

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

July 7, 2020

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Community and Development Services Report – June 2020

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accepts the Community and Development Services Report as information.

Report

Community Services:

- Ongoing monitoring of COVID-19 updates to assess how they may affect Community Services.
- Participate in weekly regional Community Services virtual meeting to information share on COVID-19 response, closures and openings.
- Speargrass Recreation Area site planning and required permits. Working with the Community group on coordination moving the cost sharing project forward.
- Worked with Carseland Ag Society on Community garden project and agreement.
- Cluny playground equipment community engagement survey launched and closed. Received 53 responses. Working on securing quotes for the top-rated equipment selections from the survey. Once quotes are secured, results of the survey and equipment selections will be shared on the website.
- Ongoing communication with Rosebud community on tree planting and replacement plan.
- Drafted and amended Playground Equipment Funding Policy which was approved at the June 16, 2020 Council meeting.
- Four cemetery inquiries.

Economic Development:

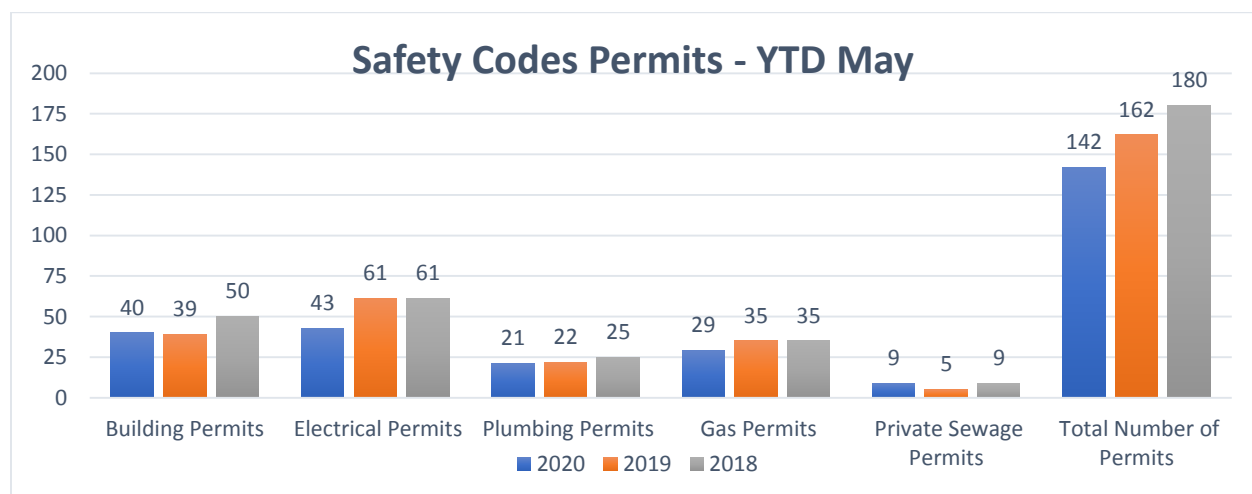
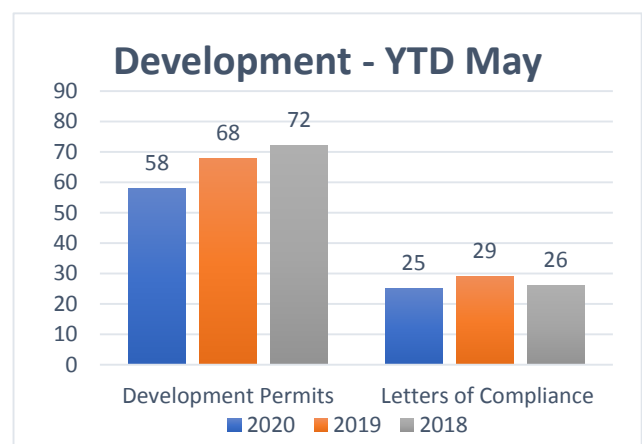
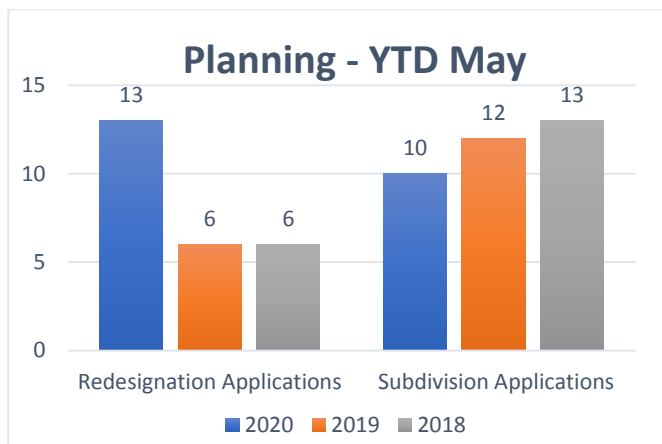
- The weekly Infinite Possibilities public conference call with businesses and business support stakeholders are ongoing. A highlight in June was having Todd Hirsch, VP and Chief Economist with ATB Financial present and take questions on thoughts of where the economy is going through the pandemic. We are now recording sessions on Microsoft Teams platform and posting to the WC YouTube channel.
- Working regionally on strategy development for business supports through the recent business survey and preparing for the next survey to be offered in July.
- Presented to WFCSS and their monthly interagency meeting about doing Google training sessions for non-profits which they are interested in doing in the near future.
- Presented on Business Communication using Technology to Business Retention Expansion International online conference to other communities primarily across North American communities.
- CrowdRiff integration into WC website and WC Mercantile content is being developed to launch agriculture value-adding initiative.

GIS:

- Reviewed, approved, and received 2020 Aerial photograph. 2020 imagery is now available for access to internal users and available to view on Munisight.
- Most of the 1,700 faded sign replacements for the south facing signs along RGE RD/HWY roads have been replaced. Have been receiving a lot of calls about TWP RD signs fading, on both east and west side. Will need to review and replace both sides of TWP RD signs that were installed back in 2011 (about 700).
- Setup collector app in coordination with gravel pit technician to collect points of interests in ditches.
- Working towards creating soil data within the County with the data received from the Government of Alberta.
- Private driveway data has been updated around the County.

Planning, Development and Safety Codes:

- Continue to process various land redesignation, subdivision, development applications and safety codes applications.



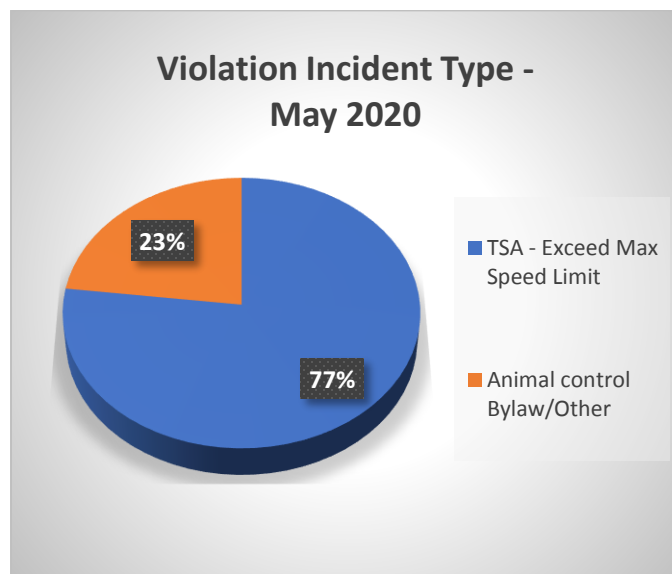
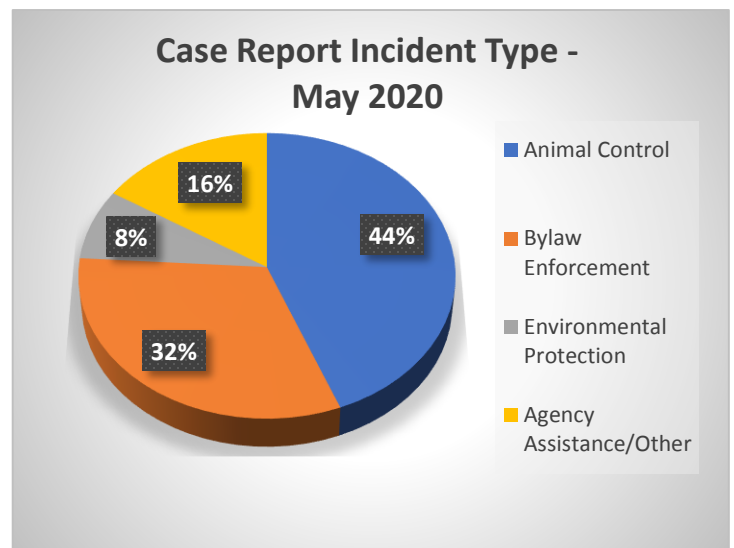
	May 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete
<u>Planning</u>				
Redesignation Applications	1	13	6	6
Subdivision Applications	1	10	12	13
Area Structure Plans	0	0	0	0
Area Concept Plans/Other	0	0	0	0
<u>Safety Codes</u>				
Building Permits				
Residential	13	34	28	42
Multi Family/Commercial/ Industrial/Other	0	6	11	8
Total Residential Value	\$1,293,150	\$4,806,150	\$4,432,537.50	\$9,143,826
Total Multi Family/ Industrial/Other Value	\$0	\$1,094,563	\$2,270,000	\$4,711,831
Total Combined Value	\$1,293,150	\$5,900,713	\$6,702,538	\$13,855,657
Total Building Permits	13	40	39	50
Electrical Permits	8	43	61	61
Plumbing Permits	7	21	22	25
Gas Permits	9	29	35	35
Private Sewage Permits	0	9	5	9
Total Permits Processed	37	142	162	180

	May 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed
<u>Development</u>				
Development Permits	24	58	68	72
Certificates of Compliance	7	25	29	26

Protective Services:

- In 2020, the Protective Services department adjusted the way that the officers are tracking events to accurately reflect the duties that they are performing around the County. For the month of May, the department dealt with 21 Case Files. These are files that involve some sort of investigative action on the part of the officer. There were 69 Field Interview reports. These reports are filled out when an officer has a non-investigative file to deal with, such as a ratepayer enquiry, enforcement matter or recording the purchase of a dog licence. There were 63 targeted patrols. These targeted patrols are made to specific locations due to multiple concerns or complaints coming from the area.
- Officers conducted 54 community patrols throughout the month. These are times spent patrolling a specific area looking for violations or other infractions. Some community patrols may result in a case report, or field interview report. Officers also recorded 113 general patrols. These are non-urban patrols where officers patrol the various divisions. Officers in May made 5 patrols to the County's Banned Roads.
- May saw 13 violation tickets issued, mostly for Speeding. There were also 9 recorded stops where the violator was released with a verbal educational warning. The reason for the decline is due to the pandemic, and safety cautions directing officers to deal with dangerous offences.

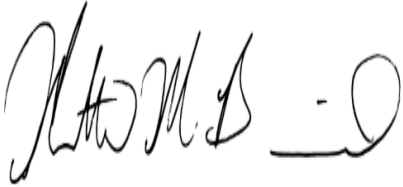
- The Covid-19 virus pandemic continues to provide new duties and issues for the Protective Services department. Officers are patrolling the hamlets reminding residents of social distancing when seen. The Alberta Government provided authority for Community Peace Officers to enforce the public health regulations. The protocol is that complainants are to contact the Public Health Inspector, and if warranted, these files may be dispatched down to a CPO for investigation and follow up. Protective Services officers are working in Emergency Management as well preparing in case the County is required to provide assistance to Alberta Health. As GFL continues the planned clean up of the legacy pile, officers are continuing to monitor this situation as well. The Calgary Humane Society has stopped taking in animals due to the pandemic, however, if officers do pick up any dogs we have alternate clinics where these animals can be taken.



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