant application deadline today. Have received four grant applications, seven training initiatives and one partnership grant so far.

FCSS

- Had 26 applicants (14 men 12 women) that attended the first session of the Anger Education ten week course, and there are still more being screened.

Internal

- Monday September 26 from 1-3 in Town Council Chambers
- September 27th – Healthy Eating for Families – Parent Link
- October 13th – Infant Massage – Parent Link
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External

- September 23rd- Curling registration
- September 23rd- Raise the Woof
- September 25th- Kidsport Trail Run
- October 1- Come Light Up the Night walk/run SouthShore Children's Association fundraiser
- Oct 6 – Professionals without Parachutes Training
- October 14-15th- Northern Volunteers Unite

Regional Fire:

Community events:

- Smith Fall Fair
- Smith Quad Rally
- Ice Breakers Hockey Game
- Drive In Movie – Mooney Creek
- Show and Shine
- Smile Cookie Week – will be funding an emergency services drone
- Visited all schools in region (as of today Smith at noon)

Training:

- Swift water rescue training in Slave River (12 students all regional)
- 7 more students finished 1041 – fire service instructor Level 2
- Firefighter Safety and Survival training Saturday (40 people from 8 departments, all but Smith represented locally)
- Regional training led by Hall 1 fulltime guys started again the 1st of September after having the summer with halls training themselves.
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Calls:

- 15 calls in a 36 hour period 8 days ago.
- Water rescue call in Mosquito Lake Sunday (good effort by water rescue, Smith and Slave Lake),
- Quad rescue up the Martin Hills Road.
- Small fires and motor vehicle accidents.
- SAR callout for 2 missing girls.
- Medical calls in SL, Smith, Flatbush.

Firesmart maintenance:

- Marten Beach Subdivision – Firesmart Cleanup day (and 2 other days of chipping and mulching)
- Mulch by train tracks east of Hwy 88
- Mulch by Northern Lakes College
- Cutting wind blown trees – WW, Smith, SL
- Grass cutting plan work for 2017 and maintenance plan moving forward
- Winterize pumps and trailers