

## **Deputy Mayor's Report**

**Feb 2021**

I thank the Mayor on his coverage of the zoom meetings with emergency management and Alberta Environment which we both attended.

### **Lagoon and Transmission Line update**

We are still in the discharge phase with regards to our lagoon. Due to the previous two "wet" summers" we have discharged approximately two-thirds of the original allowable amount. With the completion of the discharge this year we will be able to complete the full assessment of the lagoon.

At present, it would appear that there is an economic incentive to repair the lagoon back to it's original operating design standards. Grants are available, and have been applied for, (up to 75% of cost) for this type of work. Not only would this allow the lagoon to be used on a limited basis, but eliminates any need to cover the expenses of decommissioning the lagoon. (grants may not be available)

We are working with our engineering team in regards to the possibilities, and cost of expansion of the lagoon for a more long-term solution.

In conjunction with the lagoon, the two villages have been strongly involved in discussions with the County about a proposed transmission line that would take the waste water from a dumping station, and pipe it to Onoway. Although the building costs of this line are 90% funded by provincial and federal governments, it does not eliminate the need for trucking pickups from individual holding tanks. We are working to establish what the costs of operating such a line would be to the user.

Our 2 villages will bring all the information required to an open house, before any decisions are made.

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