

## **Mayor Report**

**October 17, 2019**

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Autumn may be somewhat kinder to us in terms of projects that have been delayed. Flagging of utility lines throughout the Summer Village has been completed and Valley Signs is moving ahead in erecting individual property address signs as well as new street signs and lot direction signs. Hopefully this project will be concluded by the end of October.

Repairs, including soil removal, replacement and new paving, has been completed along a section of Lakeshore Drive. The benches located throughout the Summer Village have been refreshed, with new paint on the metal parts and new boards attached. Thanks to Public Works for undertaking this task.

We are still hopeful that the vegetation mitigation along Lakeshore Drive, as approved by FRIAA, will also commence later in October.

### **Firesmart Committee**

Firesmart Committee members have been fully updated on the two approved projects, Village signs and vegetation mitigation. The Committee may meet again over the winter to discuss the location of muster stations, recruitment of block captains and the status of emergency egress roads.

### **FCSS Committee**

At the September 27, 2019 FCSS Committee meeting the Committee recommended the approval of one funding application that has been received. The Committee is discussing, as a pilot project, a FCSS sponsored subsidized programme for snow removal for Village residents who are unable to physically manage removing snow in front of their driveways.

### **Emergency Management**

Council has received and will consider the adoption of a revised Summer Village Emergency Management Policy. This has been revised in keeping with recent changes and the implementation of the regional emergency management Agency.

The Operation Manual for emergency management plan for the Summer Village is currently being reviewed and revised and may be available to Council in December 2019 for adoption.

## **WILD Water Commission**

The WILD Water Commission has developed a revised business plan due to the approval of Phase 3 and 4 of the water line, extending to Nakamun, Sandy Lake and possible Alexander First Nation, as well as a branch to Entwistle.

The Summer Village of Sandy Beach, as a member of WILD, is asked to consider the addition of four new members, including Alexander First Nation, SV of Silver Sands, SV of Betula Beach and SV of South View. Secondly, we are asked if in favour of approving the proposal that each new member at the time of being admitted to WILD pay past and future capital costs shares, as an Application Fee. This is proposed as \$20,000.00 for Alexander First Nation and \$5,000.00 for each of the summer villages.

If these are approved, WILD also proposes to implement a capital cost re-adjustment to the original members, phased in over a four-year period.

## **Summer Village of Las Ste Anne County East**

This group met on October 5, 2019, with a variety of topics discussed. One of the topics involved the annual dues for each summer village. The consensus was that the group continue with the current formula, which is less than if calculated on the actual number of lots, number of residences or village population.

The Alberta Government proposal to assess all municipalities with a proportionate cost of policing was also discussed. Currently, those municipalities with a population of under 5,000 do not pay a fee for policing. The position of the Alberta Urban Municipalities apparently is that all municipalities should pay. However, the position of summer villages is that should continue to remain exempt.

Should that Alberta Government decide that all municipalities should pay a proportionate cost of policing it would have an adverse effect on our Summer Village and necessitate an increase in property taxes. As the Province has not made a final decision, the actual dollar impact on Sandy Beach is not known at this time.

On behalf of the SV Sandy Beach, as Mayor I completed a survey questionnaire and clearly indicated opposition to the implementation of forcing us to pay for policing.

Respectfully Submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor