

Mayor's Report
September 30 - October 15

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CEDI

Joint Community Communications

- Aim is to complete the interviews by end of October/early November
- Chief and Mayor will be asked to speak to each of the four topics: generally on the partnership, and on each of the three joint initiatives.
- Each sub-committee will be asked to create a brief summary/key messages
- Each sub-committee to complete this task by mid-October

Workshop #3: Joint Regional Emergency Plan and Relationship Building

Confirmed: Tuesday, October 6th 9:00am – 5:00pm

Indigenous Corporate Training

- CEDI suggested that since there is unconfirmed interest, a request for numbers will take place at the workshop

Update from Sub-Committees

- **Waterline + Wastewater Infrastructure Sub-Committee**
 - already started on east end of project, work back towards west end
 - Chief and Mayor will attempt to get together to do a sod-turning photo
 - Wastewater Infrastructure feasibility study is under way
 - Tetra Tech is doing some work to bring wastewater back to Town.
- **Joint Regional Emergency Plan Sub-Committee**
 - Oct 6: workshop will include education and overview of models of emergency plan, gather feedback on where the two Councils come together on vision
 - Oct 7 + 8: hazard assessment in each of the communities, review emergency plans, do risk assessment
- **Multi-Use Centre (evacuation + recreation)**
 - Contract awarded; reviewing size of rooms, type of rooms.

- All meetings will be joint with school district and Dene Tha' (Jordan)
- Design will include elements from Dene culture
- Aiming for everything to be complete in this phase by end of January and February; so can go through to create tender phase (2M)
- Setting up federal funding meetings week of Oct 19

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Boreal Housing

Fort Vermilion Flooding

- For the months of July, August & September Mary has been working with the government department to try and get Boreal homes in Fort Vermilion repaired.
- Bid packages were released with October 1st being the date where all repairs were supposed to be complete.
- Contracts were awarded to a company out of Calgary.
- They arrived in Fort Vermilion on September 21st with a few workers and some supplies.
- The electrical work in the 4-plex is almost completed then the framing, drywalling and painting will begin.
- Mary has asked for the 4-plex and the 1-bedroom duplex to be ready by October 15th so we can have units for all the families still in temporary housing.
- In total 15 families that have returned home, 3 families moved into Boreal units in High Level, 7 families are living in temporary housing in Fort Vermilion and a few are still in hotels and living in their camper units.
- The contractor for our SRHI units is busy trying to have the remaining 6 units ready for October

Heimstaed

- At the time of this report Heimstaed was still at "outbreak" status.
- Staff are awaiting results from one client and one staff member.
- Clients are allowed to go into the community and staff are making sure they understand the rules they need to follow, in order not to 'self-isolate' for 14 days.

- Family/friend visiting is by appointment, in two locations in the lodge.

Mackenzie House

- Working with WSP and Berry Engineering to get the paperwork completed for the “Expression of Interest” for upgrades to Mackenzie House.
- Boreal Housing; High Level office has moved into Mackenzie House.
- Staff is cleaning and setting up to invite the Health Inspector and the Accommodation Standards to come on site by mid October to get the needed licenses in place.
- We have passed the kitchen license.
- Accommodation inspection is to be in by the end of the week which would mean independent seniors can start moving in as long as they have their assessment with Health Care and a Doctor in place.
- In order to have kitchen services in place, we need at least 5 tenants in studio apartments to make it feasible.

October 1

NWSAR

State of the Region Report (Project #001)

- Municipal Affairs project extension granted – deadline is May 31st, as the Consultants and administration have been struggling to gather various information from agencies in the region.
- NWSAR will send letters to Mr. Kaycee Madu – Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and Ms. Rebecca Schulz – Alberta Minister of Children’s Services for regional data.

Caribou Ranges Research (Project #002)

- NWSAR received positive news from FRIAA FRIP on our request for funding.
- This was sponsored by Manning Forest Products Ltd., Boucher Bros. Lumber Ltd and Zavisha Sawmills.
- Aerial imagery has been collected for 5 sites (3 in Chinchaga and 2 in Caribou Mountains ranges).

- New service agreement signed by TOHL on NWSAR behalf – for the second year of camera and audio monitoring and new habitat ground-truthing project with FRIAA funds.

Alberta Trappers Association Update

- Trappers ready to attend Fairview training session.
- Junior partners and trappers coming to High Level training session – getting juniors involved.

October 6

Dene Tha' - High Level Joint

CEDI Workshop

- The morning of the workshop was spent with Sandhurst Consulting learning about working together and about collaborative models and approaches for Joint Regional Emergency Planning.
 - What is Emergency Management?
 - Definitions
 - Regional Collaboration
 - Best Practices
 - Examples
- The afternoon was spent developing a shared vision for the future of the Dene Tha' First Nation – Town of High Level partnership
- We worked on ideas that were important to us in drafting a Partnership Agreement

October 8

Vitalization Grant Presentation - A local business

- I had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for \$20, 000 to Blaine Dimler and Margaret Kostrzycki who recently completed exterior work on their building which is home to Caesars Liquor Store, Mister Cutts Barber Shop, and High Level Indoor Golf. The renovations will be partially offset by a \$20,000 grant through the Town of High Level Vitalization Grant Program.
- The Town of High Level Vitalization Grant establishes financial support to local businesses and organizations located in the Downtown Core and Highway

Commercial District who wish to enhance the exterior appearance of their building to meet the Design Guidelines of the Town of High Level.

- The goal is to assist with revitalization efforts to improve the experience for visitors to the core by increasing the aesthetic appeal of the area.
- Businesses may apply for up to 50 per cent of project costs up to a maximum of \$20,000 with a three-year commitment from the Town that a rebate will be issued equivalent to any tax payment increase due to a property tax assessment increase.