

## DEPUTY MAYOR REPORT

AUGUST 18, 2018

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In this report to the Annual Information Meeting I will summarize activities of my involvement on committees as appointed by Council.

### West Inter Lake District (WILD) Water Commission

The Summer Village of Sandy Beach remains a member/partner with WILD. The water line has now been extended to the Town of Onoway and it is expected that a water fill station will soon be located in Onoway.

It was announced at the WILD annual meeting that Alexander First Nation has indicated a desire to become a part of WILD. If this occurs it may well speed up the process to have a water line to our Summer Village.

### Regional Emergency Management Agency

Along with eleven other Summer Villages in the Lac Ste Anne area (east area), Sandy Beach is a member/partner in this Agency. Elected officials form the Advisory Committee which oversees the Agency. Currently myself and Mayor Harney are the member and alternate respectively.

The Agency is comprised of the Directors of Emergency Management and Deputy Directors of Emergency Management, including Chief Administrative Officers of each member Summer Village.

For calendar year 2018 Sandy Beach will be charged \$1,250.00, increasing to a charge of \$2,500.00 for calendar year 2019, as the costs of operating the Agency. At the July 18, 2018 Committee meeting an administrator has been engaged as well as an overall Director of Emergency Management.

Committee members are required to complete some courses and the training has been set for October 13, 2018. I have completed the required course on-line, including Basic Emergency Management and the 1-100, Introduction to Incident Command System.

### Summer Village Emergency/Disaster Services

Our former Public Works Manager has been appointed as the Director of Emergency Management and sits as our representative on the Regional Emergency Management Agency and this position currently is vacant. Our Deputy Director and CAO is available for consultation. The policy and procedures for Sandy Beach are being reviewed and revised. The Regional Emergency Management Agency commented that Sandy Beach policy and procedures are quite advanced in comparison to many of the other summer villages and may be used as a model for them.

### Firesmart Committee

The Firesmart Committee has been quite active, meeting monthly. A number of suggestions and recommendations to Council has been forwarded, including the erection of standardized road signs, house identification signs and the creation of emergency egress points.

An Open House for Sandy Beach was held on June 23, 2018, however there was a very limited resident turnout. Unfortunately also our invited presenters, FoxFire Solutions and Sturgeon County Fire Services both had to cancel due to emergency call outs on that date.

Firesmart information brochures are available for all Sandy Beach Residents.

My thanks to committee members Allison Jackson and Mike Buda for their great contributions to the Firesmart efforts in our Summer Village.

### Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

The FCSS Committee met on March 25, 2018 and approved two funding applications. A deadline of June 30, 2018 for the next round of applications was set, however no new applications were received. The Committee will meet again in November 2018 or earlier if warranted.

My thanks to Wayne Anderson, who served as Chairman and Susan Willox-Hidson as the other community member. Unfortunately the Chairman has moved from Sandy Beach and has resigned from the FCSS Committee.

A new community member for the FCSS Committee is urgently needed.

FCSS Committee has produced an information brochure, available at this meeting and is also on the Summer Village website.

### Summer Village of Lac Ste Anne East (SVLSAE)

Mayor Harney and I are Sandy's representatives to this important local group. Besides sharing in the formation of the Regional Emergency Management Agency, this group meets at least twice annually to share concerns related to summer villages as well as conducting information sharing session with representative of County Lac Ste Anne.

This first year of Council's term has been fairly busy, as has my involvement with the seven committees/groups to which I have been assigned.

Alberta Municipal Affairs, with recent changes to the Municipal Government Act, has downloaded new and challenging responsibilities to local governments. Sandy has already met the requests for all elected

official to complete a training course and has also passed a By-Law concerning the Conduct of Elected Officials.

The challenges ahead include the completion of Inter-Municipal Develop Plans as well as Inter-municipal Collaborative Framework agreements. In addition, Council will need to develop three-year operating budgets as well as five-year capital budgets.

It appears that the issues pertaining to our lagoon will be on-going well in calendar year 2019.

In closing I would like to thank by Council colleagues Mayor Harney and Councillor Lambert for maintaining a good working relationship.

Respectfully submitted



Gordon Drybrough  
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