

MAYOR REPORT
MARCH 14, 2019

There are a few items of importance to the Summer Village that at this time await approval of an external body. Council and Administration, as well as the Joint Lagoon Committee and its engineering firm, have forwarded expressions of interest and proposals on the following matters:

1. Emergency discharge for our lagoon;
2. Vegetation mitigation for 2019 within the Summer Village;
3. Healthy Communities Initiative project.

Council, through its administration, has already made proposal and received funding under the Municipality Sustainability Initiative (MSI) for capital projects. This includes road and ditching improvements, development of emergency egress routes, (Lakeshore and Westcove Drives), and signage for the Firesmart initiative.

With the approval of the 2019 budget, Council will move forward on these capital projects.

Two other major projects also await various approvals. Firstly is the West Interlake District (WILD) potable water transmission line, which at Phase Three, is to develop a water station and underground reservoir serving Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach, and which is to be located adjacent to these two communities. The second is the proposed wastewater transmission line, which has as a priority an initial line from the Sandy Beach lagoon to the Town of Onoway lagoon.

Council and Administration are to be commended for working on these various projects and proposals and for being involved in planning efforts beyond the current four-year mandate.

FCSS Committee

The FCSS Committee met on March 8, 2019. New application and reporting forms were reviewed and approved. The Alberta Healthy Initiatives Program indicated by email on March 4, 2019 that Sandy Beach FCSS was not approved for funding or involvement for 2019. However, we have been invited to request consideration for the year following.

Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne County East

This group met on February 12, 2019. Representatives of the summer village agreed to cooperate with Lac Ste Anne County in developing a listing of regional recreational facilities, including halls, ice rinks, playgrounds and ball diamonds, in advance of a more complete study on such facilities.

Emergency Management Committee

The regional Emergency Management Committee met on February 23, 2019. It was reported that the contracted Regional Director of Emergency Management will commence an inventory of sites, including resources and facilities, of all participating communities.

One summer village member, Castle Island, citing the inability to afford the annual membership fee, has withdrawn from the regional group.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor