

## Firesmart Committee Meeting

February 13, 2019

**Order:** Chairman Drybrough called the meeting to order at 11:00 am at the Summer Village administration office.

**Attending:** Allison Jackson, Mike Buda, Gordon Drybrough and Rudolf Liebenberg.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. FRIAA Expression of Interest

Drybrough and Liebenberg update the Committee on the FRIAA (Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta) funding application. The SV has already met the Field Liaison Officer and 2 members of the Committee participated in the required teleconference on January 28, 2019. The Field Officer toured the summer village and identified priority areas for vegetation management.

Mr. Liebenberg completed the expression of interest application, outlining the areas of vegetation management (approximately 6 hectares) and the costs of a project manager and forwarded it to the Field Liaison Officer to review. The final document needs to be sent not later than February 22, 2019.

#### 2. Village Signs

Price quotes for the general street signs, direction arrow signs and house number signs have been obtained from two suppliers. However, one supplier is unable to provide installation services. To ensure a fair comparison that supplier will be asked to quote on installation as well, suggesting perhaps they contract it out.

Mr. Libenberg informed the Committee that MSI capital funding has been obtained for the summer village and that \$60,000.00 has been designated for firesmart; this in addition to the operating budget amounts previously approved by Council.

**Motion 01/0213:** Moved by Mike Buda that the Firesmart Committee recommend that Council accept the quote from Valley Traffic Systems (28 September 2018) for the supply and installation of firesmart village signs on all 4 main roads at a cost of \$39,518.24 inclusive of GST for all village signs. **CARRIED**

It was suggested that a video of the supplier installing a house signs (at a committee members house) be taken and further, that at an open house/community meeting the Committee explain the process of sign installation, including the reason for these signs, and the video be shown to inform local residents of how this will be done. It was also suggested that the supplier tour the SV with the Committee members prior to the installation to confirm the placement of some signage.

The Committee indicated that the whole community needs to be aware of an informed of the schedule of installation. In connection with this public information session, the Committee suggested Sturgeon Fire Services as well as Foxfire be again invited to make presentations.

### 3. Fire Hazard Signs

The Committee again proposed that fire hazard warning signs be obtained (purchased or built) and be installed at each entry to the summer village.

### 4. Siren/Community Warning Device

The Committee has researched a warning siren and determined they are (a) expensive, (b) require both an electrical and battery connection, (c) are only available from the United States and are very expensive.

As the Chairman is attending the Ste Anne Emergency Management Committee meeting later this month, he was asked to inquire whether other communities have a warning device/system and/or where one might be obtained.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm/

Gordon Drybrough, Recorder