

**Mayor's Report**  
**January 24, 2019**

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I would like to begin this report with a couple of “shout outs”. Firstly to Public Works and for the great job of maintaining our roads – plowing, sanding, widening and digging out some of the windrows to enable resident easier access to driveways. You may also notice a new wooden structure by the Community Hall. Public Works has built and installed a new garbage corral. Thanks Public Works!

It has been only a year since our CAO Mr. Rudolf Liebenberg assumed the position and he is steadily growing in to the role. In addition to numerous day-to-day activities, Mr. Liebenberg has completed MSI operating and capital grant applications, applied for GST rebates, filed a letter of intent for vegetation mitigation with FRIAA, completed the 2018 FCSS report, searched for possible by-law enforcement options, including animal control, and provided Council with a number of proposed policies, including human resources, records retention and health and safety issues. Thank you Rudolf!

**FCSS Committee**

Following the last committee meeting our community members suggested we reply to a request of interest in the Healthy Communities initiative sponsored by Alberta Health Services. A letter of interest was submitted and on January 11, 2019 all three committee members participated in a teleconference interview.

Sandy Beach is one of 60 communities vying for 20 funding spots and we should receive word on the outcome of our application in early February.

**Firesmart Committee**

Sandy Beach has been advised that the 2019 application process (initially a letter of interest) for FRIAA, (Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta) is now available. Our Administration is contacting the local field liaison officer to assist in this application process.

It is hope that we will be approved for funding to enable vegetation mitigation (clearing deadfall, etc.) starting in the spring.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor