

Summer Village of Sandy Beach

Mayor's Report

To January 20, 2022

I was invited to attend a meeting with Alexander First Nation to discuss their plans for wastewater and other major infrastructure projects. This was a preliminary discussion with the intention that the Summer Village of Sandy Beach council meet with the Alexander First Nation council to consider future plans that may impact both communities.

I attended the zoom meeting, Alberta Municipalities Meeting on Provincial Policing, which had an impressive level of participation with close to 400 people on line. The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss the Alberta Provincial Police Service being proposed by the Alberta Government. Participants were given an opportunity to ask questions that will serve in the development of an official position paper by Alberta Municipalities. The content of the Price Waterhouse Cooper (PwC) report was analyzed and provided the basis of discussion including the proposed operating model defined under the following categories:

- Enhanced Community Input and Accountability to Citizens
- Improved Service Levels Across Rural Alberta, Indigenous Communities, and Municipalities
- Improved Efficiency, Integration, and Value for Money
- Fit for Alberta Innovations

Municipalities are being asked to participate in upcoming engagement sessions to ensure concerns are being communicated to the Province.

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Councillor Report

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Ross Haven: Village lateral lines

I have reviewed the Ross Haven info package on their website under sewer project. This is some general info on their costs and how they proceeded with the project. This project is in conjunction with their involvement with the North 43 Lagoon Commission.

General Costs

- Project capital cost = \$2,910,668 with servicing 227 lots.
- No lift stations required for this project.
- Water lines would cost approximately the same, and are NOT being considered at this time.
- Water for life grant @ 69.22% = \$2,014,778 with balance to community = \$895,910
- Community reserves will pay \$595,910. And will borrow \$300,000.
- The borrowing will be through the North 43 commission @1.88% over 20 years.

It is interesting to note that the commission is financing the borrowing, therefore this debt does not affect the villages municipal borrowing limit. The cost of the project will be applied to all lots (as infrastructure). At present Ross Haven has been charging every lot \$175.00 per year for the water and sewer fund. With the system in place lots that **DO not connect** will have monthly charge or \$25.00. **Connected lots** will be charged on a graduating scale depending on number of lots hooked into the system:

- 30% = \$62.00 monthly;
- 45% = \$50 monthly;
- 60% = \$44 monthly;

These charges will replace the previous \$175 yearly.

The lateral line will bring a hookup at the border of each property. Cost of hookup is homeowners' responsibility and is estimated between \$7,500. To \$10,000 per lot.

The system itself has a life span of 75 to 100 years. Individual residential pumps have life span of 10 to 15 years. Holding tanks would require sludge removal (pump out) every 2 years.

The Ross Haven system will be part of the existing transmission line to North 43 Lagoon, and will be managed by the commission as a utility.

Hookup rates are as follows:

- Castle Island 16 of 19 lots = 84% hookup.
- Yellowstone 45 of 165 lots = 27%
- Waters edge 86 of 132 lots = 65%
- Lac Ste Anne County 41 lots =? %

Two important survey questions that were asked:

- Is the sewer project in the best interest of the Village? and
- If the project proceeds, are you intending to connect to the sewer line?

The financing of this project may be a consideration if we renew talks with the Darwell Transmission Line.

Hummocky RV Resort

Planned RV resort on the west side of 12a (Shedden Drive) just before the turn-off into Leisure Lane at the entrance to Sunrise Beach. Unfortunately, I did not know about the Jan 6th open house that was presented by the developers Vivcor Holdings. The resort is to be tailored to seasonal or long-term users, not weekend site users. The plan is for 200 sites with phase 1 to be 100 initial sites. There is to be onsite security 24-7.

They're website is www.hummockyrvresort.ca. Does our council feel a need to contact Sunrise Beach or the County in regards to this development? Some concerns raised include traffic, waste water and garbage disposal, noise, crime and general lake stewardship.

I attended (zoom) **Planning 101** presented by Brownlee LLP on Jan 18th. It covered many aspects of municipal planning, proper procedures for open houses in regards to land use bylaws, and how to avoid potential legal problems. The zoom presentation is available for the next 30 days by contacting Brownlee LLP. I will review my notes and present a report for Feb meeting.

I attended (zoom) **Alberta Municipalities Alberta Police Service** meeting Jan 19th 2022. I will include a report for our Feb Council Meeting.

Councillor Michael Harney