

Wheatland County

Department Report

Regular Council Meeting

June 2, 2020

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Community and Development Services Report – May 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.
- Participated in one Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) webinar and one Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel to gather information of strategies and actions other municipalities in the province are implementing in response to Covid -19. Staying connected to a network of other MD's and Counties of emerging issues. ARPA is continuing to work with the Alberta Government to gather information to address this group's common questions and concerns.
- Speargrass Recreation Area site planning and required permits.
- Working with Rosebud community on tree planting and replacement plan.
- Four cemetery inquires and one lot sale.

Economic Development:

- CrowdRiff training is underway in May along with Communications division to get the process ramping up for more social media engagement in both Communications and Economic Development divisions. The infinitewc.ca website now has a display banner through CrowdRiff on its homepage. Work continues on photo rights management and linking partners around the County into the new service.
- The weekly Infinite Possibilities public conference call with businesses and business support stakeholders are ongoing. We have had and should be having continuous attendance from some of our regions elected officials at provincial and federal levels (ie. MP Martin Shields). Our last meeting also included our local AHS inspector to understand what business is up to and answer questions from attendees on the call.
- Economic Development, working with Community Futures and other regional partners, have developed and completed a business survey that closed on May 10th. We are also supporting Hussar, Rockyford and Standard in promotion of this survey. We advertised online and across the County by a business mailout to all businesses and farms registered through Canada Post (about 920 in total) to advertise the survey as well as in the monthly utility bill mailing; this campaign includes the villages as well. The results are now being compiled and separated for each municipality.
- The Grow with Google webinar hosted by Economic Development is being planned for late-May. The division also promoted a Google Live-stream May 6th related to business support through the pandemic.

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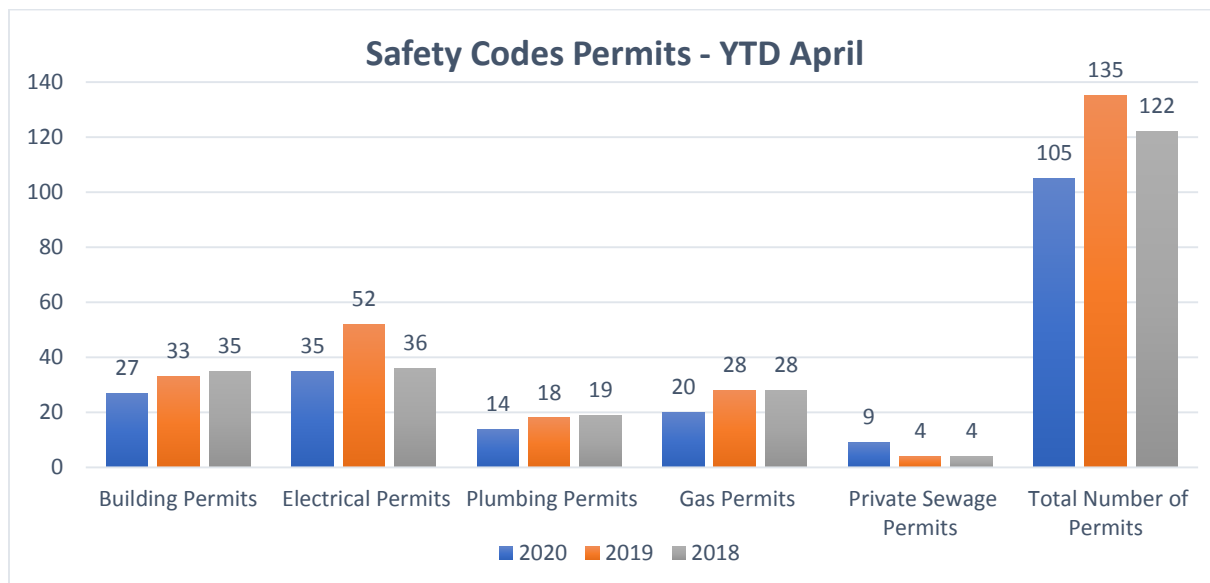
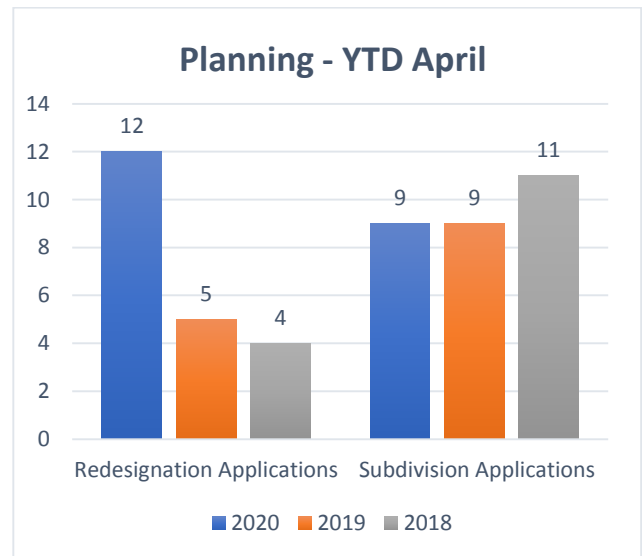
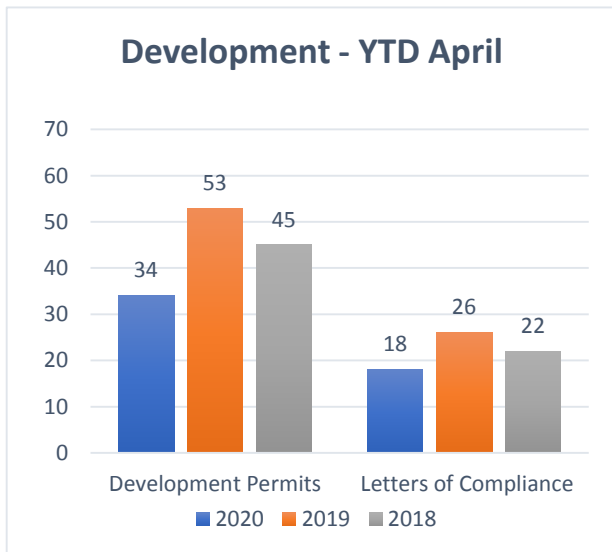
- In coordination with Rockyview County and the Town of Strathmore, awarded the contract for 20cm Ortho (aerial) photograph acquisition of Wheatland County to Geodesy Group out of High River. The

flight for data acquisition is scheduled for some time in May, with the County receiving the final processed data before the end of August.

- Enrolled the County in AMDSP (Alberta Municipal Data Sharing Partnership), that will facilitate data sharing of addressing and other municipal data to a province wide common standard. The County's addressing and road data will be updated for Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Telus/Alberta 911 through the AMDSP program. The standardization of data also prepares our County data for the next generation 911 being implemented by the province in 2020.
- Updated the Co-op gas data, working towards updating the County's private roads digital layer with the latest private driveway data available within the County.
- Providing GIS data for MRF systems as requested so that the AVL/AG program can be set up on the MRF web.

Planning, Development and Safety Codes:

- Staff continue to accept and process various planning, development and safety code permits.
- Staff are planning a workshop for Council to review the Municipal Development Plan.



	April 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete	Deemed Complete
<u>Planning</u>				
Redesignation Applications	1	12	5	4
Subdivision Applications	1	9	9	11
Area Structure Plans	0	0	0	0
Area Concept Plans/Other	0	0	0	0
<u>Safety Codes</u>				
Building Permits				
Residential	5	21	24	30
Multi Family/Commercial/ Industrial/Other	3	6	9	5
Total Residential Value	\$1,650,000	\$3,513,000	\$3,883,538	\$6,774,026
Total Multi Family/ Industrial/Other Value	\$569,000	\$1,094,563	\$2,255,000	\$3,158,500
Total Combined Value	\$2,219,000	\$4,607,563	\$6,138,538	\$9,932,526
Total Building Permits	8	27	33	35
Electrical Permits	14	35	52	36
Plumbing Permits	4	14	18	19
Gas Permits	4	20	28	28
Private Sewage Permits	5	9	4	4
Total Permits Processed	35	105	135	122

	April 2020	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed	Received & Reviewed
<u>Development</u>				
Development Permits	9	34	53	45
Certificates of Compliance	5	18	26	22

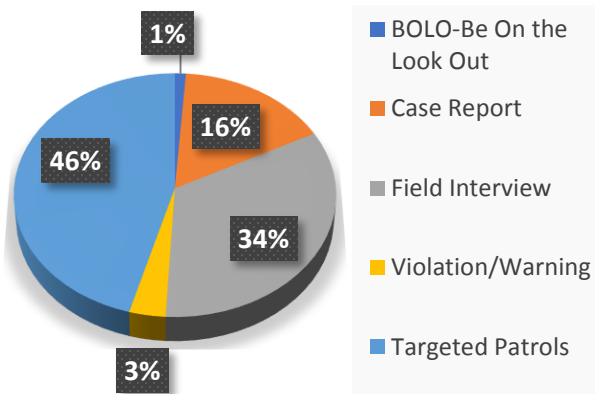
Protective Services:

- 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 April, the department dealt with 28 Case files. These are files that involve some sort of investigative action on the part of the officer. There were 58 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 79 targeted patrols. These targeted patrols are made to specific locations due to multiple concerns or complaints coming from the area.
- Officers conducted 45 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 72 general patrols. These are non-urban patrols

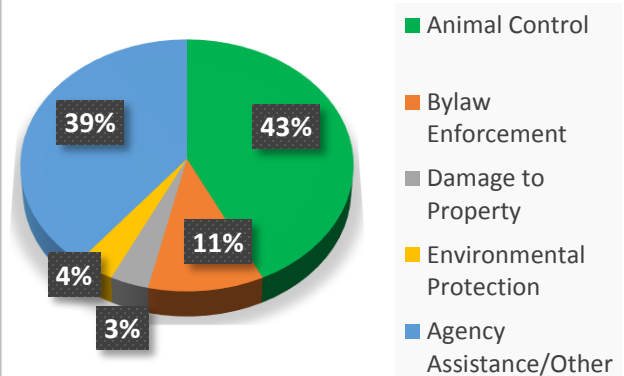
where officers patrol the various divisions. Officers in April made 29 patrols to the County's Banned Roads.

- April saw 4 violation tickets issued, mostly for Speeding. There were also 2 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.
- The Covid-19 virus pandemic continues to provide new duties and issues for the Protective Services department. Officers are patrolling the hamlets reminding residents of social distancing when seen. The Alberta Government provided authority for Community Peace Officers to enforce the public health regulations. The protocol is that complainants are to contact the Public Health Inspector, and if warranted, these files may be dispatched down to a CPO for investigation and follow up. Protective Services officers are working in Emergency Management as well preparing in case the County is required to provide assistance to Alberta Health. As GFL has began the planned clean up of the legacy pile, officers are continuing to monitor this situation as well. 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.

Reports Completed - April 2020



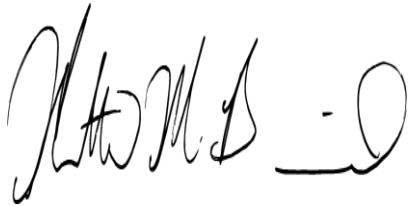
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Matthew Boscarol

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Brian Henderson