

Deputy Mayor Report

May 10, 2018

There was a wildfire in the Summer Village on April 22, 2018, which involved the burning of bulrushes and reeds within the Westcove area of the village. No property damage or injury to residents occurred. Fire services from Sturgeon County, Lac Ste Anne County and Calihoo were in attendance.

Super Sucker water services is to be thanked for having a full load of water and responding by spraying water along the fire's edge. Council is commended for making an agreement with this service provider to maintain a full water truck at all times within the village.

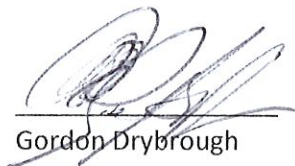
The Firesmart Committee met shortly after this fire. Minutes of the April 24, 2018 have been circulated to Council. A number of suggestions were made by the Committee and Council is encouraged to act upon these.

It is suggested that the Firesmart Committee meet with the Director of Emergency Management to further discuss some of these suggestions as well as to discuss and develop additional draft by-laws pertaining to fire, fire safety and firesmart precautions. A By-Law that enable this Summer Village to declare its own fire bans, full or partial, display signs noting a fire ban and a sign indicating the fire hazard rating, for example, are areas of mutual interest.

As I sit on both groups, I will initiate this joint meeting.

The matter of the West Interlake Water Commission and our involvement has not been presented to residents of the Summer Village, as previously suggested. A public discussion on the current status of this project and the desire to withdraw or remain a part of WILD should be scheduled within the next couple of months.

Respectfully submitted



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