

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

April 7, 2020

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Community and Development Services – February and March 2020

Recommendation from Administration

ACCEPTANCE of the Community and Development Services Report, as presented based on the information provided.

Report

Community Services:

- Kick off held March 10 for the community engagement process for the Open Space, Recreation and Culture master plan with the following events scheduled:
 - Online survey (link on the County website)
 - All scheduled open houses have been postponed. Updates on the rescheduling of postponed events will be on County webpage or Facebook.
 - Online engagement closes April 5, 2020.
 - Work will be completed on a plan to reschedule community engagement open house and stakeholder session with Council once it is clear that these gathering are safe to do so.
- Request for Proposal was released in March to select a consultant to assist in the opportunities for Eagle Lake water quality improvement technical review and recommendation.
- Speargrass Community Association has been successful in grant applications of approximately \$123,000 to date for the park project in that community. Work will begin on planning the project with the community in the next few months.
- The team was successful in securing a grant from the Alberta Beverage Container Recycle Corporation Community Champions Grant Program in the amount equaling \$19,719 for seven recycle/trash combo receptacles to be placed in community gathering areas.



Economic Development:

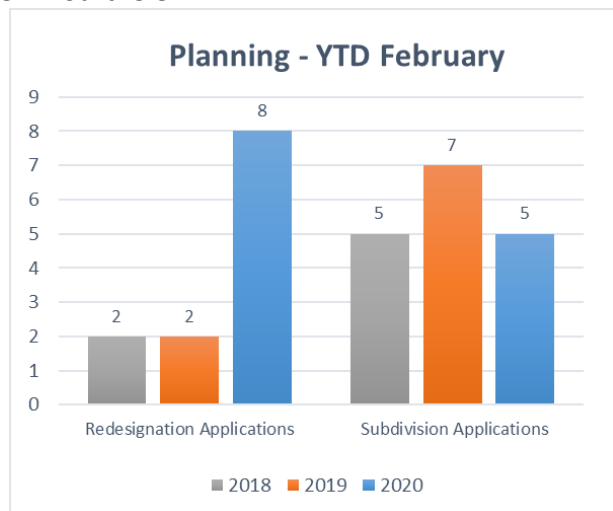
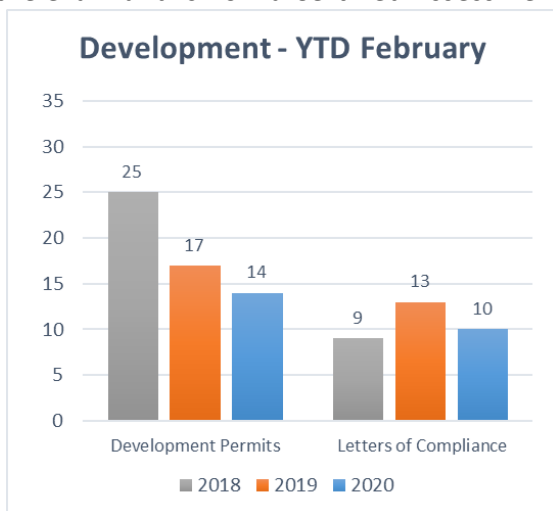
- The Economic Development Board, with its recent expansion, is now a full board of nine in attempts to further diversify expertise for support of growth in the County. We have farm operators, tourism operators, realtors and a developer on the Board.
- The Community Profile continues to be created, and the division has worked with Community Services to host content on the InfiniteWC website for the Open Space, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.
- The division also hosted its first Grow with Google Live Stream event and added a full day workshop around the idea of Spring Cleaning for Business. The division has also started collaboration meetings around the Team Wheatland investment and development inquiry process with multiple divisions and departments.
- Economic Development also attended the Canadian Badlands Tourism Conference in Strathmore and unveiled the new WC display materials at the conference.

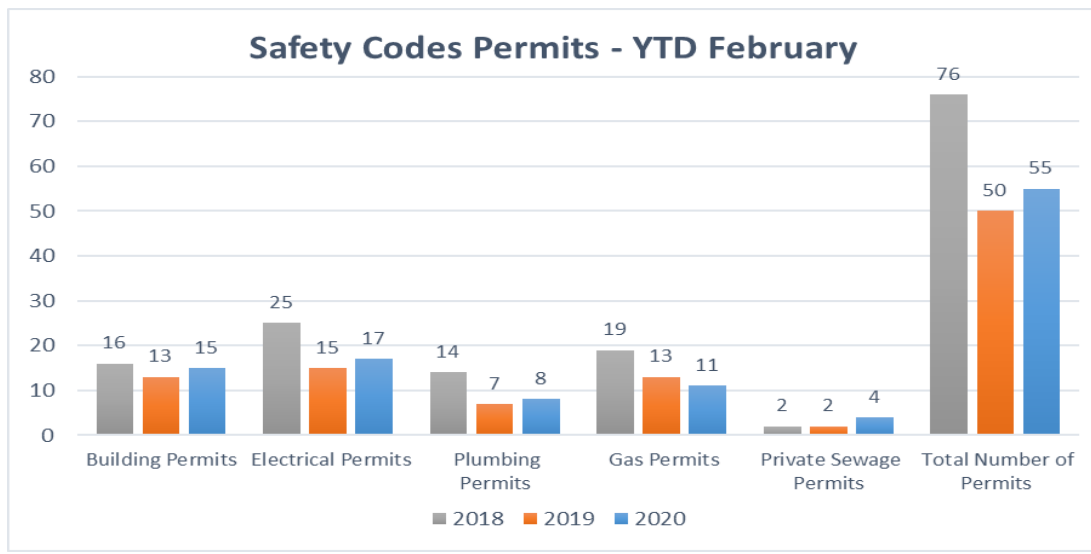
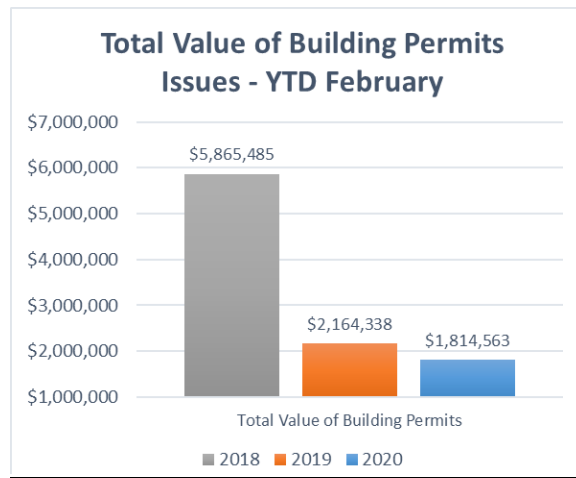
GIS:

- Working on creating/editing 2020 grader map.
- Working on modernizing our road project maps by creating a database and digitizing the historical and proposed road projects. Creation & edit of the road project maps will be easier and will also become accessible through an online map.
- Continuing to coordinate with Canada Post personnel to ensure the rural/civic addresses of residents are correct.

Planning, Development and Safety Codes:

- All but one of the Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP) should be finished by the end of March. The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) review is underway and staff will be engaging Council for direction.
- The amendments to introduce Cannabis retail stores as a use within the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) will be coming forward for public hearing, second, and third reading on March 24th.
- A draft environmental reserve easement and environmental reserve policy will be presented to Council during the March 23 Planning and Priorities meeting. This policy will guide subdivision conditions to ensure environmental reserve and environmental reserve easements are applied consistently to future applications.
- Internal Audit for Safety Code Council was completed and submitted. This is an internal audit of our permits and processes and is conducted every year.
- Safety Code Technician attended the Assessment Review Board Clerk training, and successful passed the exam and is now a Certified Assessment Review Board Clerk.



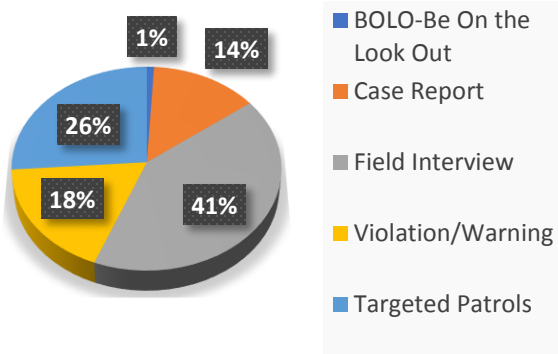


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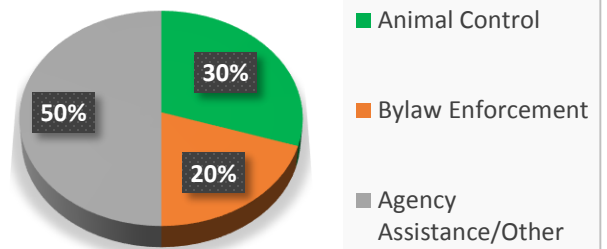
- In 2020, the Protective Services department adjusted the way that the officers are tracking events to accurately reflect the duties that they are performing around the County.
 - For the month of February, the department dealt with 30 Case files. These are files that involve some sort of investigative action on the part of the officer.
 - There were 90 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 57 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 90 general patrols. These are non-urban patrols where officers patrol the various divisions.
 - February saw 20 violation tickets issued, mostly for Speeding. There were also 19 recorded stops where the violator was released with a verbal educational warning.

- Noteworthy files include:
 - The department facilitated a Community meeting in Carseland dealing with Rural Crime and how to prevent it.
 - Officer conducted one CPTED audit on a local business.
 - Two of our officers attended the Annual AACPO Conference learning about threat recognition and officer safety issues.

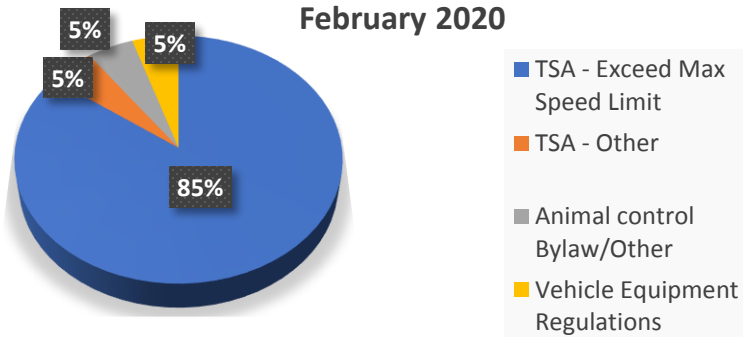
Reports Completed - February 2020



Case Report Incident Type February 2020



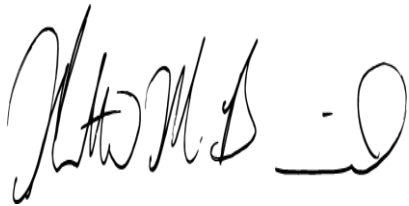
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Matthew Boscarol

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Brian Henderson