

Reeve's Report

For March 10, 2017 to April 10, 2017

March 10, 2017

Doctor Recruitment and Retention meeting was held in the Smoky Lake County Chambers at 10:00 am. The Agenda and Previous Minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting were approved. Budget was the main topic on the agenda; the proposed budget formula of a 52% County Contribution remains the same as the previous year. Moving forward any unspent money will be allocated to a reserve fund for future recruitment of new doctors in the Smoky Lake Region. This does not mean that our current Doctors are going anywhere.

March 13, 2017

N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. had their monthly meeting in St. Paul at 10:00am. Gene Sobolewski from Associated Engineering presented two options for N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. to consider regarding the request from Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission to utilize some right of way property to build a booster station. This booster station is needed for the Mallaig water line extension and would be accommodating to possible future line development to Whitefish Lake First Nations. Muni-Corr passed a motion to enter into a lease agreement for this booster station for a one-time fee of \$1.00.

March 16, 2017

Our regular County Council meeting was held which included a Public Hearing for a proposed Bylaw that would close a portion of an Undeveloped Government Road Allowance adjacent to a piece of private property along the Victoria Trail, as a result, Council is considering the public feedback and deferred the matter to a future County Council Meeting. Another item on the agenda was the burning unharvested crops and/or crop stubble to which Council resolved to allow it with additional conditions included in the current "Fire Permit Agreement" terms as follows: burning will be conducted with a one hundred (100) foot cultivated perimeter around the headlands of the field, burned upwind prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., and each field to be inspected by the Fire Chief or designate prior to ignition. Please visit our "Agendas & Meeting Minutes" webpage found in the "Government" drop down for more Council meeting minutes.

March 20-22, 2017

This was a busy week Randy Orichowski and I attended the Northern Alberta Mayors' & Reeves' Caucus. Welcoming address and introductions were done by Don Iveson, the Caucus Chair. The Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta made a presentation and answered caucus members' questions. Some of the key points were: the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Grant being released in April, Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks, and 320 million dollar funding for the Water for life program. The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, talked about Northern Alberta Economic Development, and Randy Boissonnault, Government of Canada, spoke about Partnering with Municipalities to Grow the Economy. I then attended the Genesis Insurance Reciprocal General Meeting which deals with the County's insurance. All of Council attended a meeting with the RCMP "K" Division to talk about the need for our Provincial Court House to reopen, as well as, more staffing for the Smoky Lake detachment. There were several other sessions held, which were attended by different Council and Administration.

March 23-24, 2017

I attended the Assessment Review Board Refresher Course to re-certify myself for our Local Assessment Review Board, as well as, the Composite Assessment Review Board. This course was two full days in length concluding with an exam that I received a passing grade of 88% on.

March 27, 2017

RCDC (Regional Community Development Committee) held their meeting in the County Council Chambers. A few key points discussed were the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Program Project "Tourism and Operator Capacity Development", transferring the remainder of the 2016 surplus to the 2017 Economic Development Operating Reserve for the RCDC Budget, and that our Community Economic Development Officer will visit local businesses for the purpose of identifying successes and areas in need of improvement in regard to their business and economic development needs.

March 29, 2017

Corridor Communications Inc. held their Annual General Meeting in Calgary. Dareld Cholak was re-elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors. At the meeting, it was noted that the company had a 14% increase of subscribers up from last year, and we also discussed running Fiber to the base of our towers and the LTE upgrade process.

March 30, 2017

Our Departmental Meeting occurs yearly to discuss what the department Managers have on their agenda for the coming year. Council discussed, made changes, and approved the Managers Work Plans for 2017.

April 7, 2017

County offices were closed for the Smoky Lake County Annual Safety Meeting. Several employees from the Town of Smoky Lake, Village of Waskatenau, Village of Vilna, EMS, and local Fire Departments were in attendance alongside all County staff. Guest speaker: Garry Atkins, talked about human threat assessment (Your Role, Crises communication, Risk Factors and Triggers). Retired Edmonton Fire Chief, Tim Vandenbrink gave a presentation on fire safety and how important it is to have a personal plan for you and your family.

April 10, 2017

N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. monthly meeting was held in St. Paul. Barb McCarthy of JMD Group LLP presented the 2016 Financial Statements. N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd.'s CFEP Grant of \$34,570 was received this past month. Municipalities and recreation boards are encouraged to nominate an individual in their community who have contributed to Alberta recreational trails for the Alberta TrailNet Society's "Alberta Trail Hero 150 Award" in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation. N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. is currently working on the Ironhorse Trail repairing pot holes, checking for wash outs, and ensuring gates are locked in the open position.

April 10, 2017

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) policy committee continues re-writing new policies for NLLS in Elk Point. The target date for completion is by the end of this year.

Sincerely,

Craig Lukinuk

Smoky Lake County Reeve