

**Mayor Report**  
**October 22, 2020**

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**Covid-19**

Unfortunately the Covid-19 pandemic remains a health concern here in Alberta. Although Council meetings are now open to the public, the Summer Village follows the suggested guidelines of Alberta Health Services. Thus, seating for public meetings will include the recommended safe social distancing, face masks are required and hand sanitizing is advised. At meetings face masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Kindly also observe the posted information displayed at the SV Administration Office if you are attending to the office in person.

If you are ill or display symptoms, (fever, cough, runny nose, etc.), please do not attend an in-person meeting.

**Firesmart**

The Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta, (FRIAA), has accepted our Summer Village Expression of Interest application for vegetation mitigation and has advised that we should proceed to the next step. SV Administration is in concert with a consultant and Timber North is preparing that application and we are hopeful that it will be approved.

If approved the SV will make public that areas where vegetation mitigation is to occur, along with a timeline for start and completion.

**Wildwater**

Residents may notice survey stakes along Secondary Highway 642 east of the Summer Village, as well as in the field immediately east of the Administration building. WILD has completed the land purchase and the stakes mark out the area for the WILD water truck fill station. It is proposed that the Sandy Beach – Onoway wastewater transmission line septic receiving station be developed at this site as well.

**Wastewater Transmission Line**

Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Mike Harney for being elected as Chair of the Steering Committee. Rev. Joe Blake will serve as Deputy Chair. The first meeting of the Steering Committee was held on October 19, 2020.

The Steering Committee will meet to make decisions on behalf of the member communities – SV Sandy Beach, SV Sunrise Beach and Lac Ste Anne County – on matters related to the construction of the wastewater transmission line.

The Steering Committee has provided copies of the proposed three municipality Memorandum of Agreement, the Agreement with the Town of Onoway, as well as projected costs for the building the line, projected annual operating and maintenance costs and a projected annual capital reserve for each municipality to view, provide comments or suggested changes and indicated a willingness to proceed with the project. Each municipality also needs to state how their portion of the capital costs will be paid; either via debenture or from cash reserves, or some combination of each.

Under the terms of wastewater treatment services, the Town of Onoway has agreed to enter in to a twenty-five (25) year agreement with the other three municipalities.

The Town of Onoway has requested a Town Hall Meeting and the SV Sandy Beach has the opportunity to participate in this one-time event. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, it is likely that such a meeting would be conducted virtually, likely a combination of something like Zoom and a phone-in.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Drybrough, Mayor