

**Mayor's Report
October 25, 2018**

Household Waste

Following discussion at the Annual Information Meeting on August 18, 2018, Council circulated a survey on the matter of collecting household waste. The results of this survey were as follows:

Favouring Manual household waste pickup: 43 vs 4

Favouring Weekly household waste pick up: 39 vs 20

Favouring Bags: 53 vs 4

Favouring Public Works collecting waste: 52 vs 5

Favouring pick up of organics: 36 vs 19

Residents who completed and submitted the survey are thanked for taking the time to do so. Council will consider these results along with previous resident comments in making a final decision.

Lagoon

After repeated attempts at contacting the Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks requesting approval for an emergency discharge of our lagoon, a response was received on October 4, 2018. Essentially the Minister re-stated the newer requirements set by the Department to submit soil samples and discharge flow charts, if completed, would result in this approval. These additional requirements are estimated to cost \$20,000.00.

The Joint Lagoon Committee will meet in November 2018 to fully discuss this matter.

Firesmart Committee

The Firesmart Committee met on October 11, 2018. Cost of signs for Village streets, lot directional signs and individual house numbers, have been received. The Committee recommended that Council spend the allocated \$1,500.00 from the 2018 budget to purchase these signs.

The Committee also recommended that Council allocate the sum of \$10,000.00 in the 2019 budget for the purchase of individual house number signs, including posts. The committee suggested it would coordinate community volunteers to assist in the installation process.

FCSS Committee

The FCSS Committee will hold its next meeting in November 2018. Individuals and groups interested in accessing FCSS grant money are advised to contact Administration and obtain a grant application. Those receiving FSCC monies earlier in 2018 will be asked to submit a final accounting to the Committee.

FCSS brochures are available at this meeting and a copy is posted on the summer village website.

Darwell Wastewater Transmission Line

The most recent meeting was held on October 4, 2018 and included the release of the draft conceptual design of the transmission line. Interestingly, Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach, with or without a confirmed participation of Alexander First Nation, is indicated as the first priority.

The general concept is that existing lagoons will be holding units with a submersible pump and a continuous pumped discharge of effluent along the line.

It was also indicated that the current Onoway lagoon has considerable capacity. It is possible that Sandy and Sunrise may be able to negotiate a longer term agreement of truck effluent to the Onoway lagoon until the transmission line is constructed.

It should be noted that the costs of this massive project is quite expensive, estimated at 100 million dollars in total. It is likely that, as was done with the West Interlake Water Commission, the costs would be pro-rated for each participating community, and with the current understanding that it would be a 90-10 cost split, with ten percent being owed by the local communities.

Deputy Mayor Mike Harney and I attended this meeting.

Community Hall Rededication

Council is working on a re-dedication ceremony for the community hall, which would also involve the unveiling of the newly installed message board sign. The date for this ceremony has been selected as Saturday, November 10, 2018. An Elder from Alexander First Nation will provide a blessing to the hall and the local MLA has been contacted and is likely to attend.

Council is asked to consider defraying the costs of light refreshments, (tea, coffee, sandwiches), for this event.

Onoway Public Library

When Sandy Beach participated in the Municipal Services Package with Lac Ste Anne County, its proportional contribution to supporting the library was \$4,121.48 annually, or approximately six percent to its total annual costs for the whole package.

A meeting to discuss the financial difficulties being experienced by the Onoway Public Library will be held on October 26, 2018. The library is struggling as the municipal contribution from summer villages has disappeared, while requests for services are expanding as well as general overhead expenses are increasing.

Summer villages are being asked in this meeting to consider making some contribution to the on-going operations of this library.

I would ask that Council consider in the development of the 2019 operating budget an annual contribution to the Onoway Public Library.

Regional Municipalities Meeting

Deputy Mayor Mike Harney and I attended this meeting on October 16, 2018. Lac Ste Anne County, town of Mayerthorpe, Town of Onoway and the 12 summer villages were in attendance. The elected official received updates from Alberta Health Services, Lac Ste Anne Foundation, Northern Gateway Schools, Darwell Transmission line, the Lac Ste Anne Foundation and County Lac Ste Anne.

Association of Sumer Villages of Alberta

Deputy Mayor Mike Harney and I both attended this two-day conference in Leduc. The various presentations were informative and provided useful information regarding issues facing many summer villages.

One of the major take-aways is that the Alberta government currently lacks progressive legislation with respect to lake management, waste and recycling matters.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor