

**Mayor's Report**  
**September 24 - October 15**

**September 11**

**REDI**

- The regional videos were reviewed. Comments included: Paddle Prairie had concerns that those interviewed were no longer Paddle Prairie representatives and that there should be more Metis culture representation. Revise with still photos; Videos were repetitive with the same people in all videos.
- That an advertisement be prepared for the position of REDI Manager and be distributed to appropriate venues.
- Lion's Tooth Energy
- Moving forward, a request would be required to have Provincial Ministry waive \$8 million LMR
- fee as this would be a pilot project. Chair Lisa request Lion's Tooth prepare a two page presentation for REDI to utilize and that letters to the appropriate Ministers be sent when received.
- That REDI draft letters to Minister of Energy and Minister of Economic Development and Trade requesting that the LMR fee be waived for this project.

**September 13**

**Skateboard Park Re-opening**

- Attended a special evening to celebrate the upgrades at the High Level Skate Board Park.
- TOLKO industries donated \$14,000, as well as labour and the town matched them with \$14,000
- Thank you to TOLKO and our Public Works staff for helping install the new upgrades.

**September 18**

**NWSRA/ABMI**

- Reviewed the Collaboration between NWSAR, the Alberta Trappers Association and ABMI

**September 18**

**NWSAR/Minister Nixon/Minister Dreeshen/DM  
Andre Corbold**

Discussed the following:

- Alberta's Section 11 Agreement for Woodland Caribou
- New Provincial Task Force
- Collaborative Grassroots Caribou Recovery Research Project
- FRIAA Application: Bitcho Legacy Seismic lines

- Grizzly/Wood Bison Recovery plan

**September 24**

**AUMA (REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS)**

**September 25**

**AUMA Minister Glubish (Minister of Service Alberta)**

Met with the Minister to discuss:

1. Broadband
2. Cell Service
3. Registries

**September 25**

**Minister Shandro (Minister of Health)**

**Issues Discussed:**

1. Mental Health issues
2. Communication between municipal and health officials,
3. Health service provision to evacuees
4. Utilization of evacuated health personnel
5. Health services remaining in an evacuated locality
6. Required health services for returning evacuees.

**September 26**

**AUMA**

**Issues Discussed:**

**Minister McIvor (Minister of Transportation)**

1. Highway 35 Rehabilitation and Highway 58 (E) Realignment
2. Completion of the Current Project
3. Continuation of the Highway 35 Rehabilitation Project
4. Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP)
5. Highway Safety Issues due to Wildfire Smoke

**September 26**

**Minister Wilson (Minister of Indigenous Affairs)**

**Issues Discussed:**

1. Post Recovery Initiatives
2. Water/Wastewater project with Dene
3. Extended Funding for WUI team

**September 26** **Minister Madu** **(Minister of Municipal Affairs)**

**Issues Discussed:**

1. Post Recovery Initiatives
2. Grants In Place of Taxes
3. Formula change in MSI for the North
3. Funding for WUI team

**September 26** **Minister Nixon** **(Roundtable on Caribou)**

- Discussion focused on caribou and the sub-regional task forces.
- Representatives from Lac la Biche County, Mackenzie County, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Cold Lake, Grande Prairie, Bonnyville, Slave Lake, and Whitecourt attended.

**September 27** **RCMP/Solicitor General**

**Issues Discussed:**

- Peace officer program
- Timeliness of RCMP officer replacements
- Mental health/Addiction/Homelessness

**October 1** **CEDI Workshop**

- Workshop to discuss next reps for Dene and Town councils

**October 2** **Golden Range**

- Met with the "Golden Range" society to discuss what council is doing, the status of Mackenzie House, and give them answers to their previous questions concerning:
  - Mainstreet visibility
  - log piles
- Most of the seniors would like to see the return of the four-way-stop at the intersection by Stecyk Safety as there is extremely poor visibility there.

**October 3** **Interview Move-Up Magazine**

- Completed a phone interview with Talena Winters on the Chuckegg fire.

#### **October 4**

#### **Sisters-in-Spirit Walk**

- I walked in the Sisters-In-
- Spirit walk to help spread awareness about murdered and missing Indigenous women, children and men.

#### **October 5**

#### **Fireperson' Ball**

- The firefighters were celebrated and recognized for their service to the Town of High Level and region:
  - Firefighter Josh Lambert was named, Firefighter of the year
  - Firefighter Ric Wouters Exemplary Service Medal, Entier HLF D Officer Corp, named 2019 Officer of the year
  - Fire Chief Rodney Schmidt 30 years service
  - Firefighter Pete Fehr -Rookie of the year
  - Captain Scott Smith- Five year award
  - Assistant chief Ronan MacDonald - 15 years service
- Raye's Signs presented the HLF D with a donation of 24,042.22, proceeds of their "High Level Strong" campaign.

#### **October 7**

#### **CEDI Working Group**

Please find below our sub committees and their mandates:

##### **1. Waterline + Wastewater Infrastructure Sub-Committee**

Mandate: to address, waterline connection between High Level and Bushe River, water supply protection/watershed management, and wastewater infrastructure.

Membership/Stakeholders:

Merv or Adam, ISC

Clark McAskile, CAO, Town of High Level

**Keith Straub, Town of High Level (lead)**

Ivan MacDougall, Public Works Director, Dene Tha'

Stephen Ahnassay, Dene Tha'

Action Items:

- Chief to send a letter to Merv requesting need for confirmation letter to Province about waterline
- Design a Joint Letter of Intent / correspondence – identifying collaboration about the waterline and expressing intent to collaborate on wastewater
- Address the water supply agreement – request the template from Merv
- Identify joint funding for a feasibility study for the wastewater project – interest to collaborate on projects and leverage funding from both sides (provincial and federal)
- Draft Terms of Reference
- Completed a feasibility study for wastewater infrastructure on Bushe River
- Identify joint funding for the design process (to be prepared when/if ISC has budget)

**2. Joint Regional Emergency Plan Sub-Committee**

Mandate: to complete a joint regional emergency plan for the Town of High Level, Bushe River, Chateh and Meander River

Membership/Stakeholders:

Alberta Emergency Management Agency

Linda, Dene Tha' First Nation

**Ken Graham, N'Deh (co-lead)**

**Rodney Schmidt (co-lead)**

Councillor Terry Jessiman, Town of High Level

- Identify a sub-committee made up of subject experts and leadership from both High Level and Dene Tha' communities
- Identify opportunity in Fall 2019 to have a shared debrief of Sprint 2019 fire: what worked, what didn't, where could we improve, what are our lessons learned?
- Sub-committee to create a 'shared agreement' or 'terms of reference' to guide how they want to work together to design and create a Joint Regional Emergency Plan

It should include:

- How the four communities will work together to develop a plan
- Identify how all four communities are represented and heard
- Identify work planning and work-load sharing
- Identify funding opportunities and discuss how incoming grant funds will be managed and by which community
- Identify the shared benefits (economic, social, cultural) of the joint plan
- Identify and discuss the tendering process and the roles to be played
- Include dispute resolution clause
- Identify joint funding sources and opportunities to build the plan
- Sub-committee to engage an Emergency Management Consultant to complete a Joint Regional Emergency Plan

### **3. Multi-Use Centre (evacuation + recreation)**

Mandate: to jointly manage the design and funding process for the creation of a multi-use centre, used for both recreation and as an emergency evacuation centre

Membership/Stakeholders:

Clark McAskile and Mayor McAteer, Town of High Level (co-lead)

Jordan Asels and James Robichaud, Dene Tha' First Nation (co-lead)

Industry (Tolko and Norbord)

School Division

**Action Items:**

- Clark McAskile to draft invitation letter to the core members of a joint sub-committee, including
- Interview of the project and next steps
- Establish a sub-committee to manage the design and funding process  
First meeting in November to review the concepts that are received from the architect and establish criteria that the centre should meet (recreational and emergency preparedness)
- Prepare for community consultations once final design concepts are received (anticipated for January)

- Prepare to engage additional stakeholders in 2020 (Paddle Prairie, Beaver First Nation, Mackenzie County, Rainbow Lake, Health and Safety, vets, etc.)

**October 7** **Capital Budget Planning Meeting**

- Met with staff to go over the initial capital projects.

**October 9** **Documentary Interview**

- Met with Jordan to do an interview on the Chuckegg Fire.

