

Mayor Report
November 19, 2020

FCSS Committee

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the FCSS Committee has not met since February 2020.

Administration has issued a request to FCSS funded groups to forward their calendar year end reports and Administration will complete an annual report to the provincial FCSS group.

An FCSS project approved by the Committee in February 2020 has been unable to operate as a result of the pandemic and it is hoped that those funds can be carried over to the next year.

Firesmart Committee

Again due to health restrictions, this Committee has not met in some time.

Administration has completed and forwarded our Proposal for a 7 hectare vegetation management project, which is proposed to occur in two sections on the eastern side of Lakeshore Drive. If approved the project could start in early January 2021.

Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne East

This group met on October 24, 2020 under strict Covid-19 rules.

There were reports of the efforts to combat flowering rush in Lac Ste Anne as well as possible methods to mitigate soil and bank erosion along waterfront properties. One of the bright announcements was that as of October 2020 there has not been a single case of Covid-19 in any of the Lac Ste Anne Seniors Foundation facilities.

Wastewater Transmission Line

Contrary to rumour, the SV has not signed any agreement nor made any decision to go ahead with the proposed wastewater transmission line. Our Council, in concert with the SV Sunrise Beach has placed a hold on this project. Both Councils are working together to obtain and review information on four possible options for wastewater removal in our Villages, including the restoration of the current lagoon.

It is the intent of the Council to prepare and present to ratepayers the various options, the capital costs of each, possible grant and cost-sharing funding that is available, whether or not debenture funding is required, the costs of on-going operation and maintenance and the matter of capital reserve funding. As data is available, we can also calculate that potential property tax implications attached to each of the options.

It is anticipated that the information will be published on the SV website and that a public open house will be scheduled to enable ratepayers to have the opportunity to comment on the various options.

WILD Water Transmission Line

As many resident have already seen, progress on the waterline has been made recently. The site, west of our Administration building, has been cleared for the truck fill station and pipe has been installed from the Onoway connection to the Summer Village. It is anticipated that the truck fill station will be operational in early Spring 2021.

Ratepayer Communication

Various restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic have limited in-person contact and meetings. Representation of ratepayers at Council meetings, including those conducted via teleconferencing, has been almost non-existent. It is hoped that many, if not most, regularly visit the Summer Village website to receive updates, Council minutes and reports, and the like. Council and Administration will do the utmost to keep our resident informed.

If any resident has suggestion in this regards, kindly email the Summer Village.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor