

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

December 1, 2020

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Community and Development Services – November 2020

Recommendation from Administration

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

Report

Community Services:

- Ongoing monitoring of Covid-19 updates to assess how they may affect Community Services.
- Off Leash dog park fence completed at the Speargrass Recreation Area.
- Open Space, Recreation and Culture Master Plan community engagement relaunch began November 9, 2020 and will run until November 29.
- Volunteer Outdoor Rink Agreements for Lakes of Muirfield Community and Carseland completed.
- Six cemetery inquires for Gleichen and one burial.

Economic Development:

- Changes have happened to the Infinite Possibilities conversation to adapt to the changing business environment through COVID. The webinar has now become monthly, and the presentations within the webinar will be conducted and marketed separately. The presentations will continue to be recorded and posted to the WC YouTube channel. Another addition is all presentations are being posted to major podcast networks for further marketing reach.
- The Economic Development Board has met since the approval by Council of revised Terms of Reference. New committees have been struck from the revised Terms and will be conducting their first meetings on November 18th. The working committees will be focusing on and supporting marketing, visitation/tourism and investment attraction related to economic development.

Fire and Emergency Service:

Carseland Fire Station Update

- Milestone Dates
 - Mobilization to Site - November 13, 2020
 - Piling Start - December 2, 2020
 - Estimated arrival of Pre- Eng Building – week of January 25, 2021
 - Utility (water and sewer) install – May 10, 2021
 - Asphalt paving - June 13, 2021
 - Substantial Completion/Occupancy – August 30, 2021
- Completed Activities
 - Site preparation has been completed by County forces
 - The contract for construction of the new Carseland Fire Station has been awarded to Mid-West Design & Construction Ltd. out of Calgary. A start up meeting has been held.
 - Contractor has mobilized to site and has set up fencing and site trailer. Anticipate start of construction at the end of November. First call and secondary locates underway

-Building Permit applications are in progress

- Upcoming Activities

- Site Survey

- Piling and start of grade beam foundations

- Ordering of Pre-engineered building (expected delivery end of January)

- Preparation for Fortis to install electrical service to site (expected work to be done in January)

- Budget

- Approved Budget \$2,795,802.90

- Current Expenditures against budget: \$94,190.00

- Expenditures to date account for consulting costs required to design and tender the project. A cashflow for construction is being completed and will be included in the next update

Aerial Photo of Completed Site Prep at Carseland Fire Station Site



Operational Accomplishments

- Lifted fire ban in the County
- Fire and investigation west of Strathmore at the RV park Tuesday, October 13, 2020
- Firefighter EFAP program approved to be launched January 1, 2021
- Quonset Fire East of County Building, Fire Suppression and Investigation, October 20, 2020
- 1000 Face Shields donated to the County by IPEX to be used in evacuation centers
- Vehicle checklist trials
- Health and Safety Administrative Directive approved for Fire Halls
- Carseland Fire Hall kickoff meeting
- Emergency Management event planning
- Pre planning for Richardson Pioneer

Fire Services Meetings

- Met with dispatch regarding dispatch by apparatus, data is currently with Inet to create dispatch cards
- Operations meeting with Cluny Fire Chief
- Met with Pastor Dawn regarding firefighter wellness
- Meeting in Carbon with Kneehill Fire Chief and Manager of Public Safety
- P&P meeting regarding Fire Board and Expectations
- Fire Chiefs Meeting October 22, 2020
- Regional Fire Prevention Coalition meeting October 28, 2020

Ongoing Projects

- Fire Pro Data entry

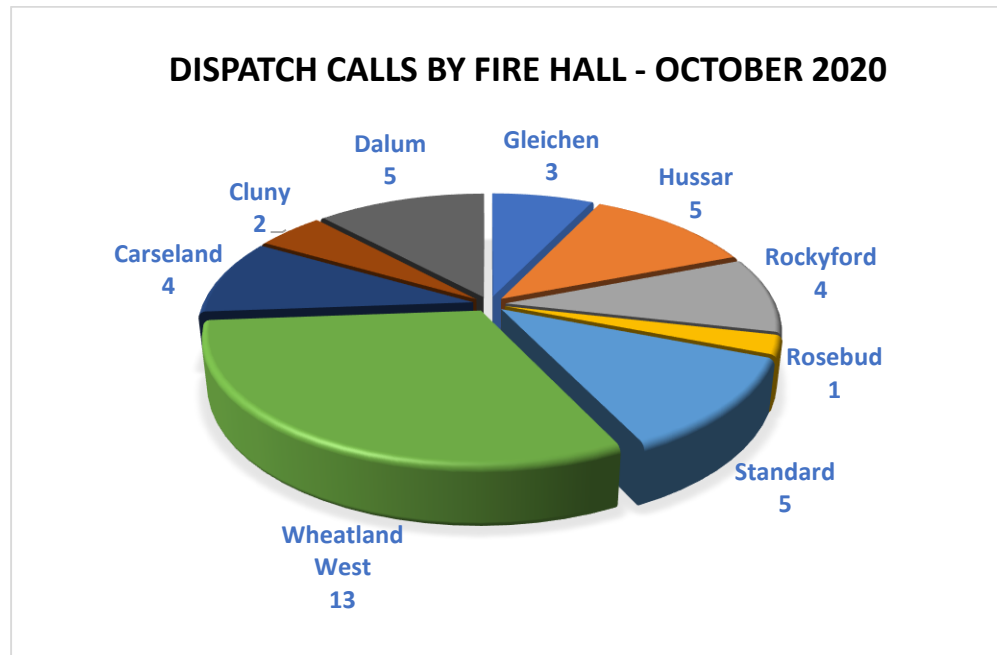
Training

- Fire Prevention week October 4-10, 2020, communicated our message with the local newspaper, radio station and social media including County Fire Drills
- Grain Safe Course Completed (22 students)
- Recruit training kickoff October 17, 2020
- Pre-Planning for Livestock Emergency Rescue Course

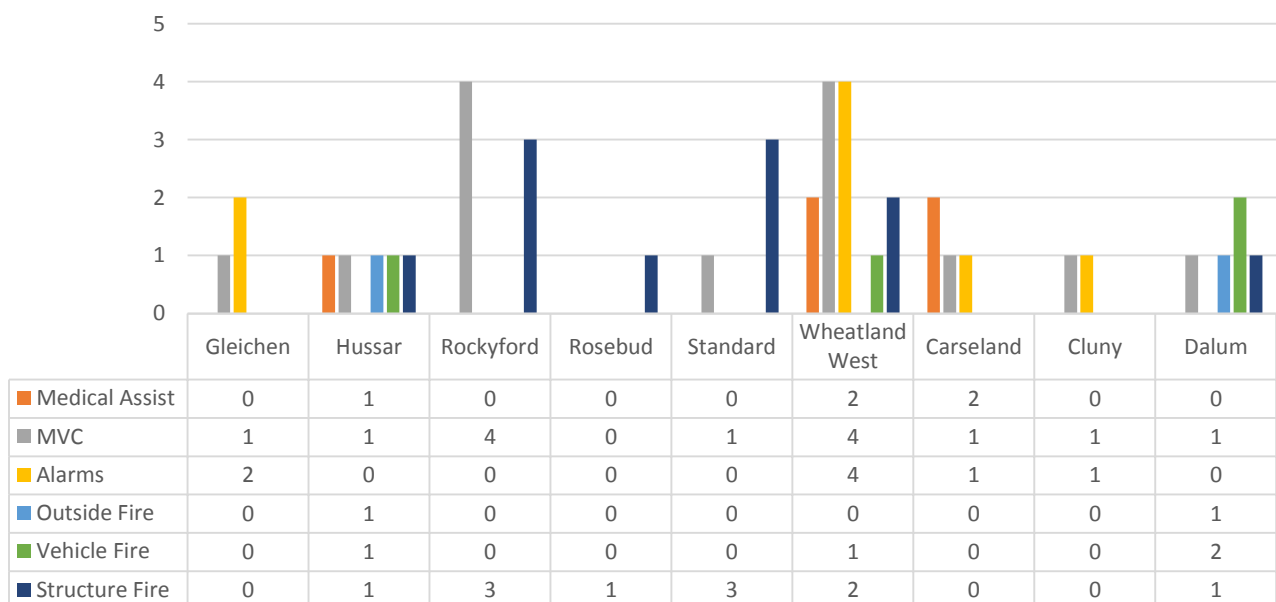
Intergovernmental Affairs

- Applied for Medical First Response grant for defibrillators for County Fire Halls (\$8000 total)
- Biweekly Emergency Management meeting ongoing

Call Volumes

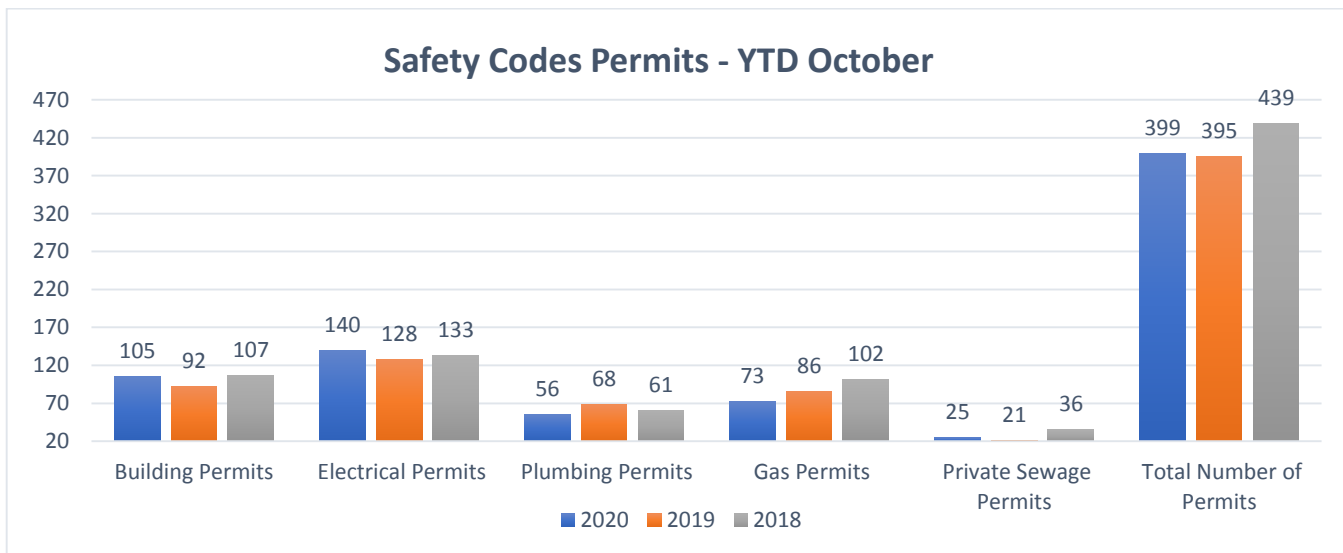
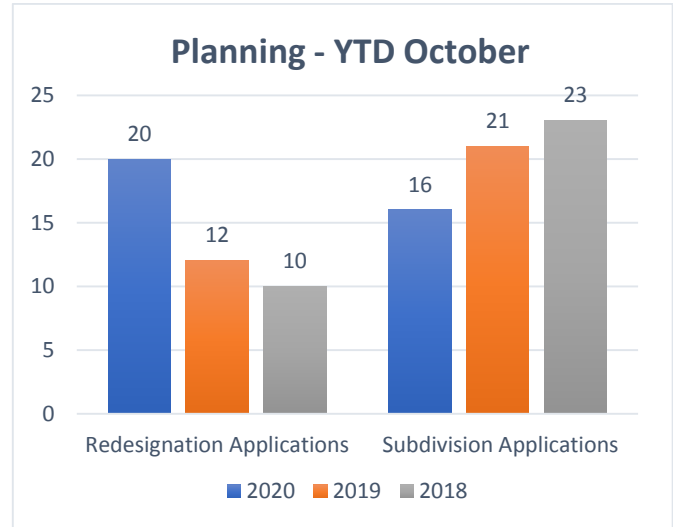
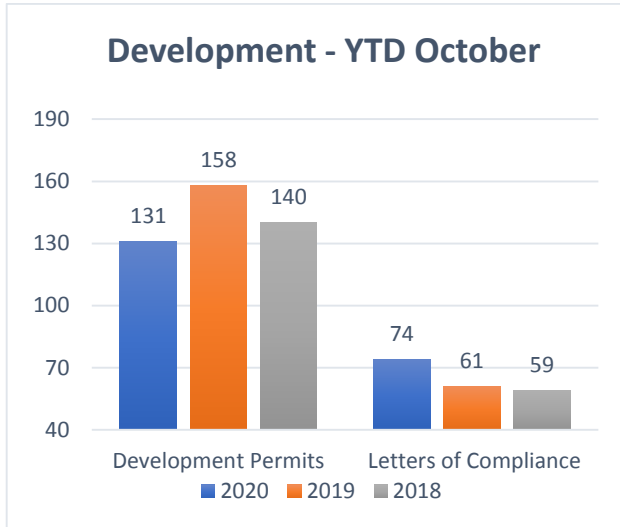


DISPATCH BY TYPE & FIRE HALL - OCTOBER 2020



Planning, Development and Safety Codes:

- Continue to accept, review and process various planning, development and safety code applications.
- The second Municipal Development Plan (MDP) webinar held on October 21st was a great success. Staff received plenty of feedback from attendees and have used their comments as well as comments received from Council to guide the internal MDP engagement sessions. The internal engagement sessions will be completed by the end of the month. Planning staff will be reviewing the comments received throughout the engagement process to start proposing changes to the goals and policies throughout the MDP.

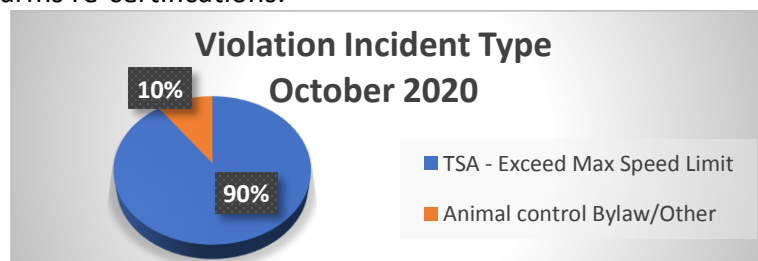


	Oct 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed
<u>Development</u>				
Development Permits	16	131	158	140
Certificates of Compliance	19	74	61	59

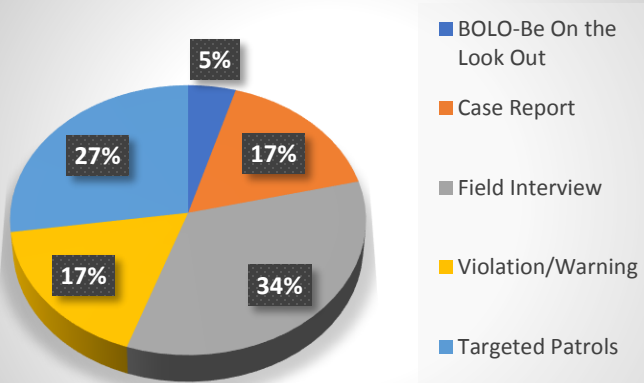
	Oct 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete
<u>Planning</u>				
Redesignation Applications	1	20	12	10
Subdivision Applications	1	16	21	23
Area Structure Plans	0	0	0	0
Area Concept Plans/Other	0	0	0	0
<u>Safety Codes</u>				
Building Permits				
Residential	11	84	67	93
Multi Family/Commercial/ Industrial/Other	11	21	25	14
Total Residential Value	\$1,372,245	\$11,162,028	\$12,173,950	\$16,597,026
Total Multi Family/ Industrial/Other Value	\$490,000	\$1,856,563	\$11,288,988	\$5,955,831
Total Combined Value	\$1,862,245	\$13,018,591	\$23,462,938	\$22,552,857
Total Building Permits	22	105	92	107
Electrical Permits	28	140	128	133
Plumbing Permits	6	56	68	61
Gas Permits	9	73	86	102
Private Sewage Permits	3	25	21	36
Total Permits Processed	68	399	395	439

Protective Services:

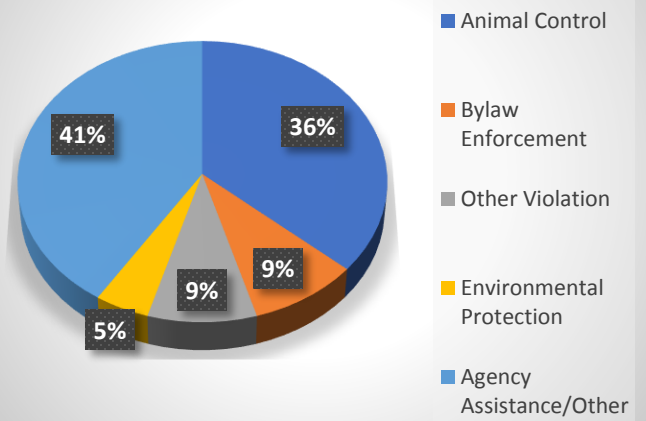
- In 2020, the Protective Services department adjusted the way that the officers are tracking events to accurately reflect the duties that they are performing around the County. For the month of October, the department dealt with 22 Case files. These are files that involve some sort of investigative action on the part of the officer. There were 45 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 36 targeted patrols. These targeted patrols are made to specific locations due to multiple concerns or complaints coming from the area.
- Officers conducted 22 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 109 general patrols. These are non-urban patrols where officers patrol the various divisions. Officers in August made 6 patrols to the County's Banned Roads.
- October saw 18 violation tickets issued, mostly for Speeding. There were also 7 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. October had officers responding with our emergency services partners more than usual. Officers took part in annual firearms re-certifications.



Reports Completed - October 2020



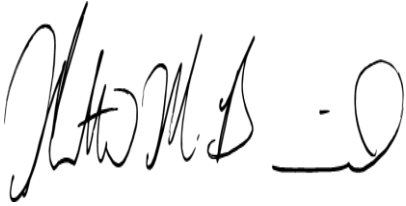
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