

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

September 1, 2020

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Community and Development Services – July and August 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.
- Speargrass Recreation Area site planning and required permits. Working with the Community group on coordination moving the cost sharing project forward. Surveying complete with site grading beginning soon.
- Cluny playground equipment community engagement survey results shared on social media. Equipment ordered installation in September.
- Working with Lakes of Muirfield to locate a Outdoor rink site for an Community rink.
- Four cemetery inquires two burials.

Economic Development:

- Work continues on the platform migration for the WC website.
- We are working on preparing a regional grant intake in September for a regional tourism strategy in partnership with the Town of Strathmore and Siksika in some form. A conversation has started with SRDL (Siksika's development corporation) to discuss the tourism strategy to look at tourism product development and economic development within the plan.
- Work with businesses on supporting them through the pandemic continues. We are taking a hiatus through the summer on the weekly Infinite Possibilities and will look at reintroducing it in some form.
- Economic Development is supporting coverage of the Communications division in social media and advertising until mid-September.
- We are utilizing the WC website and real estate tools through LocalIntel to highlight available properties in the Lakes of Muirfield. Marketing of the properties will be developed through the summer, and tools and lot inventory will migrate to the new WC website.

GIS:

- Installation of 1,700 south facing faded signs have been completed along the RGE RD/HWY. Have been fielding many calls about TWP RD signs fading this year (at varying rates, and on both east and west sides). Will look to compile a list of TWP RD signs that will require re-order from the 2011 installs.
- Provided preliminary training and support for MRF webmap for AVL tracking purposes.
- Digitized the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) boundaries surrounding the County and the boundaries have added to the database for viewing and future mapping purposes.
- Attended virtual ESRI conference and learned about some of the best methods to GIS program deployment – (prepare, implement, operate, and review). Every GIS deployment will be reviewed once it's in production to provide further improvements in the future.

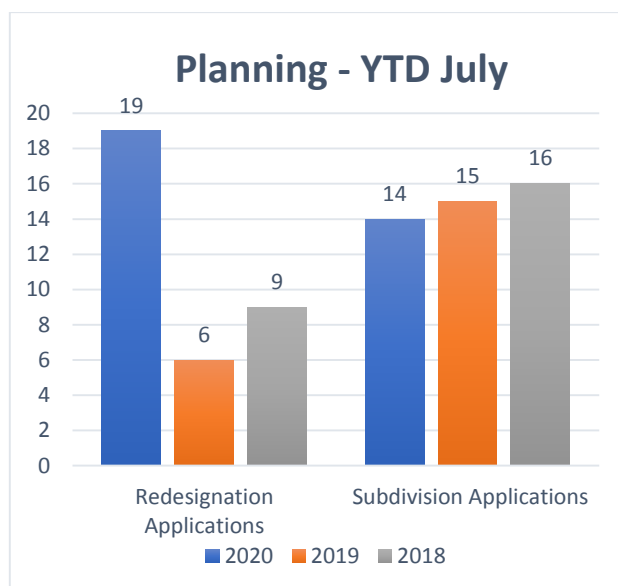
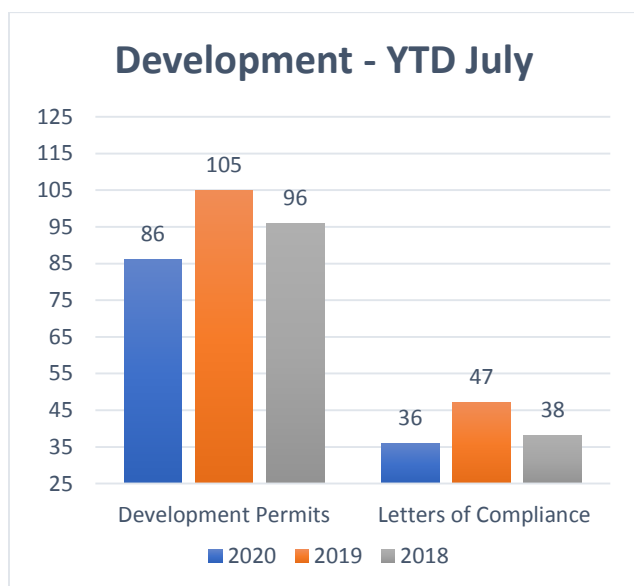
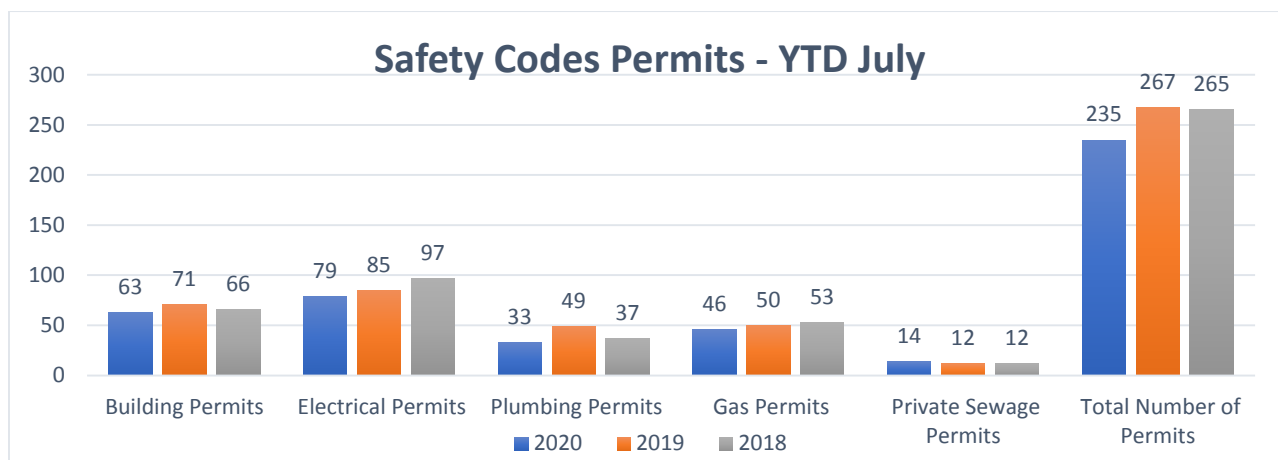
- In coordination with road inspector and gravel pit technician, setup the collector app for data collection through smartphone out on the field.
- As part of the asset management committee, inquired to the other surrounding municipalities to get information/experiences about the asset management program. Also enrolled the County in “asset management capacity building cohort” that was provided by RMA, which will assist the County in developing an asset management policy and strategy.

Planning, Development and Safety Codes:

- Continuing to accept, review and process applications.

	July 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete
<u>Planning</u>				
Redesignation Applications	4	19	6	9
Subdivision Applications	2	14	15	16
Area Structure Plans	0	0	0	0
Area Concept Plans/Other	0	0	0	0
<u>Safety Codes</u>				
Building Permits				
Residential	14	57	48	57
Multi Family/Commercial/Industrial/Other	0	6	23	9
Total Residential Value	\$2,467,000	\$8,341,950	\$7,499,950	\$11,492,826
Total Multi Family/Industrial/Other Value	\$0	\$1,094,563	\$9,553,700	\$4,748,831
Total Combined Value	\$2,467,000	\$9,436,513	\$17,053,650	\$16,241,657
Total Building Permits	14	63	71	66
Electrical Permits	14	79	85	97
Plumbing Permits	4	33	49	37
Gas Permits	8	46	50	53
Private Sewage Permits	3	14	12	12
Total Permits Processed	43	235	267	265

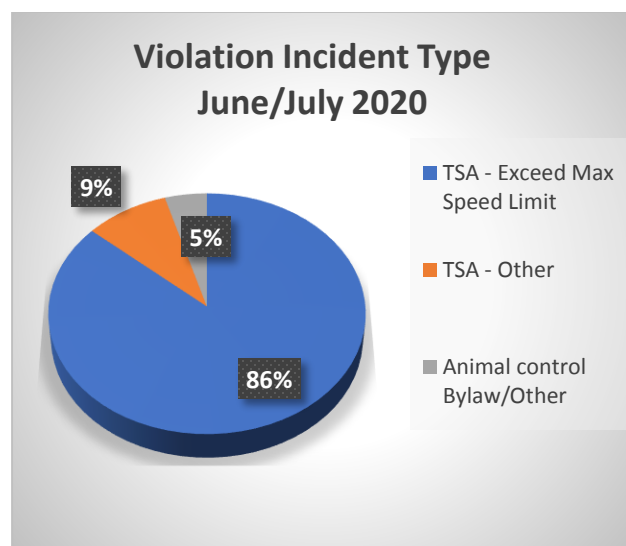
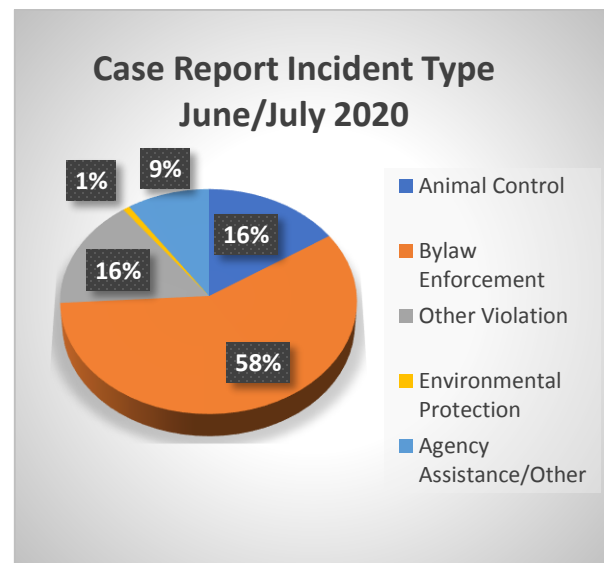
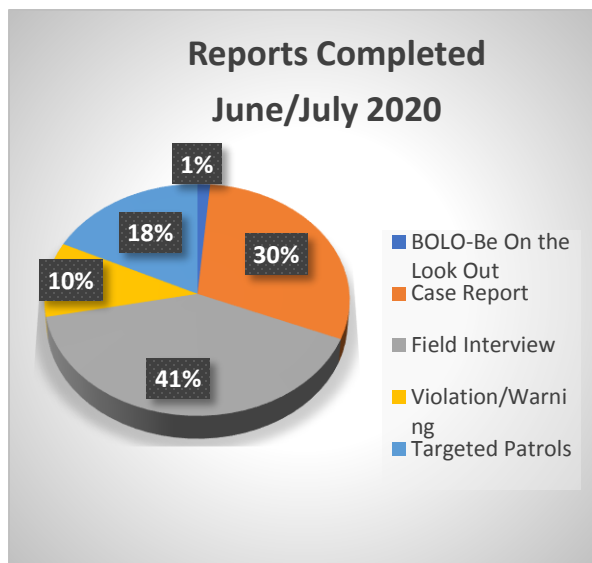
	July 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed
<u>Development</u>				
Development Permits	15	86	105	96
Certificates of Compliance	5	36	47	38



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 months of June and July, the department dealt with 106 Case files. These are files that involve some sort of investigative action on the part of the officer. The increase in these cases for these months is due to the officers on patrol noting properties in the hamlets that required attention and remedial orders sent for long grass and weeds. There were 144 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 129 targeted patrols. These targeted patrols are made to specific locations due to multiple concerns or complaints coming from the area.
- Officers conducted 51 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 172 general patrols. These are non-urban patrols where officers patrol the various divisions. Officers in June and July made 14 patrols to the County's Banned Roads.

- June and July saw 22 violation tickets issued, mostly for Speeding. There were also 15 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.
- Officers continue to monitor the GFL site as part of the stop/remedial orders due to the planned clean up of the legacy pile. 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. The expanded authorities given to the Peace Officers to deal with Public Health Orders expired on the date the Public Health emergency expired. Officers continue to liaise with the public health inspector when required to inspect at his request.



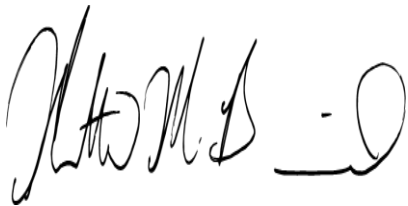
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