

MAYOR REPORT
April 18, 2019

Last month I reported that the Summer Village was awaiting resolution/approval on a few important items.

I can now report that decision on two of those matters have now been received. The first is that Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the West Inter Lake Water Commission, (WILD) has now been approved. That means that the Government of Alberta has approved 90 percent funding of a fresh water supply line from Onoway to serve the summer villages of Sandy and Sunrise Beaches. We are informed that detailed engineering will begin shortly.

The Summer Village of Sandy Beach initially joined the partnership (that ultimately became WILD) in 2007. It was suggested at that time that bringing water to our summer village was likely to take 10 years. Some things are worth waiting for, even though it has now taken 12 years to get to this point.

Secondly, the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta, (FRIAA), has provided approval and acceptance of our Expression of Interest for vegetation mitigation for 2019. Our Administration is now working with the FRIAA Field Liaison Officer in completing the actual funding proposal to be submitted not later than April 26, 2019. Although there is no guarantee, we are hopeful that our funding application will be approved.

A third major project, currently referred to as the Darwell Regional Wastewater Project, is moving ahead. Discussion with County Lac Ste Anne and other partners in the venture occurred April 5, 2019 and the engineering firm is being asked a series of questions related to costs, particularly with regard to on-going operation and maintenance costs. At this time, it is felt that the cost of the actual pipeline will be at a 10 percent cost to the Summer Village. The initial phase of this proposed line remains as starting at the Sandy/Sunrise Beach lagoon.

FCSS Committee

Administration has checked with the Summer Village's insurance provider to determine whether community groups using our community hall could be covered under the general liability portion of the insurance policy.

The insurance company has stated that this is not possible. User groups therefore will need to secure their own liability insurance. The costs of such insurance, however, is a legitimate cost under FCSS funding.

Emergency Management Advisory Committee

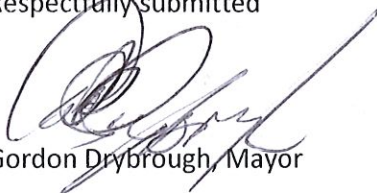
This committee met again on April 1, 2019. At this time it appears that there will likely be 11 and not 12 participating summer villages in this regional agency. Although the proposed annual budget remains the same, it is proposed that our share will rise from \$2,500 to \$2,750.

The Regional Director of Emergency Management is currently collecting an inventory of all local facilities for possible use as a reception/registration centre or operations centre. The Directors and Deputy Directors of Emergency Management, who form the actual Agency, have now all completed their initial required training and are now being assigned roles as part of the Agency and the running of an actual emergency operations centre.

Additional Items

As weather conditions allow, Administration and Public Works will proceed with spring road maintenance operations, such as sweeping the paved road (Lakeshore Drive) as well as grading, gravelling and dust control on the unpaved roads.

Respectfully submitted



Gordon Drybrough, Mayor