Mayor Report June 20, 2019

Finally we have experienced some progress in projects generated by Council. We have been waiting for both approval and receipt of grant funding monies. Hopefully now these project can go ahead to completion without further complications.

Lagoon

We have received approval from Alberta Environment and Parks for an emergency discharge of our lagoon. This will proceed, weather permitting, in short order. Notices to residents who may potentially be affected have been sent out and road signs have been set out as well.

Firesmart

FRIAA has given preliminary approval for vegetation mitigation on Lakeshore Drive. Some final blocking of the area is needed and then the contract to complete the vegetation clearing will be finalized.

A public open house, yet to be scheduled, will be held to provide residents with information concerning how this work will be conducted.

As part of our application for road improvements some preliminary survey work to identify the best location for the construction of emergency egress routes from Lakeshore Drive and Westcove Drive will also commence shortly.

Valley Signs has been contracted to supply and install new road signs throughout the Village as well as individual property address signs. The individual property signs will be installed on Village property and located to the left of each driveway.

An open house, perhaps in conjunction with the vegetation mitigation information is also to be scheduled.

Lakewatch

Monitoring of lake water, for quality, possible algae and/or noxious weed identification is conducted free of charge by this organization, Alberta Lake Management Society. If Sandy Lake is to participate a local resident with a watercraft is needed as a volunteer. The local volunteer is needed to take the Lakewatch person out on to the lake four times during the summer.

Anyone interested kindly contact me at your earliest convenience.

Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne East

This group met on June 1, 2019 and included updates on a number of local activities, including the Las Ste Anne Seniors Foundation, East End Bus Society, Highway 43 Waste Commission, WILD Water Commission, Summer Village Emergency Management Committee and the Sturgeon Water Alliance.

One issue of local concern is the spread of flowering rush. Resident of SV Sandy Beach are asked to look for any evidence of this noxious weed and report it to the Village Office.

A second issue is the manner in which annual dues are to be assessed. Currently the SV pays on the basis of the number of lots. New proposal suggest to base the rate on either the number of residences, the assessment, of village population.

Our Council needs to discuss this matter and forward our preference before the next meeting in October 2019.

Annual Information Meeting

We will hold the annual meeting on Saturday July 27, 2019 at the Community Hall. In addition to presenting the 2019 budget and 2018 audited financial report, discussion on by-laws, including responsible pet ownership and household waste collection, as well as discussion of the landscaping and roadside mowing policy.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor