

**Mayor's Report**  
**January 14 - January 26**

**JANUARY 15**

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

- Fort Vermilion School Division, had an evening for parents to discuss goals of the Division and what courses parents would like offered or any changes that they would like to see.
- There were approximately thirty parents in attendance.

**JANUARY 18**

**NORTHERN ELECTED LEADERS**

**Province of Alberta Pathway to Canada Target 1 Challenge**

- Presentation was given by Scott Jones, Executive Director, Parks Division, AEP
- The Pathway to Canada Target 1 Challenge is part of Canada's Nature Fund
- Target 1 states..."By 2020, at least 17% of terrestrial areas and inland water, and 10% of coastal and marine areas, are conserved through networks of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures."

**Eligible recipients for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas include:**

communities, associations and authorities, including:

- Indigenous not-for-profit organizations
- provincial and territorial governments
- domestic Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions,
  - district councils, Chiefs councils and Tribal councils
  - Indigenous research, academic and educational institutions
  - Indigenous for-profit organizations
  - domestic not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations

**Eligible recipients for other Protected and Conserved Areas include:**

- domestic or international not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Funding was Canada-wide. Projects must take place on crown, private or Indigenous lands in Canada: **Indigenous lands include reserves and lands set apart for the use and benefit of Indigenous Peoples under the Indian Act or under section 91 (24) of the Constitution Act, 186 7.** Other lands directly controlled by Indigenous Peoples (e.g., Métis Settlement lands, and land claim/treaty settlement lands), and lands set aside in the Yukon and Northwest Territories pursuant to Cabinet Directive, circular No.27.
- Projects had to contribute directly to, or support, enhanced coverage, ecological integrity and connectivity of Canada's network of protected and conserved areas, and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas.

- The amount of the contribution was based on meeting the required level of match funding under each stream and limits prescribed under both the Stacking Limit and the Maximum Amount Payable sections. No more than 50% of the total eligible expenditures could come from the federal government with the exception of Indigenous recipients where no more than 80% of the total eligible expenditures can come from the federal government.
- In all applications, the applicant will detail the total costs of proposed activities and identify other sources of funds.

#### **Questions I asked for clarification on:**

1. Are Banff, Jasper and Wood Buffalo part of their Federal Governments' 17 % towards the target or part of AB's 17%?
2. Was this target a voluntary Target? What provinces are not participating? What are the percentages of those Provinces participating; contributing?
3. How do these percentages help caribou? Part of Bistcho F-20 is being proposed as a IPA as part of the 17%, while also stating it will protect Caribou? Which is the true Story.
4. The IUCN has a huge list of what constitutes a biodiversity area. What will and when will AB Release a report stating what Municipalities can use for Protected areas.

#### **PRESENTATION BY SUPT. RHONDA BLACKMORE-RURAL CRIME AND REDUCTION UNIT**

- Rotate through the Northwest, but mostly go where the intel and leads them
  - Valleyview- 50 charges (Guns, crossbows, tomahawks, stun guns home invasions)
  - Fox Creek-executed 52 warrants
  - Grande Cache/Evansburg/Edson- 41 CHARGES
  - Rural Grande Prairie- 67 charges involving 3 individuals
  - McLennan- 98 charges-3 people

#### **Northwest Regional Incident Support Team**

- Looking for letters of support from the Government to continue funding

#### **AHS PRESENTATION**

- Same presentation that was presented in High Level

#### **CONSUMER INVESTIGATES UNIT- SERVICE ALBERTA**

- Investigate and Protect consumers against door-to-door salespeople and fly-by night contractors
- Review statutes that govern **Consumer Protection Acts**

#### **Advocacy by AUMA and RMA**

- Against Bill C-69

- Cross-Canada-Coalition being formed to advocate for Oil & Gas with the goal of working toward a FCM launch with all municipalities in Quebec City.

#### **AUMA Resolution (TOHL sponsor the following request)**

- Municipalities normally pass a budget prior to Jan. 1st of a budget year
- Municipal Affairs sets the assessment year modifiers at no set timeline
- There has been a lot of volatility in linear assessment values over the past few years
- Rural municipalities are requesting the GOA to set the annual release of assessment year modifiers at September 15th
- NAEL is requesting that the TOHL council sponsor this resolution and then present it at the Mayor's caucus in March...one day after i return from Mexico!

#### **JANUARY 21**

#### **COW**

- Rise and report Cannabis bylaw
- Rise and Report Bistcho Letter

#### **JANUARY 22**

#### **REDI**

##### **Presentation on HANA**

- Diane Chiasson gave an update on what HANA has been doing
- Attended the "First Hemp Fibre Symposium" and are chasing investors for this region
- HANA requested another \$30,000, even though a Transportation study they completed was not favourable to our area.
- Board agreed to grant \$20,000 to MARA if MARA was willing to partner with REDI and run a pilot project with a portable decordification machine.
- Board agreed to grant \$5,000 to "HANA" contingent on a "Feasibility" study.

##### **Presentation on "The Business Bootcamp"**

- The Business Bootcamp courses support the success of local small and medium-sized businesses by building capacity with entrepreneurs and their employees
- Some of the courses include:
  - Bookkeeping using Sage
  - Bookkeeping using Quickbooks
  - Essential skills for Supervisors-Schedule People, Paper and Priorities
  - Performance Matters-Managing Successful Employee Relationships for Small Business
    - Marketing and Branding for Small Business
    - Attract and Retain Employees to sustain your business
    - Building a Basic Website Using a Template
- Courses are fifty dollars and upon successful completion your money will be reimbursed
- Dates for each course will be available by the beginning of February

### **La Crete Chamber of Commerce AGM**

- Keynote Speaker - Ed Stelmach
- Saturday, February 16th
- 50/per person

### **Invitation to County of Opportunity**

- Attend REDI for March
- Possibility of becoming a member or associate member

### **Letter to**

- **Paramount** inviting them to a REDI meeting to discuss the possibility of working together and then exploring a financial partnership to research the potential of petroleum and mineral assets that exist in the Zama region.
- **LRRCN** to come to a REDI meeting to explore economic ideas.

### **JANUARY 24**

### **Agriculture Society**

- Discussions in camera

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### **TOLKO**

- Met with both Dave Gillispie and Gary Ross for an update on the thermal burner and the pelleting plant.
- TOLKO is doing a feasibility study into development of a child care service that will address the needs of shift workers and other workers who work extended hours.
- Discussed a re-opening of the Skate Park.