

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

September 1, 2020

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July and August Transportation and Agriculture Report

Recommendation from Administration

That Council accepts the General Manager of Transportation and Agriculture, July & August 2020 report.

Report

Public Works Crews

- RR240 was closed due to culvert failure at the irrigation canal, will be replacing this fall.
- Substructure compaction methods used on RR 245 proved favourable.
- Second application of calcium and the oil dust abatement is complete.
- Gravel Crew is at the stockpile sites.
- Construction Crew has begun grading the site for the new Carseland fire hall.
- Culvert Crew will strip the playground site in Speargrass and fix a slide area on RR 201.
- All the replacement rural address signs that were ordered have been installed.

Hamlet / Waste Transfer Sites

- Mowing, catch basin cleaning, pothole patching, gravelling and general maintenance is ongoing in all hamlets.
- Removal of rig matting in Rosebud from tile field and reclaiming of gravel pad completed.
- Sidewalk replacement has been awarded and work is scheduled to begin at the beginning of August. Repaving of the north end of Mckinnon Dr. at water break locations has been completed.
- Thuro completed flushing of storm systems in several hamlets.
- General maintenance and repairs are ongoing at all WTS.
- Signage installed for ramps at Standard and the railings have been repainted at Carseland.
- Completed the top soiling and seeding at Rosebud and Standard because of repairs from previous construction work.

Facilities

- Fire alarm deficiencies have been completed.
- Ongoing roof repairs for most of County shops.
- Turn over date is August 24th for the Gleichen Arena.
- Looking into updating security/card access for the County shops (current system no longer supported).
- Annual overhead door maintenance will be completed in August.
- Working on quotes for new fire pump and new fire suppression for vault and server room.

Gravel / Roads

- Rocky View County is in the process of renewing the DP for Thurn Pit, the application is going to Rocky View Council in August.
- Five Year report for Christensen Pit will be submitted to Alberta Environment.
- Digital speed signs were placed at Muirfield community.
- A proof roll inspection was performed on RR 250 north just east of Strathmore, road is being upgraded for new development.
- In communication with CP to determine grade railway crossing upgrades.
- Completed crushing at Ridgeland Pit, contractor will be mobilizing to Fish Lake Pit by the end of August.
- Fourteen contractors attended a pre-tender meeting on August 11 for the Rosebud Lagoon Project, the bid is set to close on August 27.
- Contractor has fixed multiple dips at the Rockyford Access Road.

Land

- Finalizing documents for the acquisition of the site of the former Central Bow Valley school from GHSD with their solicitor
- Registration of Encroachment Agreement in Gleichen has been completed.
- Assisted with budget data and land related inquiries.
- RR 201 slide-landowner agreement for construction access.

General

- CSMI Cooperative draft agreements have been received for internal review. Detailed design for Stage 1 has been approved by the partners and awarded to MPE Engineering. MPE has submitted the regulatory application to Alberta Environment for Stage 1 construction. MPE is preparing the proposal to utilize the ACP grant the county was awarded on behalf of the partners. Rocky View County is signing an MOU with Chestermere for the Rainbow Falls Outlet infrastructure on behalf of the partners and several partners are preparing a use of works agreement for the ongoing use of that infrastructure.
- Administration is working with Brownlee to finalize the Land Sale agreement and the Lot Reservation agreement as part of the sale of Muirfield lots process.
- RV lot rental agreements have been created.
- Preparing engineering RFP and prequalification tenders as the current agreement expires at the end of 2020.

Utilities

- We have nearly completed preparation of the Lead management plan and have some information put together. All that is needed is the public information and consultation documents. We start with a notification on the website that the lead testing will occur, then we select appropriate sites and obtain consent from the owner. The samples are then taken and analyzed.
- We have been working on integrating the utilities accounts for Lakes of Muirfield. We have contracted Accuflo meter service to complete the switch so that we can read their water meters and integrate the accounts into the County billing system.

- Construction is ongoing on the truck fill station. We are having bi-weekly meetings to deal with issues that arise. The tank is in the ground and back filled.
- Hydrant distribution flushing is complete in Carseland and Speargrass.
- We have updated a training schedule for all staff and have had to make some adjustments due to Covid restrictions on gatherings.
- Bow Valley Septic was contacted to pump Rosebud septic tanks. That is now complete.
- Have been working with administration and AEP to determine a final resolution for Gleichen raw water reservoir which is no longer needed since Gleichen is supplied by the regional line.

Agriculture & Environment Report

- Mowing completed in 5 grader divisions, new construction roads and 4 gravel stockpiles. There will be no second cut - substantially behind schedule due to staff and hour reductions.
- MRF spraying and weed inspections programs are now installed and in use.
- Fibre mulching & seeding completed for WID on topsoil stockpile at new building site.
- Spraying completed at Namaka & Gleichen community hall parking lots, Muirfield RV lot and at Severn Dam for AB Transportation.
- Fusarium survey will not be completed this year by staff and Clubroot survey will be started in September with a likely reduction the number of locations we will be able to check.
- Responded to 14 weed complaints & requests for weed identification
- Bertha Armyworm and Grasshopper survey completed.
- ASB Bursary advertising is out with applications due August 31, bursaries are available to Wheatland County students enrolled in an Agriculture or Environmental Program.
- Continuing to support producers completing EFP (11 completed, 14 in progress) and CAP applications (16)
- The Wheatland Agricultural Stewardship Program (4 projects approved) and the Safe Water Wells Action Program (8 projects approved and are now fully allocated).
- Completed soil movement educational campaign and fact sheet publication. Fact Sheet has been added to the website, promoted on social media, will be featured in August County Connector and was printed for display and handout.
- Exploring opportunity presented by the Alberta Environment and Parks Wetland Replacement Program that has a current intent to partner with municipalities for the pursuit of wetland restoration and construction opportunities. Working to develop a policy brief offering three options for Council decision in September or October.
- Discussions with P&D employees about ER/ERE policy being written. Task created to develop draft ER/ERE Management Policy to describe Transportation and Agriculture department responsibilities in managing ER and ERE lands; draft to be completed by end of September.
- Continuing to support producers completing EFP (11 completed, 14 in progress) and 16 CAP applications.
- Submitted letters of support for the Alberta Invasive Species Council and ALUS to aid in their grant funding applications.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Michael Ziehr

No Signature - Task assigned to Brian Henderson was completed by delegate Matthew Boscariol

Brian Henderson