

# Wheatland County

## Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

November 10, 2020

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### Community and Development Services – October 2020

#### Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accepts the October 2020 Community and Development Services Report for information.

#### Report

##### Badlands Recreation Development:

- Notice was received October 21, 2020 that the Environmental Appeals Board has scheduled an appeal to be heard December 7, 9 and 10, 2020. The appeal will hear submissions with respect to the decision of Alberta Environment and Parks to issue *Water Act* Approval to Badlands Recreation Development Corp. for infilling 2 wetlands, modifying 3 wetlands and constructing, operating and carrying out maintenance of the storm water management system at 22-27-21-W4M.
- Hearing will not be open to the public, but individuals may request a copy of the audio recording.
- During the April 2020 hearing, several appellants stated they would be impacted by surface water drainage, while other appellants were dismissed as not being directly affected. The Board stated the appellants raised serious issues but did not provide enough information or evidence to demonstrate they would suffer irreparable harm if the stay was granted. The Board declined to grant the stay on April 28, 2020.

##### Community Services:

- Ongoing monitoring of Covid-19 updates to assess how they may affect Community Services.
- Speargrass Recreation Area site was seeded and most of the work is complete. Speargrass Community Association has scheduled the fencing contractor to install the off-leash dog park fence late October.
- Ten tree replacements in Rosebud was completed. This completed the community tree planting with a total of 34 addition trees planted in that community.
- Working on reviewing and updating engagement materials for the Open Space, Recreation and Culture Master Plan relaunch scheduled for November 9, 2020.
- Ground levelling for the site preparation completed with in the Lakes o f Muirfield. Draft Agreements and procedures developed for Lakes of Muirfield Community Outdoor rink site.
- Grand opening event scheduled for October 20, 2020 for the Cluny playground equipment.
- Four cemetery inquires for Gleichen.



**LEFT:**  
Rosebud Tree  
Planting

**RIGHT:**  
Lakes of Muirfield  
Outdoor Rink Site



### Economic Development:

- Small Business Week happened from October 18-24, and Economic Development hosted five collaboration sessions with different speakers, and two Grow with Google sessions during the week. The collaboration sessions were all recorded and are now being marketed for viewing on the WC YouTube channel. All the sessions were heavily marketed on the WC Facebook, and Instagram feeds. The new Community Profile is also being marketed into local, Calgary and Edmonton regions. With all advertising, there have been over 60,000 impressions during this current campaign to date.
- The Economic Development Board presented to Council the revised terms of reference, adapting the Board from advisory to a working board with strategic committees. The Board also presented to Council the annual review on economic development activities and recognizing the first anniversary of the WC brand.
- Work is continuing for the WC website refresh.

### Fire and Emergency Service:

#### Operational Accomplishments:

- Fire report completed and filed for Joi Botanicals
- Preparation for fire prevention week
- Covid 19-communication to staff and electronic questionnaire developed
- Entered updated firefighter information into Fire Pro for records management
- Strategic Planning with Economic Development
- Continued pump testing in Rockyview County
- Emergency Management Planning
- 2 Requests for Decision approved at Council (Bearcom radio upgrade and Bulk water process)
- Large Fire and completed investigation at Joi Botanicals

#### Fire Services Meetings:

- Operations meetings with Gleichen Fire Chief and Carseland Fire Chief
- Phone meetings with all Association Fire Chiefs (update on county fire activities)
- Tender opening for Carseland Fire Hall
- Emergency Management Committee Meeting
- Training Committee Meeting, 4 of 9 departments were in attendance, we will hold another meeting in the eastern part of the County to reach the other 5 departments.

#### Ongoing Projects:

- Beginning departmental policy review process
- Working extensively with Fire Pro to establish a proper reporting method
- Inet demo to see compatibility with Fire Pro regarding GIS, CAD and records management

- Cloud based records management system presentations

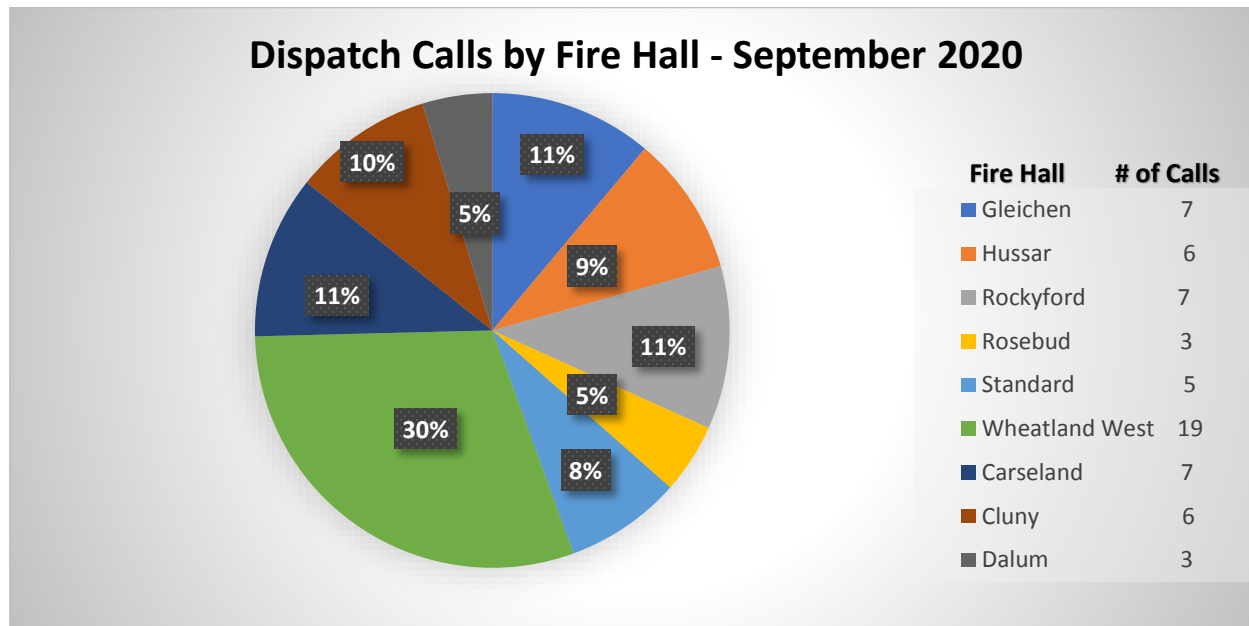
#### Training:

- Siksika Wildfire Exercise
- Fire Pro Training with Fire Administration

#### Intergovernmental affairs:

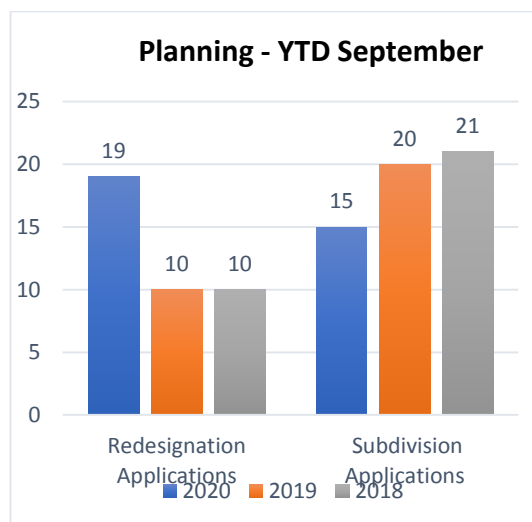
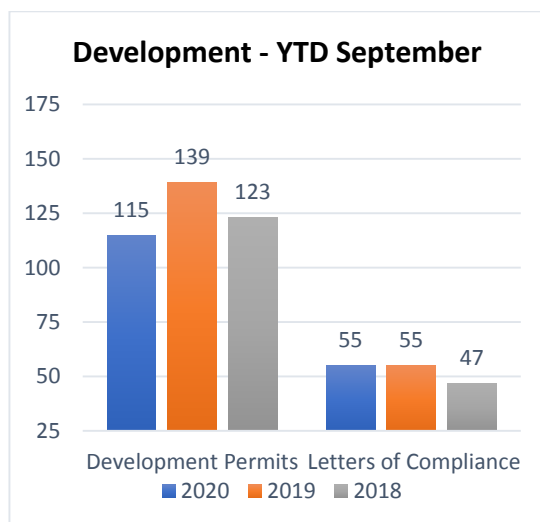
- Consulted with City of Calgary and Rockyview County regarding a potential 2nd wave of Covid-19

#### Call volumes:

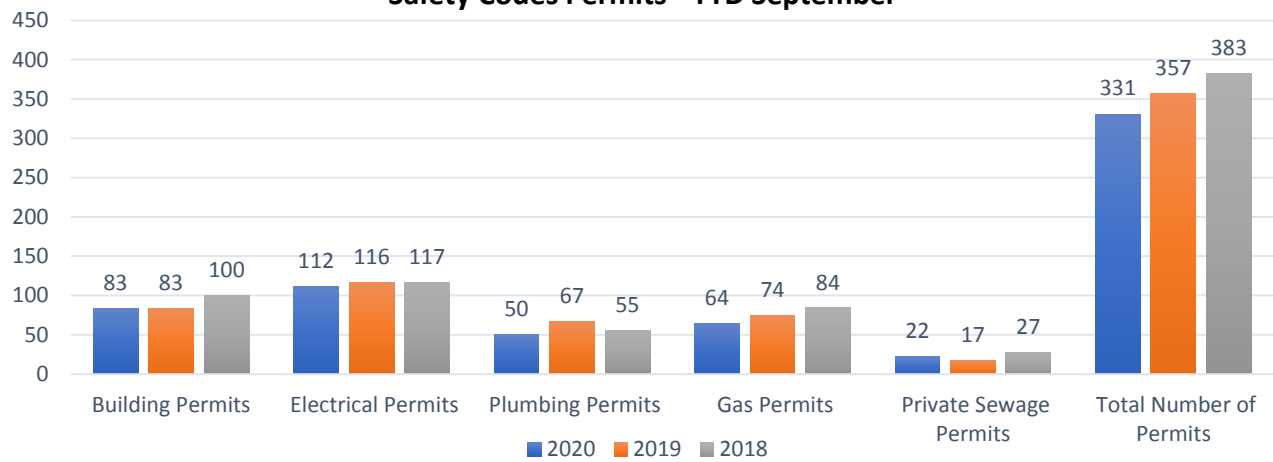


#### Planning, Development and Safety Codes:

- Continue to review and process various planning and development applications.
- Planning hosted the second Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Review webinar on October 21st. This webinar focused on Managing Growth, Infrastructure and Servicing. After the presentation there was a lively discussion with those in attendance focusing on the future of infrastructure and servicing for the County. The webinar was recorded and is available to watch on the County's website. There are two surveys relating to the webinars and MDP review that will remain open until November 30th. Planning staff is starting the internal engagement phase of the MDP review. They will be having sit-down sessions with each department to discuss the current objectives and policies in the MDP and to determine if any changes need to be made.



### Safety Codes Permits - YTD September

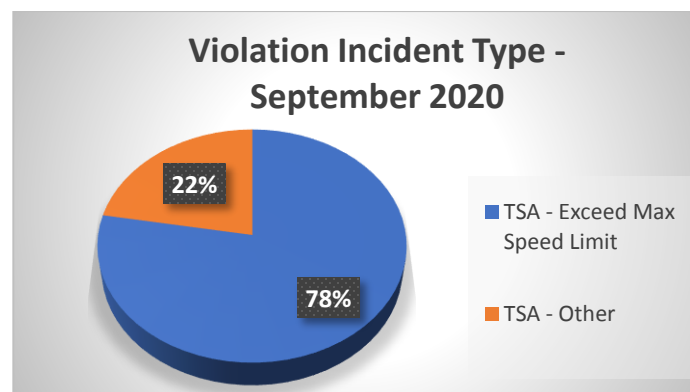
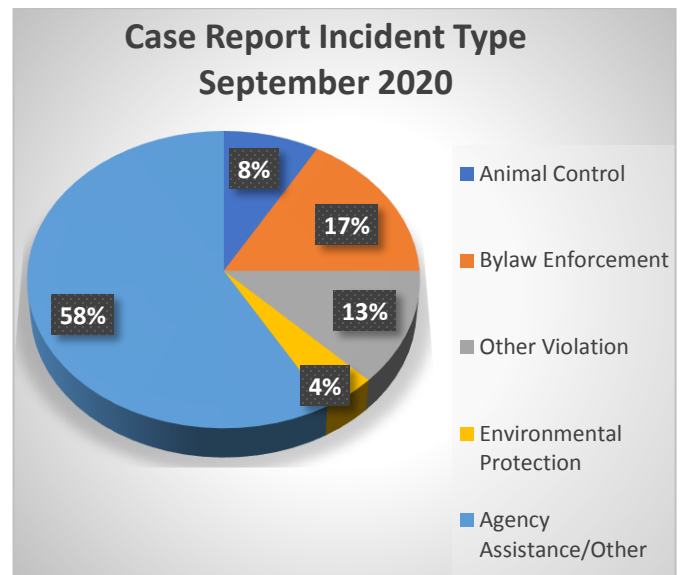
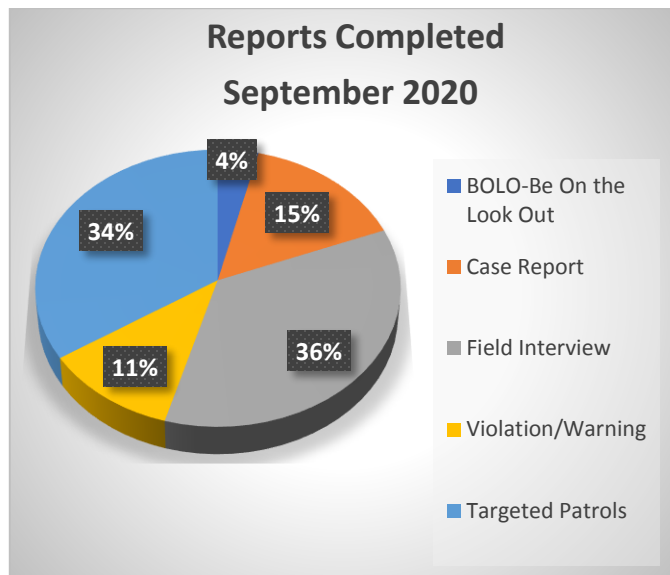


	Sept 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete
<b><u>Planning</u></b>				
Redesignation Applications	0	19	10	10
Subdivision Applications	1	15	20	21
Area Structure Plans	0	0	0	0
Area Concept Plans/Other	0	0	0	0
<b><u>Safety Codes</u></b>				
<b>Building Permits</b>				
Residential	8	73	60	86
Multi Family/Commercial/ Industrial/Other	3	10	23	14
Total Residential Value	\$1,133,008	\$9,789,783	\$11,330,450	\$16,286,326
Total Multi Family/ Industrial/Other Value	\$197,000	\$1,366,563	\$9,553,700	\$5,955,831
Total Combined Value	\$1,330,008	\$11,156,346	\$20,884,150	\$22,242,157
<b>Total Building Permits</b>	11	83	83	100
<b>Electrical Permits</b>	19	112	116	117
<b>Plumbing Permits</b>	10	50	67	55
<b>Gas Permits</b>	12	64	74	84
<b>Private Sewage Permits</b>	3	22	17	27
<b>Total Permits Processed</b>	55	331	357	383

	Sept 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed
<b><u>Development</u></b>				
Development Permits	14	115	139	123
Certificates of Compliance	9	55	55	47

## 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 September, the department dealt with 24 Case files. These are files that involve some sort of investigative action on the part of the officer. There were 56 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 54 targeted patrols. These targeted patrols are made to specific locations due to multiple concerns or complaints coming from the area.
- Officers conducted 16 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 101 general patrols. These are non-urban patrols where officers patrol the various divisions. Officers in August made no patrols to the County's Banned Roads.
- September saw 10 violation tickets issued, mostly for Speeding. There were also 8 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. September had officers responding with our emergency services partners more than usual. Officers took part in annual control tactics re-certifications.

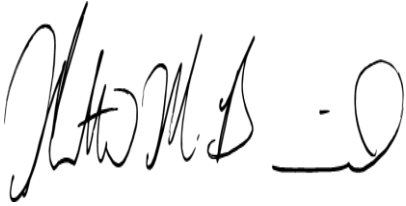




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Brian Henderson