

**Mayor's report
February 20, 2020**

Numb Bum Ice Race

If calculations are correct, the 2020 24-hour ice race at Sandy Lake was the 20th edition. The weather was decent and the race went off without a hitch. A shout out to the Sun & Sand Recreation League is deserved for furnishing the volunteers that manned the entry gate – it was nice to see such a good turnout of volunteers.

Firesmart Committee

The Firesmart Committee met on February 11, 2020 and welcomed a new member, Mr. Aubrey Loschuk. This appointment needs to be ratified by Council.

The Committee will coordinate the hosting of an Open House on Saturday March 21, 2020 at the Myrna Noyes Community Hall, in part as the final requirement of the FRIAA grant funding for the completed vegetation management project. Some contests as well as a wealth of information will form the other important part of advertising firesmart awareness and shared information.

FCSS Committee Meeting

The Family Community Supports Services (FCSS) Committee actually met on February 13, 2020 and will meet again on February 24, 2020. The Committee received two funding applications and made a recommendation to Council that hall rental for the Sun & Sand Recreation League be waived.

The Committee also will prepare and sent a direct mailing to all Sandy Beach residents regarding FCSS programs and the importance of generating local applications or face the possibility of funding ultimately being withdrawn.

Lagoon Committee

The Joint Lagoon Committee met on February 19, 2020. We were joined by guests from the Darwell Regional Lagoon as well as representatives of Lac Ste Anne County.

Information that was shared with the Joint Lagoon Committee indicated that if ultimately connected to the proposed regional wastewater pipeline having a lagoon at Sandy Beach would not be required. The newer technology, it was reported, requires a dumping/transfer station only that would feed directly in to the pipeline. In addition some preliminary costs for operation and maintenance for being connected to the line were presented.

The Joint Lagoon Committee will need further discussion with our engineers with respect to the possible decommissioning of our lagoon.

At this time a more public discussion of the various costs associated with the various options is being withheld as both Councils, Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach, as well as the Joint Lagoon Committee, are in negotiations with various parties.

The fact remains that if Sandy/Sunrise join the regional wastewater system the capital costs of the actual transmission line are cost shared with the Province and that Government of Alberta paying 90% of those costs.

Myrna Noyes Community Hall

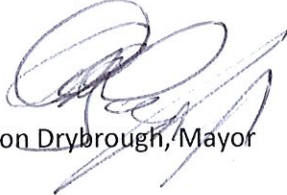
During the last week of February 2020 SV Sandy Beach Public Works will be painting the hall.

Users of the Hall have been advised. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Survey Stakes

Watchful residents may have noticed the erection of survey stakes along Secondary Highway 642 as well as along Secondary Highway 777. It is thought that this is a preliminary survey to locate existing utility lines, etc. in advance of surveying for the WILD water pipeline that is coming to Sandy Beach.

Respectfully submitted



Gordon Drybrough, Mayor