

## Council and Public Engagement Activities 2017 to Present

### **Background**

The current elected Council officially took office on August 17, 2017. In the two-year period prior, the Summer Village had experienced significant changes in personnel, including the engagement of three (3) successive Chief Administrative Officers and two (2) sets of public works employees. None of those changes in personnel provided any period of transition, training or overlap.

Subsequently, the CAO gave notice of intent to leave the position and assisted the new Council in advertising for a new CAO. A new CAO was hired with an effective start date of January 1, 2018, with the provision that there be a period of training and transition from November 15 to December 31, 2017 with the then existing CAO.

In April 2017, the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach discontinued disposing its wastewater effluent in the Sandy Beach Lagoon owing to concerns of high water levels. They were able to negotiate their disposal needs with the Town of Onoway.

Subsequently, the Joint Lagoon Committee met only as a committee of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach. The Joint Lagoon Committee had not met since October 4, 2017.

Public Works personnel were terminated in October 2016 and subsequently the Interim CAO hired two public works employees. These employees resigned effective July 2018. The current CAO arranged hired a new and now third set of public works employees effective October 2018.

Concerns from community residents concerning poor road maintenance, primarily snow removal, as well as complaints regarding poor service related to household waste and organics pick-up and lawn mowing within the summer village were voiced at Council meetings.

A petition requesting an assessment of Council and Administration was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on October 2018 and the Minister's response, stating no further assessment or action was required, was received on November 2018.

### **Actions and Responses from Current Council and Administration**

#### Planning and Priorities

At the August 17, 2017 Annual Information Meeting, Council presented a series of objectives for the ensuing four-year term. These included the following six areas of concern: Legislative Initiatives; Infrastructure (joint lagoon); Resident Engagement; Firesmart and Emergency Disaster; Environmental and Recycling; and Recreation.

Subsequent progress is summarized below.

1. Legislative Initiatives:

August 17, 2017 – Ste. Anne Summer Villages Emergency Management By-Law

July 12, 2018 - adoption of the Public Participation Policy

- Code of Conduct for Members of Council

October 25, 2018 – amendment to Land Use By-Law regarding cannabis

2. Infrastructure (lagoon)

January 18, 2018 – approved emergency protocol and notification

January 31, 2018 – joint lagoon committee officially closes the lagoon

February 15, 2018 – approve waste disposal subsidy for local haulers

February 16, 2018 – Town of Onoway grants condition access to their lagoon

March 15, 2018 – revision of waste disposal subsidy for local haulers

March 22, 2018 – Morrison Hersfield accepted as the engineering contractor

February 21, 2019 – Town of Onoway approves an additional 2 year access to their lagoon

3. Resident Engagement

Residents have the option to contact Village Administration to make an appointment to speak to Council.

Council has facilitated discussion and question and answer sessions either prior to or following Council meetings.

August 17, 2017 – Annual Information Meeting  
Release of Term Planning and Priorities list

November 2, 2017 – discussion of household waste options

November 25, 2017 – discussion of 2018 proposed budget

February 15, 2018 – public input session on household waste, lagoon and public works

February 15, 2018 - 2 community members appointed to FCSS Committee

February 15, 2018 - 2 community members appointed to Firesmart Committee

October 2018, 2 new members appointed to FCSSS Committee

March 15, 2018 – community member appointed to Joint Lagoon Committee

August 2018 – Annual Information Meeting

Discussion household waste and organics collection

Approval of circulation of resident survey

October 25, 2018 – release/discussion of resident survey

- Public Hearing – Land Use By-Law amendment (cannabis)
- Proposed dog by-law
- Proposed roadside mowing policy

#### 4. Firesmart

A Firesmart Committee consisting of two community members and one elected official was approved and appointed by Council on February 15, 2018.

The Committee has made recommendation to Council with regard to signage throughout the Village, vegetation management and the need for emergency egress roads.

July 2017 – the summer Village applies to FRIA for funding

Not approved as request included building of emergency egress roads

January 2018 - meeting with FRIAA Field Liaison Officer

Required teleconference with FRIAA

Submission of FRIAA expression of interest for funding

Following the SV involvement with the Ste. Anne Emergency Management group, two members of Council, a representative and alternate, were appointed to sit on the Regional Committee. Both elected officials subsequently completed the required training course, including Basic Emergency Management and ICS – 100 courses.

A Director of Emergency Management and Deputy Director of Emergency Management were appointed by Council to sit of the Regional Emergency Management Agency.

#### 5. Environmental and Recycling

Discussion have been held at various public meetings and during all discussion of household waste. Council agreed to continue to collect organics and continues to examine the development of wood chipping and composting.

#### 6. Recreation

Council annually appoints an elected official to sit on the Sun and Sand Recreation League board.

In the 2018 MSI Capital funding request, the SV requested \$60,000 for the possible development of trails within the summer village.

#### 7. Administrative Activities

The CAO during the period August 18 to December 31, 2018 completed the following:

- (a) Successfully applied to \$70,000.00 in previous unrequested GST rebates
- (b) Successfully applied for \$241,318.00 in MSI Capital funding