

Coffee with Council
October 29, 2019
Twin Butte Community Hall
6:30 pm

In attendance:

Reeve Brian Hammond, Councillors Quentin Stevick, Rick Lemire, Bev Everts, and Terry Yagos
Staff: CAO Troy MacCulloch and Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland

6 members of the public

Reeve Hammond opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Council and Staff were introduced.

Discussions on the following topics were:

Rural Crime Watch

- MD supports \$500 a year to assist Rural Crime Watch starting in the MD
- Kimberly Hurst is challenged with finding representation and fill Director positions
- Rural Crime Watch signs will be posted at all entrances to the MD by Alberta Transportation once a letter is received by the committee to state that they are an official organizations.
- A suggestion was made for the MD to host an evening with RCMP to have Constable Harvey discuss rural crime with residents

PCEMS - Fire Smart

- Fire Smart was discussed by Chief Dave Cox
- PCEMS is always available to talk to residents about Fire Smart program and mitigating risks to property
- Discussion took place around issue of rural addressing
 - Last incident was a fire alarm was set off, the security company contacted Fire Department and didn't have correct civic address
 - Comment was made to put this information out on social media as well as in next newsletter
 - People need to provide correct information and know their civic this is imperative for EMS
- Comment was made that when a rural road is closed, PCEMS is not always notified. Communication will take place between Director of Operations and PCEMS to ensure this doesn't happen again

Provincial Budget

- Discussion took place around the implications to the MD with the new release of Provincial Budget
 - Municipal Sustainability Initiative is taking a large budget cut and phasing out completely in 2 years
 - Will be replaced with Municipal Funding Framework with 30% lower budget
 - Small Communities Funds is disappearing
 - Water for Life is being phased out (MD was able to secure our portion for Beaver Mines Water project)
 - STIP being downgraded, MD receives this for our bridge structures
 - STEP is cancelled

- Reeve stated that with declining revenue we will be up for a major challenge and need to show fiscal restraint

ICF (Intercollaborative Framework)

- Discussion around why and how we are working with the Town
- Service sharing and possible financial benefit to both municipalities
- Possibility of developing airport

Early Childhood Learning Center

- 2 new learning centers are being developed by the Town at a \$4 million cost
- No one is sure where the funds will be coming from
- MD has a member on the board, but has not been officially “asked” for buy in
 - Comment was made that Pincher Creek and area is a vibrant community, and if we want to see it remain that way in another 20 years we need to look at current needs

Knapweed Concern from Waterton

- Resident commented that Leafy Spurge and Knapweed are coming in from Waterton Park and spreading fast that the MD needs to get on top of it before it takes over
 - MD needs to go to Park and find a solution
 - Waterton Biosphere is aware but not sure what will come from that
- Possibility to speak to MP or MLA

Road Concern

- Resident concerns regarding road conditions
 - Graders doing damage to roads
 - Roads are terrible
- MD is currently working on a roads Masterplan
- It was suggested to residents to call Public Works and put concerns on the call log to be dealt with
 - Resident requested a communication follow-up

Social Media

- Resident appreciates the efforts being put forward by the MD to keep everyone informed via social media

The meeting ended at approximately 8:35 pm.