

Deputy Mayor Report

October 17th 2024

SVLSACE - Sept 28, 2024

Seniors Foundation

Planning 2 housing projects. Concerns over costs, upgrades for Whitecourt / Mayerthorpe / Onoway.

Wild Water

When lines are installed within community's water cost is \$3.36/m³ as compared to Truck fills @ \$5.71/m³. More info See report.

Water Quality

Looking for letters of support (and funding \$1000.00/year for 3 years) to combat Flowering Rush. Note there is less flowering rush in watershed areas due to Beaver Dams helping to prevent spread.

ASVA Bill 20

Call for a general office of Code of Conduct to manage and pay for these issues. (Set up as a collaborative group with ombudsman) Prevents individual municipalities from having to monitor and would help with costs.

Bill 18 Advocate that communities under 5000 can negotiate directly with Federal Government Grant projects with Provincial intervention.

Much discussion/concern over Base Funding. SVs receive only 40% of base funding as small villages get. Therefore, should only be paying 40% of costs such as policing.

AB Munis

Discussions on Viability Reviews. How to avoid unnecessary financial triggers. EG Ma-Me-O Beach.

Shane Getson

Discussion about how to change status of SVs in order to receive equitable funding. Some SV's have larger populations than small villages. One major roadblock is lack of Commercial activity in SV's. May need to look at land use bylaws. (see Silver Sands new bylaw)

LSA County Note letter about fire smart?

Wastewater

Ongoing meetings with Transportation (funding) Environment and MLA Getson with regards to new alignments. Funding is in place for Sunrise/Sandy to Nakamun. Nakamun to North lagoon. Barrhead still involved.

Note - Counties concern over **Onoway Medical clinic**. (refer to regional meeting) Needs letters of support to send to Province. Biggest problem is need to redistrict from Edmonton region to Rural North. Would help with increased funding and recruitment. County unsure if they can keep funding the clinic. Without changes will probably close.

Regional Municipalities Oct 4 -2024

RCMP

Staffing is good both administrative and officers. Overall drop in property crimes and stolen vehicles. Fraud crimes increasing. More patrols in communities, increased visibility. Strongly encourage people to CALL IN about incidents occurring, theft and other, allows officers to respond. Still need for Justice reform to curtail catch and release problems with courts. More advocacy from communities to correct.

ICF

Roads and highways are top priority. About 170-200 infrastructures, bridges and culverts etc. that will be in jeopardy without better provincial funding. (some roads may close) This could be a concern for school buss routes.

Overall, there has been a loss of funding sources and issues over Assessment Review Board.

Fire Smart - We are not part of County's Fire Smart. (See SVREMP)

Wild Water

Funding awarded for completion and expansions of original Phase 5 plans. Anything new will be under a totally different structure and original members will not be paying into.

Northern Gateway Schools

Managing to maintain class sizes although staffing is a concern. Covid has had the largest effect on Grade 9-10 and 11 boys. Summer boot camp program for 1-to-2-week programs giving hands on experience in different fields. Mechanic to computers. Wee website for mor details.

SVREMP Oct 5, 2024 (10 members in the group)

Overall, there is a lack of understanding from MLAs and Cabinet about how Emergency Management operates and what are their procedures. This is a concern with regards to Bills 21 and 12.

These bills allow the provincial government to take over an event and would allow the Minister to declare a SOLE. There are no guidelines as to what the triggers would be for the province to step in and the result is that the Municipality would still be responsible for ALL the costs incurred.

AIMS

Alberta Incident Management System. Concern is that county has put Randy XXXXXX as DEM. Since he is also the county Fire Chief there is concern over problems trying to run both the Fire Management and DEM position at the same time. The system can call on Parkland, Yellowhead and Sturgeon counties for support when necessary.

For Sandy Beach - Some changes in bylaw will be required to reflect new

Ministerial Orders. FIRE Smart Home Assessments. Does Sturgeon have inspectors for those who wish to have their property assessed. Grant available for 2 free inspections for Municipal buildings and trails.

SVREMP is aware of the concern over the fire pro of Bull Rushes especially in spring. Send pictures to John Swist (AIMS) and they will look into how this problem can be dealt with. Will discuss with Chad at Sturgeon Fire.

Recommend to consider a generator for emergency power for Hall or Shop to provide heat, water and other in case of prolonged power outages. There will be a table top exercise upcoming.

We have not received cost request from County concerning their ability to provide EM services for us. I am uncertain as to which system is better for us. The county has a large staff available to call on where as SVREMP is primarily elected officials and volunteers.

Yellowhead Regional Library - Oct 7, 2024

See budget and Revenue/Expense report provided. 2% levy increase.

Back to using back to using main population list from Municipal affairs data rater than estimates from Alberta Treasuries. This will put population numbers about 3-5 years behind actual numbers.

FortiGate's and Forti witches will be used to track and analysis dangerous incidents and behavior at libraries.