

1. **EOEP Course: Municipal Corporate Planning & Finance** – attended the one day elected officials education program course October 16th. This course covered municipal planning and finance. It was very educational and I got a lot of good information and ideas. **The facilitator stressed that it is almost impossible to do a good yearly budget without an up to date good strategic plan!** The Strategic Plan is also essential for long term planning and budgeting. It is very valuable to use and reference for budget decisions and spending. The strategic plan is a fluid document that should be updated yearly. I will be looking at taking some more of the courses offered by EOEP in the future. I attended the one day Strategic Planning Course at the AUMA convention which was also very good. The two courses tied together very nicely. It was also beneficial to work with and get feedback from the 19 other participants that were councillors from different municipalities including villages, summer villages, towns and counties.
2. **ICF Meeting with County CAO** – earlier in the week. We discussed the IDP future map and the 13 quarter sections that County Council would like removed. Also discussed moving forward with the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. They have some different ideas and outcomes than the Town is looking at so hopefully we can work out a plan moving forward that will work for the County, Town and Village. **The Mayor and I are going to attend the County meeting on Wednesday October 23rd as a delegation to discuss the ICF and answer any questions.** Municipalities are required to have collaboration frameworks that specify what and how services are funded and delivered by **March 31, 2020**.
3. **Community and Regional Economic Support Program (CARES)** – Councillor Tarkowski found out that the intake of applications is closed now. We think no more applications are being taken because of the provincial government budget to be presented on October 24th! **We will keep checking the website and will apply for a grant to do a strategic plan for the Town as soon as they are accepting applications again.** Get financial support for Alberta's communities, regions and municipalities for initiatives that promote long-term economic growth. CARES program funding for economic development initiatives begins at \$10,000. Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations must be able to match the funding requested at a 1:1 matching ratio, or 50% of the total project cost.
4. **Arena Rental Pump** – brought out by Gateway on Wednesday October 16th and hooked up. It was wired by Terry Zayak later that day. Gateway came out on Thursday and filled the Arena lines with brine and continued on Friday. **They should be firing the plant up on Friday.** I will have an update for the council meeting.
5. **Tree Trimming Requests** – two residents checked with the town about trimming their trees. One to let us know that the trees outside the fence are not their trees, so the town can trim or cut down. The second landowner asked for an extension to cut their trees and was granted. **Call the town or come to the office and discuss any issue and we will work with you to figure out a solution!!!**
6. **Swimming Pool Request for Old Boiler** – at the Water Tower Pumphouse. One of the 3 boilers at the pool no longer works and they need to replace it. They heard that the town has a boiler that is not being used. I confirmed this with Terry. **Can the pool have this boiler to use if it will fit into their system?**

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7. **Municipal Demonstration Grant (MDG)** – Municipalities, Indigenous communities, schools, and registered non-profit organizations can apply for the grant to purchase recycled tire products for community projects such as playgrounds, arenas, and walking trails. Councillor Tarkowski found out that the Lions Club used this grant to replace their garbage receptacles at each hole on the golf course. They are nice looking solid plastic containers that are divided into two sections, one for bottles & cans and the other for garbage. They also have the Two Hills Lions Golf Course logo on them. I will be looking into this grant. It would be nice if we could get a bunch of these containers for Geleta Park, Arena, Rec Center, Hall and other areas around town.